

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

April 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. 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 April 10, 2024, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on April 17, 2024, 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 March 18, 2024, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 87847 through 89301, 202300379 through 20230065, voiding checks #87847 for \$14.95, #87911 for \$25.00, #87987 for \$14.95, #88021 for \$14.95, #88064 for \$14.95, #88718 for \$200.00, #89189 for \$102.23, #89197 for \$137.33, #89198 for \$117.44, #89203 for \$80.00, #202300385 for \$17,000.00, #202300425 for \$18.70, #202300427 for \$260.68, #202300428 for \$180.00, for a total of \$945,349.16, and approval of the April payrolls.

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

President Sue Voigt called for nominations for a chairperson for the meeting.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Sue Voigt for the chairperson for the meeting.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sue Voigt as chairperson. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for president.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Sue Voigt for president.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sue Voigt for president. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for vice president.

Deanna Heiman nominated Dewey Poeschel for vice president.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dewey Poeschel for vice president. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for treasurer.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Peggy Grap for treasurer.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Peggy Grap for treasurer. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for clerk.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Deanna Heiman for clerk.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Deanna Heiman for clerk. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve Deanna Heiman as the CESA 10 delegate for 2024-2025. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve Peggy Grap as the WASB delegate for 2024-2025. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve Paul Opelt as the alternate WASB delegate for 2024-2025. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Lance Gregorich from CESA 10, and Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer, presented a building projects update.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Aspirus Signature Health Plan renewal as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Aspirus Freedom Plan renewal as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Delta Dental Insurance renewal as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the 2024-2025 Project Search contract as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Neillsville Improvement Corporation 2024 membership renewal as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – abstain, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the student club name change from Friends of

Rachel to the Neillsville High School Connections Club and the Neillsville Middle School Connections Club as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the out-of-state field trip request from Michelle Anding to travel to Seattle, Washington, on June 28, 2024 - July 3, 2024, as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of 6”x 9” booklet envelopes from Natalie Guzman as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Spirit Card donation from Unity Bank in the amount of \$1,311.80 as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the monetary donation from Kirk and Nancy Rodman to the Kindness in the Community Club as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; PBIS; Safe Sitter Essentials course; summer school scheduling; 4-year-old kindergarten registration; Forward testing; FastBridge screening; and upcoming elementary events.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; monthly character trait; Forward testing; FastBridge testing; field trips; and upcoming important middle school dates.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; academic awards update; 2024-2025 scheduling; FFA updates; FCCLA updates; ACP updates; and upcoming events.

John Gaier reported on a thank you to business mentors involved in the ACP program; library week; Neillsville Social Media Report Card; notification of the CESA 10 Annual Convention; Wisconsin school referendum results; a letter supporting the USDA distance learning grant; article regarding chronic absenteeism in schools; and revenue from Medicaid reimbursement claims.

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

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

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the resignation of Allie Laufenberg from her administrative secretary position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, 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 Sam Warden for the health office assistant position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve bus driver contract renewals for 2024-2025 as

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

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the salary schedule for confidential staff as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the retirement of David Matson from his teaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Lexi Opelt for the elementary teacher position as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the teacher contracts for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the amended contract for Jill Neville as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the amended contract for Chelsea Opelt as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – 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 requested contract for Amy Arndt as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – 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 Peggy Grap to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.