

# NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on December 14, 2020, at 6:30 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, High School Principal Craig Anderson, and Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel.

Notification of the meeting was sent on December 2, 2020, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on December 9, 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 November 23, 2020, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 81572 through 82228, 202000199 through 202000274, voiding checks #81572 for \$115.13, #82066 for \$90.00, #82112 for \$615.00, #82147 for \$209.82, #82183 for \$245.76, #82183 for \$4.26, #202000205 for \$50.98, #202000260 for \$361.20 for a total of \$708,108.76, and approval of the December 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 the January operational plan and revised calendar as presented. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – no, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve budget modifications for 2020-2021 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 Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from TB as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

The board of education heard a presentation about the Redefining Ready! program for grades 6-12.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Clark County Health Department 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 Paul Opelt to approve the donation of 150 cloth masks from Matt and Amy Zoschke. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of a variety of craft items, books, and coloring sheets to the school library from the CART Center. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze report was shared on attendance; remote learners; and winter concert recordings.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; remote learners; gratitude tree; December service project; chorus solo & ensemble festival; youth mental health first aid training; and Christmas stories being read on WCCN and recorded for elementary students.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; remote learners; update from the guidance office; and scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year.

John Gaier reported on COVID-19 quarantining updates; a letter from Cummins Filtration; Assembly GOP proposed response to COVID-19; WIAA Executive Director Retirement; and the receipt of a COVID-19 relief grant.

Motion by Sue Voigt 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: 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 Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Michelle Rowell for the teaching assistant position. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Kenneth Friemoth as the assistant wrestling coach. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.