

February 17, 1970

- Special election on the bond issue for remodeling and repair of the Nevis School in the amount of \$70,000 was held. The results of the vote were:
128 yes 34 no no spoiled votes

June 9, 1970

- Employees that were non-certified were put on temporary leave of absence.
- Treasurers report showed a deficit of \$58,968.03.
- Fuel oil costs were \$.1258 per gallon.

August 17, 1970

- Substitute teacher salaries were \$15 per day for non-degree teachers and \$25 for degree teachers.

September 15, 1970

- The school board approved the purchase of materials to build housing for two vehicles owned by the school.
- The school board approved hiring a counselor.

January 18, 1971

- Purchased a Carpenter bus with a curved windshield and padded seats for \$4,831.

February 1971

- Teacher contracts were approved with a base pay of \$7,100.

February 9, 1971

- Rocky Reese was killed in Park Rapids.

September 28, 1971

- Mr. Belden reported on the new high school schedule

December 13, 1971

- First mention in the school board minutes of home-bound instruction being offered to a student.

1971

- School funding formula was increased to \$404 per student.
- Elementary student weighting was reduced to 1.
- Secondary student weighting was reduced to 1.4.
- 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution gave 18-year-olds the right to vote.
- Mr. Gary Wolff was hired part-time as the art teacher. This was the start of the art department. Classes were held in the closet above the stage, now the costume room.

1972-1973

- First year kindergarten was offered at Nevis Public School. Prior to that, students started school at the age of 6 in first grade.



1972-1973 First Kindergarten Class at Nevis Public School
Graduating Class of 1985

Front: Scott Leeseberg, Lisebeth Rhodes, Suzanne Luehring, and Carolyn Pearson

Middle: Joel Anderson, and Ralan Nelson

Back: Jeffrey Anderson, Donald Pohl, Jeffrey Fitzloff, Melinda Menning,
Angela Tranby, Mary Lou Bliss, with teacher Mrs. Margorie Bloberger

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April 10, 1972

- Nevis School District entered into an agreement with Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Council (BRIC) with the following statement: "This is to certify that Independent School District #308 of Nevis, Minnesota hereby agrees to commit funds up to but not exceeding \$3.00 per public school pupil enrolled to the Bemidji Public Schools, representing BRIC as host district for purposes of supporting the administrative budget for regional special education."

Counting
One, Two, buckle my shoe
Three, Four, shut the door
Five, Six, pick up sticks
Seven, Eight, lay them straight
Nine, Ten, a big fat hen



Front of Nevis School
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

May 8, 1972

- Non-certified staff shall be retired at age 65 if their birthday precedes June 30. If the non-certified employee's birthday follows June 30 he shall be allowed to work until June 30 of the next calendar year. - New school board policy approved.

August 14, 1972

- Bread bids were let for \$.25 for 1½ pound loaf and buns \$.26 per dozen from Meyer's Bakery in Park Rapids.
- 23-passenger Carpenter bus for \$4,260 was purchased from McLaughlin Equipment in Fargo, North Dakota.

August 21, 1972

- First mention of free lunch program in the school board minutes.
- A discussion was held at the school board meeting about postponing having kindergarten until a later date.

August 24, 1972

- Mrs. Carol Jetland, school librarian, was to receive extra compensation for working on the annual.
- New policy was approved by the school board, "All school equipment is to remain on the school premises to be used for school purposes only." This was stated in regard to public use of the shop tools.



1972 Milk Machine replaced milk bottles. The machine was replaced a few years later with milk cartons.

September 10, 1972

- Student enrollment was 255 in K-12.
- Discussion about kindergarten. It was decided that no suitable place was available for the class in the school building. The school board approved the lease of the basement of the Church of Christ for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for use as a kindergarten room, pending state approval for \$100 per month which included heat, lights, and insurance.
- Mrs. Margorie Bloberger was hired to teach kindergarten three days per week starting September 25, 1972 and continuing through the end of school year at a salary of \$3,936.
- A temporary aide was hired at a rate of \$1.65 per hour with a six hour day.
- Mr. Gary Anderson, shop instructor, requested a spot welder and sander-grinder for shop use at a cost of \$300.
- Students requested a student lounge; a committee was formed.
- New Nevis School policy stated: "All students who travel to student events on a school bus must return to the school on the same bus unless parents notify the Superintendent's office of other plans before noon on the day of the event. Also, parents may ride the bus providing they call the superintendent's office."



1972 Original Gym Bleachers

1973

- The school funding formula was increased to \$750 per student.
- The legal drinking age in Minnesota changed from age 21 to 18.



1973 Lettering Certificate
Attest: Pamela A. Cherney and Craig Stanwick



1972-1973 Girls Basketball Team
Started
Uniforms made by Pat Roehl, material
purchased by Kip and Fran Lof

Front: LuAnn Rittgers (class of 1979),
Sherry Myers (class of 1975),
Lori Avenson (class of 1976),
Lynne Roehl (class of 1976), and
Deniece Greenwood (class of 1977)
Back: Wendy Dotseth-Hartig (1976),
Wynetta Severtson (class of 1975),
Denise Rittgers (class of 1975),
Mrs. Pamela Cherney,
Rhoda James (class of 1973),
Debbie Dudley (class of 1975), and
Maridee Olander (class of 1975)

April 9, 1973

- The following recommendations were made from the State of Minnesota in a letter regarding the school lunch program:
 1. Students who work in the lunchroom should be paid a wage rather than receive free meals.
 2. Cooks should be encouraged to go to training classes.
 3. Milk should be purchased in ½ pint cartons (the school was currently using a milk dispenser machine).
 4. A new three-bowl sink should be installed in the kitchen area and the cupboards should be moved.

May 14, 1973

- Non-certified personnel sick leave allowances for 12-month employees were 5 days per year, accumulative to 15 days. 9-month employees, 5 days per year accumulative to 10 days.
- Mrs. Sackett was hired as the speech technician for \$2.50 per hour
- Approved the purchase of girls' basketball uniforms which could also be used for track at a cost of \$17.50 each, total of \$353.73.



1972 Band Room with instructor Mr. Gary Stennes

- Permission was given to the Gideon's to hand out Bibles in the school.



1973 Library

May 21, 1973

- Custodians were required to have a bus drivers license.
- Hired Mr. Lowell Koebnick as the custodian for \$493.50 per year plus \$12.75 per month towards insurance.
- The school board approved hiring a second custodian for the school year.

May 29, 1973

- All new non-certified employees were to be hired for a 12-month probationary period with the understanding that employment could be terminated at any time during the period if performance was not satisfactory.

June 18, 1973

- ½ pint of milk cost 7 cents and chocolate milk cost 9 cents.
- Because of the increased enrollment in kindergarten, a recommendation was made to hold classes in the Nevis School building. Classes were to be held half days, five days per week.

July 9, 1973

- Superintendent Mr. James Belden recommended the school change from 6-week to 9-week grading periods.
- The salary for the kindergarten bus route was set at \$100 per month.

August 20, 1973

- Students were to be paid 75 cents per hour for working in the cafeteria.
- Lunch prices were to remain the same as last year at 30 cents per meal.
- Pay was approved for the custodians at \$10 per evening during extra curricular events.

August 24, 1973

- Delayed the start of the school year by one week to let the new principal, Dr. Robert Mitchell, and Superintendent Mr. James Belden be fully prepared.



1973-1974 9-man football started

Front: Derwin Alberts (class of 1977), Barry Rachner, Steve Browning, Rick Butler (class of 1977), and John Kachelhoffer (class of 1977)
 Middle: Perry Rittgers (class of 1978), Barry Munson (class of 1976), Marty Schuldt (class of 1975), Larry Myers (class of 1974), Kim Hatch (class of 1975), Chuck Lindow (class of 1974), Donny Evenson (class of 1975), and George Belden
 Back: Coach Craig Stanwick, Danny Husby (class of 1975), Mark Cook (class of 1976), Scott Privratsky (class of 1975), Bob DeVore (class of 1976), Curt Beckerleg (class of 1975), John Dordan (class of 1975), Kelly Rittgers (class of 1975), Chuck Erickson (class of 1974), and Coach Gary Wolff

September 20, 1973

- 40 cents was charged per person for riding the fan bus to out of town athletic activities.

December 10, 1973

- Discussion and approval of Girls Athletic Recreation Association (GARA) program. Mrs. Linda Schissel, girls PE teacher, presented the program for approval and she was given a salary of \$200.
- Four new typewriters were purchased, two electric and two manual at a total cost of \$1,060.

March 11, 1974

- Superintendent Mr. James Belden inquired about the open noon hour (allowing students to leave school grounds during lunch time) and inquired about a policy regulating it.
- A school board member proposed changing the passing time between classes from five minutes to three minutes, the motion was not approved.

April 8, 1974

- The following sports were approved for the 1974-1975 school year
 - Girls: volleyball, basketball, and track
 - Boys: football, basketball, and baseball

May 13, 1974

- The school calendar had 176 teaching days and 14 in-service days.

June 10, 1974

- Mrs. Margorie Bloberger, kindergarten teacher, recommended all-day or every-other day all-day kindergarten, not the half-day program as was currently being offered.

August 12, 1974

- 15 uniforms for the girls basketball team were ordered at a cost of \$300.
- Kindergarten was to be 8:30-12:00 next school year, Monday through Friday.

September 9, 1974

- Mr. Bill Maki, elementary principal, reported on departmentalizing in grades 4-6.
- Admission fee to activities to remain at 35 cents for students and 75 cents for adults, the same as last year.

October 11, 1974

- The Tiger Times reported in an editorial there were differences of opinion between the students and administration in regard to turning in car keys each day, even if the car wasn't parked on school property. The policy of turning in keys was adopted by the school board April 24, 1956 and was now being challenged by the students. The goal was to prevent students from leaving during lunch.

October 14, 1974

- A pay phone was to be installed for student use.

October 25, 1974

- The Tigers Times reported lunch was 45 minutes in length. Students in band only had 30 minutes for lunch. A poll conducted by the students didn't think this was long enough time.

December 9, 1974

- "A" team cheerleaders only and their advisor are allowed to ride the team bus if a spectator bus was not needed (they had junior high cheerleaders at this time).

January 20, 1975

- Physical exams for bus drivers were required.
- Superintendent Ed Ness reported that bids had been received on the model house built by the shop class.
- The school board approved the purchase of an E-flat clarinet at a cost of \$117, a contra bass clarinet for \$490, and temple blocks for \$57.
- Nevis School was still a member of the special education cooperative BRIC – Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Council.

March 10, 1975

- A new 2-way radio system for the buses was explained.
- Graduation was held Friday, May 30.

April 11, 1975

- The Tiger Times reported Mrs. Potter, wife of Sheriff "Bob" Potter, was the school nurse. She worked at Laporte on Mondays, Akeley on Tuesdays, and Nevis on Wednesdays.

April 14, 1975

- The school board discussed a summer music program to include marching band and private instrumental lessons. Mr. Gary Stennes, band teacher, suggested an eight-week program; the action was tabled.
- Mr. Lowell Koebnick, village policeman, discussed a drug problem in the community. He offered to help organize programs on drug education for the school. The school board suggested that perhaps the faculty could benefit from a workshop on chemical dependency. The school board also discussed the possibility of having a closed noon hour.
- The terms of school board members Mrs. Gladys Cook and Mrs. Patricia Bender expired July 1, 1975. The election was held May 20, 1975 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

May 12, 1975

- Mr. Gary Stennes, band teacher, had 26 responses for summer band. There would be 8 weeks of lessons, 20 hours per week at a pay rate of \$4.50 per hour for not more than \$750 for the summer.
- Mr. Craig Stanwick was hired for a five-week summer recreation program at a salary of \$60.00 per week.

May 1975

- Nevis Student Council dedicated a spruce tree in memory of Joni Stein, an 8th grade student that died of cancer. The tree was located on the east side of the school.



Joni Stein

June 9, 1975

- Hired Mr. Craig Stanwick as bus driver for the Headstart program Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 12:30 and provide a morning snack and noon meal.

July 7, 1975

- Ms. Stella Fern was hired as part-time physical education teacher and coach on a base salary of \$4,550.

August 7, 1975

- The school board approved kindergarten to be offered all day Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 1975-76.
- The school board approved a closed noon hour.
- Mr. James Lien was hired to teach second grade and coach elementary basketball and coach baseball. His teaching salary was set at \$8,050 and his coaching salary at \$650.

September 8, 1975

- School hours were changed to close at 3:08 p.m. The closing of school remained the same until the 2009-2010 school year when it became 3:30 p.m.
- The school board motion carried to admit senior citizens age 65 and over free to all athletic events.
- The cost of athletic events was set at \$1.00 for adults, \$.50 for high school students and \$.25 for elementary students.
- Ms. Stella Fern, PE teacher, was offered a cheerleading contract for \$175. The advisor needed to ride the bus to all the games or find another faculty member to substitute.

September 22, 1975

Policy Changes:

- Leaving school grounds without permission can result in suspension from school for up to 5 days. Continued suspension could result in student appearing before Nevis School Board for possible expulsion from school.
- Student walk-out could result in suspension from school until the administration and parents meet, suspension from school until the school board meets with the parents and student, or time being made up at the end of the school year.

September 22, 1975

- The cost of adult lunches was set at \$.80 per noon meal.

October 13, 1975

- The cost of a speech clinician through BRIC in conjunction with Laporte and Akeley was \$1,371.08.
- Nevis School offered an Adult Education program for welding.

October 27, 1975

- Elementary Principal, Mr. Bill Maki reported that the training session on the metric system was held on November 17.
- The school board approved a policy stating that, "All bus drivers are to be on their bus at the time students are loading and unloading - infraction of this policy will result in disciplinary action".

November 10, 1975

- Mr. Craig Stanwick, PE teacher, presented the sports schedule. Special rates for parents for home games were included. Season tickets for boys' games were \$6.00 and girls' games were \$4.00 and \$10.00 for combination.
- The school board set \$20 for renting auto plug-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Purchased a new 60-passenger bus for 4 payments of \$3,202.51.
- Attendance at parent-teacher conferences was reported as high school 81.3% and elementary 92%.



1975-1976 Volleyball Team

Second year of the program - first competitive season

Front: Brenda Kellar (class of 1978),

Kathy Husby (class of 1979),

Judy Dierkhising (class of 1978),

Terry Browning, Pat VanVleet, and

Annette VanVleet (class of 1977)

Back: Jacki Keller, Shirly Dudley

(class of 1977), Nan Alto (class of

1976), Coach Ms. Stella Fern,

Chris Roehl (class of 1977),

Debbie Kelsey (class of 1979), and

Pam Harding

Missing: Janai James (class of 1977)

December 8, 1975

- Mr. Ignance Cherney, math and science teacher, reported the school forest needed thinning. The lumber was put out for bids.

1976

- Community, "The old railroad track between Park Rapids and Cass Lake was removed. It was replaced, the portion between Park Rapids and Walker, by a newly blacktopped Heartland Trail to be used for hikers, cyclists, horseback riders, and snowmobilers." per Nevis Graduate.

January 19, 1976

- Mr. Craig Stanwick, PE teacher, requested the purchase of 15 new baseball uniforms at a cost of \$417.45.
- Elementary enrollment was reported at 140 students and high school enrollment at 154 students.

February 9, 1976

- Mrs. Marian Hruby, 5th grade teacher, requested the money from the 5th grade class quilt raffle be used to put a sink in the classroom.
- The school board approved the purchase of band instruments for a total of \$735. Mr. Gary Stennes, band teacher, had requested the money to purchase 2 trumpets, 1 flute, 1 trombone, and 1 tenor saxophone.

March 8, 1976

- Policy: Use of or possession of tobacco is prohibited on school property. First offense is suspension for 1 day. Second offense the student may be imprisoned for not more than 30 days or to pay of fine of not more than \$50.
- The school board approved the purchase of a new stage curtain with the funds donated by PTSO, Student Council, Nevis Student Club, and grades 8 thru 12. A total of \$1,075 had been raised.

April 26, 1976

- Elementary Principal, Mr. Bill Maki talked about the 5th grade class trip to Duluth on May 14.
- High School Principal, Mr. Morris Bennett discussed the Junior/Senior Banquet and Prom, as well as plans for Earth Day and Career Day.

May 10, 1976

- The school board accepted bids for #2 fuel oil, 42,000 gallons at a price of 32.9 cents.
- The school board was informed that Nevis School would no longer have a Head Start program but instead will participate in a Home Start program.
- The decision not to have summer individual music lessons for students was approved by the school board.

- The school board discussed changes to the football field, with the cost of the D8 cat work for \$840, 10 loads of black dirt at \$20 per load, and the custodians to move the goal posts, back stop, etc.
- The school board decided no summer recreation programs would be held due to the extensive work to be done on the football field and baseball diamond.
- Elementary Principal, Mr. Bill Maki recommended the hiring of Ms. Stella Fern, PE teacher, full-time to enable her to take over and direct the physical education program for the elementary grades.
- New sidewalks in front of the school were to be installed during the summer.

May 18, 1976

- Purchased a new 54-passenger bus, 1976 International Chassis from McFarrens of Park Rapids for \$8,156 delivered to the Carpenter Body Co. and a Carpenter Body from McLaughlin Equipment of Fargo, North Dakota for \$8,054.
- The summer music program was discussed. Mr. Gary Stennes suggested using the jazz band in place of the marching band and to limit lessons to students in grades 5, 6, 7, 8. The jazz band would go to six out of town trips.
- A court reporter was hired to attend all negotiation meetings. Her fee was \$10 per hour and she would provide four transcripts at a cost of \$1.50 each.

May 24, 1976

- A special school board meeting for negotiations was held. The bus drivers were given \$50.30 per month on insurance, 3% raise, \$20 extra on the Park Rapids TMR route (special education), and two holidays paid.

June 14, 1976

- The school board approved a Title IX Resolution stating it would not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies.

June 28, 1976

- Nursing service held a discussion at the school board meeting regarding swine flu vaccinations.
- Job descriptions were to be presented to the board in July by Superintendent Mr. Ed Ness.

July 12, 1976

- Bids for milk were opened with Clover Leaf Dairy's bid being accepted with half pint of white for \$.0836 and half pint chocolate \$.0855 with delivery three times per week.

August 9, 1976

- Lunch prices were increased to \$.45 per meal or \$7.00 per month if paid in advance. The cost for an adult meal was \$.80.

September 13, 1976

- Charles Myers was offered the position of school forest manager for 12 months.
- John Hanson was offered the full time day custodian at a salary of \$610 per month.

September 24, 1976

- A new school board policy stated: “A student’s parents were required to attend a regular board meeting when their child had missed 20 days of school in any one school year. If the absences are not explained satisfactorily all credit for that school year will be denied to the student. No grade will be reported and courses must be repeated next year”.
- School patrol is part of the job description of the elementary principal.
- Substitute teacher pay was set at \$25 per day.

October 11, 1976

- A new school board smoking policy for students was approved. The first violation will be reported to the proper authority (principal, coach, and/or police). The student will be dealt with by the coach as the MSHSL rules required and the student may be assigned one day of in-school suspension and parents will be notified by the principal. Second offenses will be cause for immediate notification of parents. Two-days of in-school suspension. Police may be notified of any person under 18 years of age who purchases or uses cigarettes for a third offense. Fourth offenses may result in suspension from school. Smoking offense is for any student of Nevis High School who purchases cigarettes, carries cigarettes on his/her person, has cigarettes in his/her locker, lights a cigarette or places one in his mouth is guilty of a smoking offense. Teachers, administrators and non-certified staff are required by the board to ask for and confiscate all smoking tobacco observed in the possession of any student and deliver it to the school principal. Locker inspections will be held periodically.
- School bus drivers were required to take a first aid course being offered through Adult Education. All new drivers were also to be required to take the course.

October 25, 1976

- Eighteen students requested the start of a wrestling team. The cost of the program was discussed and the general consensus was the cost would be prohibitive.

November 8, 1976

- Athletic Director Craig Stanwick reported on the results of a survey of students regarding sports in which they were interested. Mr. Craig Stanwick recommended the school continue the present sports. An open discussion followed and the subjects of football, wrestling and life-time sports were discussed. Also, lighting for the football field, a skating rink, and athletic insurance was discussed.
- The school board reviewed the policy regarding days off for hunting and decided it would remain the same – i.e. allow students to go if their parents request it and if work is made up before they leave.

November 22, 1976

- A school board motion carried to not have a wrestling program as it interfered with the basketball schedule and there was no place to practice.
- A discussion at the school board meeting was held about continuing participation in football. The decision was made to continue football. The eligibility for football was “no student below 9th grade standing may play on the A squad and a grade point average of C (1.5) must be maintained”.
- Girls’ basketball uniforms were purchased for the A squad for approximately \$200 for 15 uniforms.
- Purchased a generator for \$100 for use in the school forest.

December 13, 1976

- The school board held a discussion on the cost of football lights at \$11,850.
- Approved the usual interdenominational Christmas program for the year.

December 1976

- A plaque was given to Nevis School in memory of Harry Gibson by the class of 1980. Harry died in a house fire.



Harry Gibson

1977

- Mr. Craig Stanwick, PE teacher, reported that this is the year when the teachers’ union came to Nevis School.

January 10, 1977

- Accepted the bid of \$18,429.19 for a Blue Bird 60-passenger bus.
- New hall lockers were to be purchased as there were not enough lockers for all the students.
- Non-certified employees were offered family insurance.
- New school doors were discussed with the cost of metal doors being \$2,150.
- Used metal lockers were to be purchased at a cost of \$4 per door for 40 doors.
- Ms. Joyce Alto was hired as school bus driver (the first female bus driver).
- All bus drivers are to have a file kept on them.
- New student discipline policy discussed.

February 14, 1977

- Possible budget cuts were presented at the school board meeting: eliminate all extra-curricular busses, eliminate all interscholastic activities below 9th grade, reduce quality of hot lunch program, reduce basketball games from 16 to 14, offer no raises to the superintendent and principal and/or require them to teach classes, no raises to teachers – subject to negotiations, complete reorganization of the school, go into an 8-hour, 4-day week, open school on IGE program, start charging for driver’s education, eliminate hot lunch program, no raises for school board members, and raise cost of adult lunches.

May 9, 1977

- The school board agreed that next year the graduation speakers should be the honor students.

May 23, 1977

- The school board approved the purchase of 100 pounds of grass seed from Cenex for the football field.
- The school board approved having a marching band program for the summer. The cost of the program to be Mr. Gary Stennes' salary of \$300, music of \$120, one drum for \$76, and paint for the trailer \$12.

June 13, 1977

- Elementary Principal, Mr. Bill Maki presented to the school board that all teachers have had their metric in-service training and will now be teaching the metric system.

August 8, 1977

- Kathy Sunsrud from the Hubbard County Nursing Service explained the school nursing program to the school board. The cost to the district would be \$50 per day with a recommendation that the school enlist her services three to four days per month.
- Mr. Craig Stanwick, PE teacher and Athletic Director, discussed the condition of the football field. His recommendation was to have the DNR pack it after having the Nevis Fire Department water it down during a practice fire drill.
- Mr. Craig Stanwick also discussed the situation of a school car for drivers training. North Branch Central would no longer be able to furnish the school a car at no cost as they have in the past.

August 22, 1977

- Adult lunches were set at \$1 per lunch. The cooks were to provide chef salad and ham and cheese sandwiches at a cost of \$.55, when requested in the office in the morning.
- Student lunch prices were lowered to \$.40.
- The school board approved charging for milk, \$.03 per student and \$.10 per teacher per half pint.
- The Public Health Nurse was to be contracted for 1 day per month.
- Minnesota State requirement for one graduation credit was 120 hours of instruction.
- The school board discussed the policy that no bus driver over the age of 65 would be hired for that school year, it was decided to leave the policy as is.

September 26, 1977

- The school district was still in statutory operating debt for a total of \$79,201 (the school had been in SOD for the past three years).
- Substitute teacher pay was raised to \$30 per day.

October 10, 1977

- Mr. Ed Ness had taken a survey of 25 schools in Minnesota concerning the use of time clocks. Twenty-three of the schools replied, of which only three use time clocks. Since there are presently no problems with employees, the school board decided to drop the matter of a time clock for the time being.
- CB radios were approved to be purchased for the buses at a cost of \$495 to include five bus CBs, antennas, and a base station with antenna.

October 24, 1977

- The school board discussed the possibility of hiring a Community Education Director.

December 12, 1977

- Ms. Pat Stanis volunteered her services to help with the counseling of seniors as the board was not willing to create a position at this time due to costs.
- The grading policy was discussed. Students must earn 15 credits to graduate. This is the requirement of the Minnesota State Department of Education. Students who do not earn 15 credits at graduation time do not graduate, nor do they participate in graduation programs, nor do they receive a diploma. Those students who do not have the ability to complete the regular curriculum and are enrolled in the SLBP program and are doing satisfactory work will be given a diploma, but this diploma will be modified by the words "Special Education" or a similar word. Quote "no work, no credit, no diploma, no graduation and no graduation program."
- A discussion was held at the school board meeting involving police volunteering their time at school dances.
- The school board approved hiring the first Community Education Coordinator, Mrs. Jinx Stanwick at a salary of \$200 per month for 10 months.

1978

- Community – Ernie and Amy Jacobson sold their gas station business to Ted and Mary Luetgers after 42 years of business. Ernie was a 1935 Nevis graduate. He started the business in 1936.

January 9, 1978

- Teacher salaries were settled at 5.8% the first year and 7% for the second.

February 13, 1978

- There was a discussion at the school board meeting regarding the continued participation in BRIC, special education cooperative. The four schools on Highway 34 (Walker, Akeley, Nevis, and Park Rapids) started discussing forming their own cooperative.

March 13, 1978

- Mr. Bill Maki's 6th grade class was approved for a class trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

April 10, 1978

- Approved the 5th grade class to go on a field trip to Duluth, Minnesota.

May 8, 1978

- The school board approved two days for Public Health Nursing services for the next year at a cost of \$50 per day to the school district.

June 12, 1978

- The non-certified union contract was settled with a discussion involving full family versus single coverage insurance benefits. It was decided that the school board would pay full coverage of either family or single, depending on employee needs.
- The school board decided there would not be a summer music program as there were only six people interested. Instead, there would be a drill team representing Nevis at events.
- The school board approved continued paying for the bus driver's physicals needed to qualify for licenses.

June 26, 1978

- The school board approved the purchase of the American Legion Building. The building was to be moved to the school district grounds and used as a band room.
- The graduates of 1978 rented their graduation gowns.

August 14, 1978

- The school board accepted the bid by North Star Drilling for \$2,059 for a well, pump system, and sprinkling system installed on the football field.
- Daniel Johnson's bid was accepted for landscaping of the football field for a total of \$7,601.
- Mrs. Jinx Stanwick's resignation as Community Education Director was accepted.

October 9, 1978

- Ms. Cynthia Jacobs was hired at the recommendation of PAWN as the EMH (educable mentally handicapped) special education teacher. There were currently three students being transported to Park Rapids School District for services, the students would now be serviced at Nevis.

November 13, 1978

- A late activities bus was approved on a trial basis through December 11.

December 11, 1978

- The school dance policy was changed to allow students to bring guests from other schools if they were registered prior to the dance.

TEACHER:	Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
DONALD:	H I J K L M N O.
TEACHER:	What are you talking about?
DONALD:	Yesterday you said it's H to O.

February 12, 1979

- A student survey was conducted and all but five students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were interested in a foreign language with the students evenly divided between French, German, and Spanish.

March 12, 1979

- Mr. Michael Murray held the position of Placement Specialist for the 1978-79 school year.
- Two field trips were approved to use district buses: 6th Grade to the Twin Cities and 5th Grade to Duluth, Minnesota.
- The school board authorized the sharing of Art Teacher Mr. Gary Wolff and Spanish Teacher Miss Nancy Wicks for next year with Laporte.
- Long term substitute teacher pay was set at \$30 per day.

April 9, 1979

- The school district sold the Legion Lot as purchased with a quit claim deed for \$1,500 by Mr. Roger Plumley.
- The school board established one additional SLBP position (special education) with 74% repaid by the state.

May 15, 1979

- The school board renewed the school nurses contract for two days per month at \$50 per day with Hubbard County Nursing Services.
- Hired Mr. Roger Plumley to construct the corridor between the gym and band room at \$1.50 per block.
- Joe Harvey was hired as summer recreation director at \$5 per hour, 4 hours per day.

August 13, 1979

- Lunch prices were set at \$.40 for students and \$1.15 for adults and \$.03 for milk.
- The school board approved a New Hiring of School Personnel Policy. Any applicant must give references and past employers, and these must be checked.

August 27, 1979

- Mr. Darrell Rundell was hired as work experience handicapped and supportive services coordinator with 74% of his salary funded by the state.

December 10, 1979

- October 1979 enrollment was reported as 336 students.
- A fluoride mouth rinse program for the elementary students, at a cost of \$.60 per student on a voluntary basis with parental permission was approved at the school board meeting.
- The dance policy was amended to read: "all dances shall be for NHS students only. The only exception will be the prom. Guests for the prom must be signed up and cleared by the principal by Wednesday the week of the dance".