

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

January 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on January 19, 2026, 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, and Dewey Poeschel. Paul Opelt was absent. Also present were Administrator Corey Peterson, Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on January 7, 2026, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on January 14, 2026, 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 Deanna Heiman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the December 15, 2025, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 92445 through 92633, 202500115 through 202500139, 252600115 through 252600136 voiding checks #92445 for \$50.00, #92448 for \$50.00, #92449 for \$50.00, #92450 for \$50.00, #92454 for \$70.00, #92458 for \$120.00, #92460 for \$140.00, #92464 for \$120.00, #92508 for \$25.00, #92509 for \$25.00, #92512 for \$60.00, #92553 for \$100.00, #92564 for \$120.00, for a total of \$602,104.04, and approval of the January payrolls.

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

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

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the open enrollment program limits as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the 2026-2027 High School In-House Course Catalog as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the 2026 summer school class schedule as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the annual safety drill report as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the early graduation request from S.D. as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the 2026 Neillsville Area Chamber of Commerce membership renewal as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes,

Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the one-time supplemental payment of \$60 to bus drivers for bus heater plug in reimbursement as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of coupons from Just Love Coffee as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the \$500 monetary donation from Aspirus Health for the HALT Program as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; report cards; data meetings; hydroponic garden; field trips; 4K program information; parent teacher conferences; updated math and reading programs; and lunch with a loved one scheduled for February 13th.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; a 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies learning activity; small group interventions; a week without Chromebooks; an internet safety presentation; a students vs. staff basketball challenge; and ACP switch day.

Corey Peterson shared Jennifer Aspenson's report on enrollment; the updated HS course handbook; mix it up day; ACP portfolio presentations; ACP night; and the FFA district speaking contest.

Transportation Director Adam Krause reported on bus heater plug in reimbursement; the current number of drivers; the remodel of the breakroom and bathroom in the bus garage; cabinetry options for parts storage; a work order program to track hours worked on each bus; designating a fab area, wash bay, and service area in the bus garage; finalizing the purchase of a tablet for the Lynx program; and students performing oil changes and tire rotations on district vans.

Corey Peterson reported on a thank you note; the upcoming state education convention; Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony to honor Becca Bernhagen and Adam Smrcka; the district's social media report card; an update on the 2026-2027 4K program; an article on statewide property taxes; and the 2024-2025 school audit summary.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman 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, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to return to open session. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the hiring of Shirley Tritz for the 7-hour food service assistant position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Meghan Force for the 7-hour food service assistant position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the resignation of Wren Eliasson from her high school English teaching position with no contract termination fee as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Kim Crutchfield for the middle school special education teaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Jessica Brown for the high school English teaching position and paying her contract termination fee in the amount of \$2,000 as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the resignation of Dave Matson from his varsity baseball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Michael Gaier from his middle school/high school assistant cross country coaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the hiring of Adam Kren for the varsity golf coaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Jason Kurth for the varsity baseball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by Corey Peterson.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.