

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on May 18, 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 May 6, 2026, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on May 13, 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 Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the April 27, 2026, regular meeting
- B. Final Adoption of Policies: 0141, 0142.2, 0145, 2464, 4120, 5111.01, 5330, 5505, 5610, 5780, 6152, 7440.01, 8410, 8451, 8462.01, 9151, 9800, 0100, 0142.7, 0144.5, 1210, 1240, 2131.01, 2261.01, 2431, 4140, 5112, 5135, 5136, 5411, 5515, 5895, 6152.01, 6320, 7540.02, 7540.08, 5830, 6605, 6608, 7230, 9211, 9215, 9700, 9700.01, 1213, 3213, 4213, 8462

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

Representative Karen Hurd presented a plaque to Coach Gaier and the girls' basketball team in recognition of their 2026 WIAA Division 4 State Championship.

During appearances, Jodi Erickson shared her busing concerns with the board.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the building of a deck for Rolaine Griffiths as a project for the 2026-2027 Capstone Project as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026-2027 Shared Space Agreement with Clark County Community Services as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026-2027 Shared Space Agreement with Children's Wisconsin 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 Standard as the long- and short-term disability provider for 2026-2027 as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026-2027 membership in the Association for Equity in Funding as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the student insurance renewal with Gallagher for the 2026-2027 school year. 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 \$894.60 from Atmus Filtration Technologies for elementary playground equipment as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of Girl Scout cookies from Tricia Bushman as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of pizza for staff from NextHome Partners as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the monetary donation from Gross Motors in the amount of \$5,797.46 to the Neillsville-Grantton Softball Club as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; 4K enrollment; PBIS updates; 4th Grade Wisconsin Gallery Walk; Star Lab; Family Fun Night; Step Up Day – May 28th; needs assessment and data meeting update; last day of school; and end of year mailing.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; friction challenge in Mr. Desmet's classroom; a suicide and self-harm presentation for students; May kindness challenge; gift baskets by student council for teacher appreciation week; choir concert; 8th grade graduation; 5th grade Step Up Day; and field trips.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; business mentor luncheon; senior sunset; CVTC junior application workshop; sophomore mock interviews; freshmen AODA training; senior scholarship presentation; and graduation.

The board reviewed the report from Transportation Director Adam Krause on driver numbers; state bus inspections; bus maintenance and body work; summer school routes; 2026-2027 student transportation forms; and a proposed bus purchase.

The board reviewed the report from Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer on upcoming bids in June for football field fencing, elementary roof replacement and fieldhouse synthetic floor replacement; Van Ert will be working on the layout of new service panels; the new track shed is complete; investigating the cost for upsizing pool piping; a staffing update.

Corey Peterson reported on a strategic planning process update; WASB Summer Learning Symposium; a state budget update on special education funding and general school aid; and a medical hold that occurred today in the district.

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 Robert Randolph from his custodial 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 resignation of Angela McIntyre from her health office assistant position and job transfer to a teaching 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 Rhonda Pernsteiner from her teaching assistant position and job transfer to a hybrid food service assistant position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Julia Hederer from her ASL Interpreter position 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 updated letter of appointment for Tasha Hoth 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 revised wage schedule for 2026-2027 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 revised confidential support staff wages for 2026-2027 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 hiring of Sara Gripentrog for the elementary teaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Mackenzie Person for the middle school teaching position as presented. 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 hiring of Madeline Wahl for the high school English teaching position 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 teacher contract updates as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the initial adoption of Policy 3120.08 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – 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 Paul Opelt to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.