

# NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

September 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi Media Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, 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 September 8, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on September 15, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New staff members were introduced to the board.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the August 30, 2021, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 83599 through 83715, 202100046 through 202100116, voiding checks #83638 for \$337.35, #83694 for \$256.00, #83715 for \$425.00, #202100111 for \$67.22, for a total of \$598,122.48, and approval of the August payrolls.

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

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the CESA 10 construction management agreement. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the early graduation request from I.B. as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from A.B. as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the early graduation request from C.S. as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the early graduation request from A.D. as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from M.W. as presented.

Roll call: Peggy Grap – 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 high school English Novels course as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the high school English British Literature course as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of 100 masks from Zion Lutheran Church in Coby as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of multiple school supplies from Cummins as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the donation of 30 bicycles from the United Way & Cummins. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on new teachers; attendance; a PBIS update; Warrior of the Week; picture day; Rachel's challenge; reading instruction; and a thank you to staff.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; building improvements; climate/culture; fall sports; chorus fundraiser; and picture retake day.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; open campus; homecoming; and a thank you to summer staff.

John Gaier reported on the upcoming WASB regional meeting; the City of Neillsville's 2021-2041 Comprehensive Plan; the Neillsville Improvement Corporation's September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda; a Committee for Education Funding update; a recent property patrol report; and a press release from WASB Director John Ashley.

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

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Jennifer Roenz as a teaching assistant. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Debbie Schoen as a teaching assistant. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Nic Kuhn as a teaching assistant. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve increasing the starting wage for food service workers to \$13.50. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the addendum to the support staff handbook covering Covid leaves as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the addendum to the certified staff handbook covering Covid leaves as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.