

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on July 20, 2020, 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, Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on July 8, 2020, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on July 16, 2020, 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 June 15, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 80861 through 81489, 201700589 through 201900366, voiding checks #80861 for \$10.00, #81215 for \$76.00, #81292 for \$186.20, #81352 for \$115,891.66, #201700589 for \$29.04, #201900306 for \$765.00, #201900359 for \$765.00, for a total of \$1,317,817.30, and approval of the July payrolls.

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

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve four invitees per graduate at the July 31st graduation ceremony and to strongly recommend the wearing of masks for students and attendees. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Gaier presented a proposal for reopening for the fall semester.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the curriculum updates for social studies, science, business education, and English, with modifications 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 yearbook prices for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve keeping meal prices the same and increasing milk prices from \$.30 to \$.35 for the 2020-2021 school year. 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 Peggy Grap to approve the middle school handbook for the 2020-2021 school year, with modifications as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the high school handbook for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the academic standards, educational options, and

school performance report for 2020-2021 as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Capstone Project for the 2020-2021 school year 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 Staff Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year 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 Paul Opelt to approve the annual meeting agenda for August 31, 2020. 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 Peggy Grap to approve the membership for the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the donation of \$500 from Lorna and Owe Petersen for delivery of meals. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Gaier provided an update on building and grounds' projects.

John Gaier reported on two thank you cards; CESA 10 Board of Control Annual Convention; a district social media review; an article on state economies with the most racial equality; an email from School Administrators Alliance regarding lagging state revenues; and a Supreme Court ruling about public funding for private schools.

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 hiring of Elizabeth Ruzic for a teaching assistant position. 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 Sue Voigt to approve the resignation of Elizabeth Heath from her elementary teaching position. 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 hiring of Krista Rueth for an elementary teaching position. 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 Paul Opelt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Megan Strobach as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes,

Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the resignation of Jim Sjolin from his head golf coaching position. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Bryce DeSmet for a middle school football coaching position. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the initial adoption of Policy IGDJA. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.