

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on April 12, 2021, at 6:30 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 31, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on April 7, 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 March 15, 2021, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 82131 through 82923, 202000461 through 202000553, voiding checks #82131 for \$21.63, #82326 for \$25.00, #82907 for \$4.45, #202000515 for \$106.99, #202000517 for \$277.10, #202000528 for \$154.07, #202000529 for \$14.43, for a total of \$558,337.28, and approval of the April payrolls.

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

Representatives from Wendel Companies, along with Lance Gregorich from CESA 10, presented preliminary designs for the high school entrance remodel.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the May operational plan and calendar as presented. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – no, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – no. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the new online handbook for the summer school course offerings as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the bus bid of \$84,825.00 from Wisconsin Bus Sales as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the bid of \$12,333.00 from First Agency for student insurance for 2021-2022. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the high school hallway flooring bid from Russell's of Neillsville for the sum of \$44,935.69. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the high school cold water piping replacement bid from Staley Plumbing for the sum of \$6,675.00. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the wood shop dust collector and finishing booth upgrade bids from Synergic Industrial for the sum of \$99,542.00. 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 Paul Opelt to approve the middle school roof replacement bid from Maurer Roofing for the sum of \$248,500.00. 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 Paul Opelt to approve the design bid of \$19,750.00 from Wendel for a canopy addition as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve a donation from Rick Tomasello for Precision Tools. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; remote learners; student council; art, music, physical education rotation changes; testing; reading instruction updates; and an end of the school year update.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; remote learners; character trait of the month; 2021-2022 course registration; middle school chorus; library update; middle school spring sports; and professional development.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; remote learners, standardized testing updates, 2021-2022 school year scheduling updates; academic letter awards update; scholarship awards presentation; and graduation.

John Gaier reported on a rise in natural gas prices; a letter from WIAA regarding a potential emergency assessment; and the district's social media report card.

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 Paul Opelt to approve the hiring on Cody Roman as a teaching assistant. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve a memorandum of understanding for Allison Laufenberg as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve a resignation letter from Scott Goeppinger from his special education teaching position effective at the end of the current school year. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes,

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

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the teacher contracts for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. 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 Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Nate McDonald for the middle school track coaching position. 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 administrator contract for Marcy Kunze for 2021-2023 as presented. 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 approve the administrator contract for Kory Poeschel for 2021-2023 as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the administrator contract for Craig Anderson for 2021-2023 as presented. 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 administrator contract for John Gaier for 2021-2023 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 adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.