

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

March 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on March 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi Media Room by President Dewey Poeschel. Present at roll call were Dewey Poeschel, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Sue Voigt, 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 March 3, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on March 10, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the February 8, 2021, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 82019 through 82797, 202000304 through 202000485, voiding checks #82019 for \$673.88, #82241 for \$48.00, #82337 for \$90.00, #82379 for \$90.00, #82383 for \$45.00, #82384 for \$25.00, #82387 for \$90.00, #82388 for \$90.00, #82398 for \$25.00, #82413 for \$6,354.12, #82457 for \$784.20, #82476 for \$45.00, #82491 for \$45.00, #82515 for \$1,652.16, #82518 for \$35.00, #82523 for \$25.00, #82528 for \$25.00, #82535 for \$45.00, #82543 for \$45.00, #82552 for \$125.00, #82553 for \$153.35, #82586 for \$90.00, #82589 for \$90.00, #82591 for \$90.00, #82598 for \$45.00, #82712 for \$1,750.00, #82787 for \$2,429.99, #202000305 for \$196.06, #202000308 for \$44.00, #202000309 for \$29.61, #202000310 for \$561.68, #202000320 for \$1.22, #202000328 for \$0.61, #202000343 for \$64.14, #202000392 for \$71.67, #202000393 for \$98.17, #202000393 for \$391.39, for a total of \$1,793,608.06, and approval of the February and March payrolls.

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the April operational plan and calendar as presented.  
Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the CESA contract for 2021-2022 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Early College Credit and Start College Now programs. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the transportation contract with Granton Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Association for Equity and Funding supplemental dues as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of 13 refillable water bottles from JBC Screen Printing as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the donation of a wheelchair requested by Scott Goeppinger as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the donation of two books in memory of Marian Ray and Karen Erpenbach from the Black River Falls WEA chapter as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the donation of a basketball shooting machine from the Neillsville Booster Club. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of three ring binders from Marshfield Medical Center- Neillsville. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the renewal of a wrestling co-op with Greenwood and Loyal. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; remote learners; student council activities; Monday music mystery; 4-year-old kindergarten registration; and Forward Testing.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; remote learners; character trait of the month; Middle School Week; Women in Stem Career Day; Pi Day; Stop Motion Movie Making Virtual Workshop; Forward Testing; and 2021-2022 course registration.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; 2021-2022 scheduling update; graduating class Laude recognition update; academic letter awards update; athletic and Cloverbelt Conference honors update; Crystal Apple Award winner Randi Stanley; and ACT day update.

John Gaier reported on facility upgrades; Department of Public Instruction waiver approval; the approval of the school safety grant; 2021-2022 proposed summer school offerings; Boardman & Clark lead attorney transition; an article highlighting the tech ed classes' contribution to the new medical center; a letter from Granton Area School District regarding a boys' hockey co-op; and the February 2021 Neillsville School District Communicator.

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

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to return to open session. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap

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

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the resignation of Chelsea Opelt as the middle school track coach. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the hiring of Nate McDonald as the weight room supervisor. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the hiring of Will Schlinsog as the head golf coach. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.