

**NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on December 18, 2023, 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 December 6, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on December 13, 2023, 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 20, 2023, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 88380 through 88545, 202300181 through 202300231, voiding checks #88383 for \$2,294.00, #88494 for \$2,396.00 for a total of \$715,843.05, and approval of the December payrolls.
- C. Final Adoption of Policy KBG

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

District Administrator John Gaier presented the audit report.

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the bid from Baseman Bros. for auditorium flooring in an amount not to exceed \$138,168.00. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve participation in the Safe Routes to School Grant for an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the purchase of a new snowplow from Darrel's Auto Repair in the amount of \$9,667.00. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve a monetary donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Atmus Filtration Technologies for advertising on the varsity football field scoreboard as presented.. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of books from the county Homemakers Club. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of cookbooks and school supplies from Natalie Guzman. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character traits; Fastbridge screenings; field trips; veteran project; and winter concerts.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; character trait of the month; concerts; student testing; middle school sports; FFA; middle school dance; FOR Club updates; student holiday readings on WCCN; and the annual Give and Take Tree.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; high school music updates; Schuster Park holiday light project; Educators Rising event; trunk junk clean out; and scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year.

John Gaier reported on Give and Take Tree article; budget information; investment options and market outlook; last week's budget action sessions; voucher lawsuit article; article on voucher schools from Marshfield News Herald; and the 2024 Wisconsin State Education Convention.

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 Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Blake Krause from his custodian position 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 hiring of Paul Luedtke for a custodian 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 Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Amanda Waltemate for a food service position 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 Memorandum of Understanding for Jill Neville with modifications 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 Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Amy Arndt from her middle school student council advisor position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Brianna Roehl 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 Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Alycia Zickert for the middle school softball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Kimberly Rakovec for the middle school student council advisor position 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 John Gaier.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.