

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on December 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Herman Seebandt, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Also present were Administrator Corey Peterson, Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on December 3, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on December 8, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, 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 November 24, 2025, regular meeting and November 24, 2025, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 92305 through 92485, 202500083 through 202500119, 252600091 through 252600109, voiding checks #92305 for \$145.50, #92387 for \$120.00, #92401 for \$70.00, #92402 for \$70.00, #92416 for \$396.00, and approval of the December payrolls.

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

A building project update was presented by Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 4K full-day schedule for 2026-2027 school year as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation requests for C.K., J.L., R.S., C.U., B.W., S.W., and B.Z. as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026 membership in the Neillsville Improvement Corporation as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of handmade hats from Sue West as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the monetary donation from TriCor Insurance as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; AimWeb Plus and FastBridge testing; upcoming data meetings; 5K field trip to Vine Tree Farm; and 4K holiday concert.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; FastBridge testing; middle school leadership team meeting; classroom

updates; climate and culture activities; upcoming events; and middle school sports.

The board received a written report from Jennifer Aspenson on enrollment; academics; holiday volunteering; and student activities.

Corey Peterson presented Transportation Director Adam Krause's report on driver numbers; bus garage clean up; a bus drivers' tablet for Lynx software; reimbursement for winter bus charging; and research on all-inclusive transportation software.

Corey Peterson reported on thank you notes from Connie Elmhorst, Seal-a-Smile, kitchen staff, and Adam Smrcka; holiday concerts; the state assembly's bills on school consolidation; DPI Report Cards; Infinite Campus online registration for 2026-2027; and strategic planning outreach.

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

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Chelsea Schmidt from her varsity volleyball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Riley Anderson from her JV volleyball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Will Schlinsog from his varsity golf coaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the assistant wrestling coach contract revision for Carl Opelt as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Herman Seebandt to approve the assistant wrestling coach contract revision for Kenny Friemoth as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by Corey Peterson.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.