

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

November 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Herman Seebandt, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Also present were Administrator Corey Peterson, High School Principal Jennifer Aspenson, Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on November 12, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on November 19, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During appearances, Peter Clarkson shared his views regarding the varsity football program.

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

- A. Minutes of the October 20, 2025, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 92079 through 92343, 202500057 through 202500105, 252600064 through 252600088, voiding checks #92079 for \$406.59, #92170 for \$120.00, #92171 for \$120.00, #92176 for \$50.00, #92181 for \$60.00, #92182 for \$120.00, #92252 for \$56.10, #202500088 for \$3,662.40, for a total of \$642,819.69, and approval of the November payrolls.
- C. Final Adoption of Policies 1100, 1130, 1241, 2210, 2270, 2271.01, 2340, 2416, 2440.01, 2464, 3120.04, 3214, 3230, 3281, 4124, 4214, 4230, 5200, 5113, 5330, 5341, 5512, 5611, 5710, 5771, 6231, 6235, 6620, 6800, 7410, 7430, 7440, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7540.06, 7540.07, 8120, 8125, 8395, 8531, 8600

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

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Academic and Career Plan as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Redefining Ready Annual Report as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

A building project update was presented by Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve increasing athletic officials' pay to \$50 per MS contest and \$75 per HS contest. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Warrior Strength Club student club application as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of Subway cookie coupons from

Subway of Neillsville as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation from Cindy Boon to the KIC Club and the give and take tree as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of puberty talk items from Unity Bank. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; elementary student council; end of quarter celebration; Veterans' Day; the annual Department of Corrections Veterans' Recognition Ceremony at the Highground; phy ed swimming; and winter concerts.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; end of the first quarter; October homeroom challenge; choir concert; Veterans' Day; Red Ribbon Week; holiday stories for WCCN; 8th grade STEM class project; student council food drive; winter sports; and upcoming holiday concerts.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; school report card highlights; Jodi Stokdyk's presentation at the World Languages Expo; Julia Backaus' presentation at the Wisconsin School Counselors Association Conference; UW-Eau Claire Honors Band; FFA activities; HS Choir performances; and HS Band performances.

Transportation Director Adam Krause reported on two new sub bus drivers; one new van sub driver; bus garage cleaning and organization; and feedback on the Lynx tablet.

Corey Peterson reported on thank you cards; Veterans' Day Ceremony; 2024-2025 School Report Cards; 2026-2027 4K planning; new Wisconsin cell phone legislation; and 2026 WASB Convention.

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, Herman Seebandt – 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, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Robert Randolph for the custodial position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Rhonda Pernsteiner for the teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Amy Hopfer for the ASL Interpreter position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the revised letter of appointment for Melody Clemens as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the revised letter of appointment for Anastasia-Stacee Dawson as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the revised letter of appointment for Julia Hederer as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Herman Seebandt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Kari Mayer as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Alex Bloch from his assistant high school football coaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Bridget Canfield for the assistant high school track coach as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Alex Bloch for the winter weight room supervisor as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by Corey Peterson.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.