

# NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on November 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi Media Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Also present were Administrator John Gaier, High School Principal Craig Anderson, Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on November 9, 2022, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on November 16, 2022, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the November 3, 2022, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 86054 through 86222, 202200129 through 202200201, voiding checks #86061 for \$135.00, for a total of \$737,727.11, and approval of the November payrolls.

Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes.  
Motion carried.

High School Principal Craig Anderson and High School Counselor Julia Backaus reported on progress made on the Academic and Career Planning, and Redefining Ready initiatives.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2022-2023 school year budget modifications as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Lance Gregorich from CESA 10, and Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer, presented a building projects update.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from A.R. as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the early graduation request from D.B. as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; elementary student council; end of the first quarter celebration; Veterans' Day; Department of Corrections Veterans Recognition Ceremony; upcoming events; and 2023 Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction Monika Luebke.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; character trait of the month; end of the first quarter; chorus concert; middle school boys' basketball; FFA; and dress-up days.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; graduation information; 2023 Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction Julia Backaus; Schuster Park decorating; trunk junk clean out program; vocal music department news;

agriculture department news; business department news; tech ed department news; youth apprenticeship & CTE update; and winter sports.

John Gaier reported on the facility planning community survey; the recent bomb threat; the new district app available for download; an error on the district's state report card; November referendum results; the latest Communicator newsletter; DPI fall student count and revenue limit information; the drop in state tax burden; district tax levy information; and Neillsville Improvement Corporation agenda.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to go into closed session as per WI Statutes 19.85(1)(C) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss contractual matters. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to return to open session. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Randall Ystad as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Tammy Matson as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Dave Matson as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Adam Luchterhand from his high school cross-country coaching position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Mike Gaier from his high school football coaching position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Kathy Luchterhand from her high school assistant cross-country coaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Jason Kurth for the boys' C-team basketball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Bryce DeSmet for the assistant baseball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the initial adoption of Policy KGD as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.