

**NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

October 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on October 19, 2015, 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 Rick Opelt. Also present were Administrator John Gaier, Middle/High School Principal Craig Anderson, and Elementary Principal Tim Rueth.

Notification of the meeting was sent on October 6, 2015, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on October 7, 2015, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A new certified staff member, Elaina Boyle, was introduced to the board.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Rick Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the September 21, 2015, regular meeting.
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 70993 through 71291, 201500048 through 201500075, voiding checks #70993 for \$4.70, #71074 for \$26.31, #71098 for \$56.08, #71226 for \$5,259.00, for a total of \$496,594.98, and approval of the October payrolls.
- C. The final adoption of policies IKEC, IKF, and JEDC.

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

A student presentation was given about organizing a History Club.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve applications for Youth Options. Roll call: Rick 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 an out-of-state field trip to Dorian Music Festival at Luther College. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Rick Opelt to approve an out-of-state field trip to the Festival of Nations for seventh graders. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve a donation from the Knights of Columbus for our Special Needs Program. Roll call: Rick Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve a Fund 10 tax levy of \$3,872,096 and a Fund 80 tax levy of \$75,000 for a total levy of \$3,947,096 for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Tim Rueth reported on attendance; first month of school; Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> - Parent-Teacher Conferences; Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Principal Conference in Appleton; Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Miss Graham's class field trip to the Pumpkin Patch; Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Clark County Health Department Flu Clinic for students and the public; Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Teacher inservice day and end of first quarter; Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Program (date change due to late start); Nov.

12<sup>th</sup> – Picture retake day; and the city ordinance prohibiting parking on Fifth Street during bus times.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; open campus update; guidance office update; Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – First day of middle school boys' basketball practice; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – FFA National Convention in Louisville; Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Teacher inservice and end of first quarter; Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – First day of high school girls' and boys' hockey and girls' basketball practices; Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Program; Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – First day of middle and high school boys' basketball and wrestling practices; Homecoming update; Focus School update; alternative education updates; and grading expectations.

John Gaier reported on a school shootings article; a thank you card; the new parking restrictions on the north side of the building; the Rural Schools Alliance Conference; the Connect Communities Program; a Marshfield News Herald article regarding literacy coaching; free literacy materials from the School District of Spencer; the new interim superintendent at Pittsville; a proposal regarding transgender students; proposed budget reporting requirements; Arne Duncan's resignation; the cost of health insurance; two Focus articles, and the upcoming Business After 5.

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

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the hiring of Brian Waters for the middle school track coaching position. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

John Gaier handed out Policy G for review.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.