

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on February 16, 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, 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 February 4, 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 January 19, 2026, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 92409 through 92842, 202500136 through 202500162, 252600138 through 252600157, voiding checks #92409 for \$1,687.74, #92538 for \$75.00, #92539 for \$120.00, #92555 for \$120.00, #92613 for \$150.00, #92616 for \$150.00, #92650 for \$120.00, #92656 for \$120.00, #92658 for \$75.00, #92660 for \$105.00, #92662 for \$120.00, #92663 for \$120.00, #92707 for \$728.00, #92712 for \$1,000.00, for a total of \$616,719.32, and approval of the February payrolls.

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

Sue Voigt opened the public hearing on a petition to alter school district boundaries and described the purpose of the hearing. Property owners Dale and Sadie Seif were not present. Sue Voigt invited anyone who would like to speak in support or against the petition to come forward. No one in attendance at the hearing came forward to speak. Corey Peterson reviewed the details of the petition and outlined the potential impact of its approval. He noted that he hadn't received any written statements in favor or against the petition. Sue Voigt closed the public hearing on the Seif petition to alter school district boundaries. Corey Peterson presented information to the board on various factors that affect all of the children in the districts impacted by the proposed reorganization such as: the geographical characteristics of the districts; the educational needs of the children in the districts; the potential adverse effect on the district where the property would be detached; the fiscal impact of the reorganization; and the socio-economic level of the students involved. Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and deliberate.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to adopt a resolution denying the petition for detachment of the land described in the petition filed by Dale and Sadie Seif from the School District of Loyal and attaching it to the School District of Neillsville. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar option identified as 8A1 in the board packet. 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 2026-2027 Expanded Course Offerings Handbook as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026-2027 RVA Handbooks and Course Offerings as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – 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 monetary donation from Becca Bernhagen in the amount of \$200 as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of nitrile gloves and lunch bags from Atmos Filtration 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 of t-shirts from JBC Screenprinting as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the \$300 monetary donation from Unity Bank toward Lunch with Loved Ones 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 \$800 monetary donation from Mayville Engineering Company as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on the monthly character trait; data meetings; distribution of 4K information; 4K registration night on March 4th; school tours; Lunch with Loved Ones; and thanks to substitute teachers.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on small group interventions; No Chromebook Week; competitions for the MS traveling trophy; and the eighth graders' involvement in ACP Night.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on course registrations for 2026-2027; Laude awards; and the FFA District Speaking Contest.

Transportation Director Adam Krause reported on the Lynx tablet; storage solutions in the bus garage; bus fueling issues and options going forward; preparing fleet information for review; and developing a vehicle maintenance process.

Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer reported on updating the air system in the woods and auto shop area; the upcoming replacement of the electrical room doors; and the Capstone class looking forward to resuming work outdoors.

Corey Peterson reported on the upgrade to online registration for next year; RFP for strategic planning services; CWETN meeting notes; 2026 WI State Education Convention review; an AGR update.

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 Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Meghan Force from her food service assistant position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Kate Schumacher for the food service 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 resignation of Kali Lien from her middle school English teaching position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for leave for Jessica Scheider 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 Reed Lehman from his JV baseball 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 hiring of Alex Bloch for the JV baseball coaching 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 Jessica Brown for the HS/MS assistant cross country coaching position 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 hiring of Kate Hare for the varsity volleyball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for leave for Marcy Kunze as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – 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 Herman Seebandt to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.