

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

May 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Deanna Heiman, and Paul Opelt. Dewey Poeschel and Peggy Grap were absent. Also present were Administrator John Gaier, Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on May 8, 2024, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on May 15, 2024, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the April 22, 2024, regular meeting; April 29, 2024, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 89302 through 89520, 202300446 through 202300521, voiding checks #88552 for \$1,001.31, #89310 for \$222.35, #89381 for \$94.80, #89409 for \$117.70, #89413 for \$2,500.00, #89429 for \$7,377.72, for a total of \$1,023,614.13, and approval of the May payrolls.

Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the bid from EBI in the amount of \$27,013.42 for replacement teacher desks as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the 2024-25 Capstone project for the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Dept. as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the new English Language Arts Program HMH Into Literature for grades six through ten as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from E.M. as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the early graduation request from A.M. as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the music department out of state field trip to Chanhassen, MN on March 28, 2025, as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the choir students' out of state field trip to Decorah, Iowa on January 12-14, 2025, as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the student insurance renewal for 2024-2025 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the donation of ice cream cones for the third through fifth graders from A&W restaurant as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the donation of Subway sandwiches for staff from Jake Ormond and Julie Simek as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the decorating of the staff lounge doors from Brittney Lowry as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the monetary donation from Unity Bank for the Kindness in our Community Club as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the monetary donation from Howie and Kathy Mathis for the Kindness in our Community Club as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the monetary donation from Grit Nutrition for the Kindness in our Community Club as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the monetary donation from Mama G's for the Kindness in our Community Club as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the monetary donation from the Neillsville Booster Club in the amount of \$8,544.50 as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; 4K enrollment; PBIS update; student council project update; Star Lab; elementary meet and greet day; 4K graduation information; the May needs assessment meeting; in-service update; last day of school activities; elementary concert; and the end of the year mailing.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; monthly character trait; testing; upcoming guest speaker; past field trips; remaining TLC guidance lesson; 5th grade transition to middle school process; teacher in-service day updates; and important dates looking forward.

The board reviewed Craig Anderson's report on attendance; music department news; guidance office news; important graduation related dates and information; and information regarding homecoming 2024.

John Gaier reported on business mentor feedback survey; Clark County Community Services senior survey; NHS induction ceremony; client feedback from #SocialSchools4EDU; CTE updates; an email regarding changes in state testing; the district spending adequacy profile; revenue limit comparison table; article regarding Governor Tony Evers; article regarding TikTok; and a letter from Representative Karen Hurd.

Dewey Poeschel joined the meeting.

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

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Eric Moltzen from his teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: 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 resignation of Kara Milkey from her teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Jazmine Glassbrenner for the administrative secretary position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Tiffany Kren for the teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the wage increase request from Amy Veltus, food service assistant, as presented. Roll call: 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 Memorandum of Understanding request from Todd Schmidt for health insurance as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Krista Brueggen from her first grade teaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Megan Christianson from her elementary teaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the teaching contract for Paige Gruenling for the first grade teaching position as presented. Roll call: 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 teaching contract for Brianna Post for the middle school math teaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding request from Brian Waters as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding request

from Paul Ziebell as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Eric Moltzen from his assistant softball coaching position as presented. Roll call: 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 resignation of Jesse Bernhagen from his middle school basketball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Jasmine Naedler for the assistant softball coaching position as presented. Roll call: 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 Principal Contract for Jesse Bernhagen as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Principal Contract for Marcy Kunze as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Principal Contract for Jennifer Aspenson as presented. Roll call: 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 Administrator Contract for John Gaier as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Director of Special Education and Instructional Facilitator Contract for Kory Poeschel as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – abstain, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to approve Memorandum of Understanding for Kory Poeschel as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – abstain, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the initial adoption of Policy IGDJA as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.