

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi Media Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Peggy Grap was absent. 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 October 6, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on October 13, 2021, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, 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 September 20, 2021, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 83716 through 83907, 202100016 through 202100193, voiding checks #83728 for \$225.00, #83783 for \$60.00, #83784 for \$45.00, #83789 for \$60.00, #83805 for \$45.00, #83812 for \$60.00, #83814 for \$45.00, #83845 for \$3,149.91, #83846 for \$555.63, #202100016 for \$261.92, #202100091 for \$1,849.43, #202100094 for \$216.22, #202100095 for \$111.00, #202100120 for \$126.47, #20210036 for \$0.00 for a total of \$542,393.20, and approval of the October payrolls.

Roll call: 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 November operational plan and calendar as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve setting a Fund 10 tax levy of \$4,100,000 and a Fund 80 tax levy of \$75,000 for a total tax levy of \$4,175,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call: 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 speech services contract as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Lance Gregorich, project manager from CESA 10, along with Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer, provided an update on prioritizing building repairs and upgrades.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the replacement of the field house boiler system through Complete Control, bypassing the bid process due to equipment availability. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Start College Now application for K.S. as presented. Roll call: 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 Start College Now application for A.O. as presented. Roll call: 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 out of state field trip from Jodi Rueth to take high school choir students to Decorah, Iowa. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the out of state field trip from Jodi Rueth and Jeremy LaMont to take the high school choir and band to Florida. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the monetary donation of \$500 from Patricia Zager as presented. Roll call: 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 from Embroidery Express of Colby to the art department as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; social emotional learning; October's character trait; STEM curriculum available through CESA 10; Walk to School Day; a visit by Schools Cubed; field trips; and the success of Thorp School District's reading program.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; Homecoming week; picture retakes; PBIS/SEL; 6th grade field trip; parent/teacher conferences; October late start; middle school sports; author's visit; and flu shots.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; blood drive; music department news; accounting class business visits; guidance office updates; and fall sports.

John Gaier reported on Wisconsin School Board Week; National School Lunch Week; CVTC president tour; Rural Schools Conference presentation; thank you cards; district statements for the school report card; supply chain shortages; shipping crisis update; social media report card; Neillsville Improvement Corporation update; updates regarding education bills; a message from State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly; and the Milwaukee school voucher program.

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Esmeralda Recendez as a teaching assistant. Roll call: 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 resignation of Josh Zahl from his assistant basketball coaching position. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – 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 Jesse Bernhagen as a middle school basketball coach. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt –

yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Brian Waters as an assistant track coach. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – 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 Paul Opelt to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.