

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

December 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on December 19, 2016, 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 December 7, 2016, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on December 15, 2016, 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 Rick Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the November 21, 2016, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 73271 through 73855, 201600133 through 201600154, voiding checks #73271 for \$342.31, #73666 for \$100.00, #73720 for \$60.00, #73779 for \$60.00, #73781 for \$85.00, #201600135 for \$48.37, for a total of \$623,576.69, and approval of the December payrolls.

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

Motion by Rick Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve a security system upgrade from Access Security at a cost of \$15,182.33. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Sue Voigt to approve the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan from Urban Sales at a cost of \$23,002.00. 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 a donation of handmade winter hats from Rosella Burlingame. 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 Peggy Grap to approve a donation of a twin bed for the Special Education Department from Craig and Tonia Anderson-Ruskin. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rick Opelt seconded by Sue Voigt to approve a resolution for a FAB Lab Grant. Roll call: Sue Voigt – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Rick Opelt to approve budget adjustments for the 2016-2017 budget as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

John Gaier reviewed the state report cards for the district.

Tim Rueth reported on attendance; music concerts; Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – no school; Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade bowling; and benchmark testing in January.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; Rise Together news article; Schuster Park lights; winter choral concert; Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – winter band concert; Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – Dorian Music Festival; Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Cloverbelt All-Conference Honors for band and choir; concert and show choir performances; and 2016-2017 school year scheduling.

John Gaier reported on two thank you cards; Business After 5 reminder; Neillsville Area Chamber of Commerce recognition dinner; the Transitions Program; an article on supporting public schools; an article about the school voucher program; an article about Betsy DeVos, the new Secretary of Education; two Focus articles; the WASB Convention and legal webinars; an email regarding sports attendance fees; an email regarding the holiday giving tree; an article on Finland's education system; a draft of the 2017-18 school calendar; an article proposing random drug testing; updates from Willis Towers Watson on the DOL's overtime rule and ACA information returns; an article on the 2016 election's effect on the ACA; and a New York Times article on how spending impacts education.

Motion by Sue Voigt 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: 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 Rick Opelt to approve the proposed changes to the Support Staff and Confidential Staff Handbooks. 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 proposed changes to the Certified Staff Handbook. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes, Rick Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

Motion by Sue Voigt seconded by Rick Opelt to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.