

# NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

December 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on December 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Also present were High School Principal Jennifer Aspenson, Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on December 4, 2024, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on December 11, 2024, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, 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 18, 2024, regular meeting
  - B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 90514 through 90680, 202400169 through 242500001, voiding checks #90593 for \$100.00, #90625 for \$758.96, #202400229 for \$946.11, for a total of \$645,381.49, and approval of the December payrolls.
  - C. Final adoption of Policy 0161 and Policy Section 1000
- Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes.  
Motion carried.

Elementary Student Councilmembers and Advisor Chelsea Opelt gave a presentation on council projects.

HS/MS Spanish Teacher Jodi Stokdyk shared her presentation from the state foreign language conference.

Bailey Merrill from Wendel Companies, and Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer, presented a building projects update.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the WIAA boys' wrestling co-op 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 WIAA girls' wrestling co-op as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the 2025 membership in the Neillsville Improvement Corporation as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – abstain, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of school supplies to the elementary from Spring Schermer as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of weightlifting equipment from the Neillsville Youth Football Association as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; PBIS monthly character trait; instruction; field trips; and winter concerts.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; monthly character trait; academics; climate/culture; school events; stories for WCCN; and winter sports updates.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; academics; holiday volunteering; and student activities.

John Gaier reported on Schuster Park decorating; completion of the School Mental Health Profile and School Mental Health Quality Assessment; CWETN Administrator Meeting Minutes; Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative Term Series update; new scholarship opportunity; an article regarding Wisconsin underfunded schools; potential Wisconsin school district closing; and WASDA's mission and belief statements.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap 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 Peggy Grap 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 Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the retirement of Sandy Schmidt from her custodial position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the resignation of Christina Mazzuca from her teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the revised Letter of Appointment for Martha Bayles as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the revised Letter of Appointment for Jason Kurth as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – 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 Memorandum of Understanding for Jill Neville as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the revised 2024-2025 teacher contract for Ryan Selvik 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Kate Hare for the middle school softball coaching position 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 Paul Opelt to approve the initial adoption of Policy Section 2000 as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue

Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by Sue Voigt.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.