

1980

- Northwoods Press reported: Hubbard County was made up of 27 townships, 1 unorganized township, 4 cities (Park Rapids, Nevis, Akeley, Laporte), 8 school districts (Park Rapids, Nevis, Akeley, Laporte, Walker, Bemidji, Cass Lake, Menahga), population in 1975 was 12,140.

January 21, 1980

- Approved the purchase of new cheerleading uniforms at a cost of \$400.
- Six mobile business band radios, two remotes, and a base were purchased from Motorola to allow the busses to have communication. The radios were leased-to-purchase at a cost of \$2,187 each year for 5 years. The lease cost was reimbursed by the state transportation funding. At the end of the 5 years, the district could purchase the radios for \$1.
- The school board approved the purchase of a new basketball score board for the school gym and the football fields. The current scoreboard in the gym was about 25 years old and the football field did not have a score board. The gym scoreboard cost \$1,156. The football scoreboard cost \$1,825.



1980 First One Act Play Competition, "The Ugly Duckling"

Front: Diana Hammes (class of 1981)-Queen,
Bruce Bolton (class of 1981)-King,
Karen Carlson (class of 1983)-Dulcibella, and
Karl Dierkhising (class of 1984)-Carlo
Back: Advisor Mr. Gary Stennes,
Dan Alto (class of 1980)-Stage Crew,
Eric Borseth (class of 1981)-Chancellor,
Brenda Koebnick (class of 1981)-Princess Camilla,
Skip Bolton (class of 1984)-Prince Simon,
Dawn Foster (class of 1982)-Stage Crew, and
Beth Klosner (class of 1981)-Stage Crew

King Bruce Bolton won
"Best Actor" award at
District and Regional
Competition



The cast won 1st out of
nine teams at District
Competition and 2nd out of
three teams at Regional
Competition

February 11, 1980

- Approved the purchase of a new Sony video cassette recorder (VCR) and camera for \$2,310.

April 14, 1980

- Approved Mr. Gary Stennes, band teacher, at \$5 per hour for summer music.
- Bus driver salaries increased by \$37 per month, extra curricular trips to be paid at \$10 per hour for the first two hours and \$4 per hour after that. Meals to be reimbursed at the state rate of \$3 for breakfast, \$4 lunch, and \$7 dinner.

1980 Annual Staff on the Main
School Stairwell
Front: Gary Bergenhausen,
Doug Eiklenborg, Nadine Parsons,
Connie DeMars, Beth Klosner,
Holly Fisher, and Dan Alto
Second Row: Eric Borseth,
Mark Dorethy, Tim Keller,
Renee Halbur, Sally Stanis,
Diane Hammes,
Traci Guldenpfenning,
Mischel Willsey, Lisa Wilkes, and
Lisa Olson
Third Row: Susan Koebnick,
Michele Gruis, Jodi Bloom,
Gina Gibson, Rochelle Lindow,
Tami Booge, Jodi Wambolt, and
Denise Bliss
Back Row: Donna Pohl,
Lynn Hammes, Laura Treichel,
Kathy Sackett, and Karen Sackett



May 20, 1980

- The salary of the Community Education Coordinator was raised from \$200 per month (as it had been for the past 3 years) to \$250 per month.



1980 Fire Drill at Nevis School
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

July 11, 1980

- Non-certified staff salary increases were approved as follows:
 - 10½ % increases were given to clerical aides (from \$548 to \$606 per month), head cook (\$563 to \$622), cook (\$519 to \$573), custodian (\$740 to \$818).
 - 21½% increases were given to the head secretary (\$753 to \$915 per month) and head custodian (\$760 to \$923)
- All employees were given \$1.00 per month for each year of service in longevity pay.

July 28, 1980

- Gym

- The gym would have a new urethane floor. The floor was a 5/16" poured urethane surface to be installed by Hauenstein-Burmeister Firm at a cost of \$19,815. The floor was gold colored with green game lines for basketball and white for volleyball. The installation was expected the first week of September, in time for the first home volleyball game. The old tile floor was torn out and the cement repaired underneath.
- The exterior of the gym roof was repaired for greater insulation and better maintenance.
- The bleachers were replaced. The current bleachers were constructed of wood and would need a plywood base if they were to be used on the new gym to prevent damage.
- A new spray insulation was proposed to improve the appearance, acoustics, and fireproof the ceiling. It was a good time to do this when the floor was being redone. The cost was estimated at \$8,500.
- New aluminum bleachers, with four rows of seats, were discussed at a cost of \$6,800.
- Contract with Hubbard County Nursing Services as signed for \$60 per day, 2 days per month.



1980 Laying Sod on the Athletic Fields
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press



Left: New Gym Bleachers
Above: New Gym Floor
Pictures courtesy of Northwoods Press



30 Aerial view of
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August 25, 1980

- The school board approved a formal request to consider a joint track program with Walker School District.
- Mid-State Insulation was awarded the bid of $\frac{3}{4}$ " acoustical spray for the gym ceiling at a cost of \$6,840.
- Stadiums Unlimited of Grinnell, Iowa was awarded the bid for new aluminum bleacher seating. The 10 sections of "tip and roll" bleachers were 4 rows high and 10 feet long and had a seating capacity of 400. The bid was for \$5,550.



1980 Back to School
Photo courtesy of
Northwoods Press

September 1980

- Apple computers were purchased to become part of the instructional program. These were the first computers at Nevis School
- Vocational agriculture classes were offered. But, instead of the students going to

Park Rapids for the class, the teacher, Mr. Craig Paskvan came to Nevis.

- The volleyball team practiced in the Akeley gym while the Nevis gym was being redone. The first home game was against Akeley.
- Vern Avenson built a concession stand near the football field complex.



1980 Back to School
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

September 12, 1980

- The Nevis football team beat Pillager 30-0 to end a 39-game losing streak. The new football scoreboard had been installed on the east end of the field, it was moved to the west end of the field in 1991 due to the sun.

September 22, 1980

- The school board approved spending an additional \$4,500 to sod the outfield of the baseball field and the area east of the football field. The softball fields were to be seeded. The field project was funded through a government grant.
- Discussed a discipline problem with adults at school activities. It was suggested Superintendent Mr. Marlowe Halbur and Principal Mr. Martin Avelsgaard request the services of a police officer at school activities.
- School Board Chairman Enno Cirks suggested the new athletic field be named after Delmar Bail, Nevis School Graduate 1940, who had donated work and equipment for the project. It was also suggested a plaque be erected in his honor.

October 27, 1980

- Nevis Athletic Field to be named “Delmar Bail Field” with the dedication at the first baseball game if Delmar can make it.

November 24, 1980

- Eligibility rules changed: students participating in extra-curricular activities must maintain at least a C- average.

1981

- Mr. Bob Potter and Mr. Ray Melander purchased the Nevis Hotel and turned it into an apartment complex.
- The Nevis Sports Booster Club existed with Mr. Bill Lundsten as president and Mr. Ed Ness as secretary. There was discussion about the club having volunteers collect tickets at the games to save the sports' programs money.
- The principal's office was remodeled into a computer program room for gifted children. The principal moved into an old social studies room and study hall. The office area now had an office for the principal, secretary, and teacher's aid.
- Mr. Steven Egge started a computer science class. He was able to purchase four new Apple II's with monitors and a new printer through the Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium (MECC). The monitors were TV screens at a cost of \$800.
- A new backstop for the baseball field was approved in February, at a cost of \$1,374.
- The school board agreed to spend \$295 to purchase a book of sample school board policies at the February meeting.



Instructor Steve Egge and Heather Swedean with new computers.

Picture from Park Rapids Enterprise

January 19, 1981

- The school board set the meal allowance for persons on school business at \$3 for breakfast, \$4 for lunch and \$7 for supper to match the State's rate.
- Raised the cost of adults riding the fan bus to \$2 and left the student cost at \$.50.
- Continued the policy of no fee for the use of the building for community events.

April 27, 1981

- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Evelyn Buehner as 3rd grade teacher. Ms. Evelyn Buehner retired from teaching after 45 years in Hubbard County. She started in a one-room school called Wildwood in the Lake George area. There, she taught 15 students in grades 1-8 and was paid \$45 per month. She was responsible for getting to school early to start the fire. She walked an average of 1 mile to and from school. She also worked at Sand Lake School and Churchill School. There was no running water or indoor bathrooms at the time. She retired from Nevis after 26 years as the 3rd grade teacher.
- Grades 1 and 2 were approved for a field trip to the Wadena Zoo.
- Elementary students were approved for a trip to Itasca State Park on May 22.



1980-1981 Baseball Team

Front: Basil Meyer (class of 1983), Steve Guetter (class of 1981), Randy Leeseberg (class of 1981), Bucky Lindow (class of 1982), Dan Halfmann (class of 1981), Craig Rittgers (class of 1981) and Kevin Roehl (class of 1983)
Back: Chris Husby (class of 1982), Coach Joe Harvey, Paul Schroeder (class of 1982), Jeff Wade (class of 1982), Jim Guetter (class of 1982), Mike Gruis (class of 1982), Brian Curtis, Thane Anderson (class of 1982), Jeff Guldenpfenning (class of 1981), and Assistant Coach Bill Maki

Metric System	
King Henry Died Mightily Drinking Chocolate Milk	
Kilometer	1000 meters
Hectometer	100 meters
Decameter	10 meters
Meter	1 meter
Decimeter	1/10 of a meter
Centimeter	1/100 of a meter
Millimeter	1/1000 of a meter

May 15, 1981

- The school board authorized a monument to be placed near the athletic fields for which Delmar Bail contributed much of the construction. Delmar Bail was a friend of the Nevis School District. He owned a construction company and offered to haul in fill and level the fields into a useable area for athletic purposes. On May 15, 1981, Delmar Bail was honored for his help in restoring the Nevis baseball fields. Mr. Bail was born in Nevis 1921. He graduated from Nevis School in 1940 and entered the service. In 1948, he went to Grand Forks, North Dakota and started a construction company. At the height of his business, which had been sold by this time, he did \$5 to \$7 million in work each year with approximately 150 men on the payroll. Mr. Bail died April 13, 1992 and is interred in Lakeview Cemetery, Nevis, Minnesota.
- Mr. Bail donated over \$20,000 in manpower and equipment to build the new fields.
- Also instrumental in helping with the construction of the fields was John Wagenaar, Class of 1963. John worked for the highway department as a surveyor. He got the property surveyed and staked it for Delmar to do the work.



Above: Delmar Bail Monument

Left: Delmar Bail Family at the Dedication Ceremony.
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

July 28, 1981

- School lunch prices were raised to 60 cents for K-3, 70 cents for 4-6 and 80 cents for 7-12. Adult lunches were priced at \$1.30 (August meeting).

Countries of Central America

Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama

My Great Big Hungry Elephant Nearly Consumed Panama

August 24, 1981

- New drum set was approved to be purchased for the music department at a cost of \$791.
- The school board presented an overview of the costs of extra-curricular activities:

Activity	Expenditure	Revenue	Number of Students	Cost per Student
Track	92.56	0	33	2.80
FHA	2,664.81	0	31	85.96
Drama	340.15	0	32	10.63
Music	3,274.09	0	86	38.07
One Act	251.45	0	11	22.86
Musical	184.82	610.05	30	22.49
Volleyball	1,644.36	348.05	20	64.81
Football	4,577.50	968.78	46	78.45
Girls Basketball	2,452.63	545.19	19	100.40
Boys Basketball	2,543.57	962.16	27	58.57
TOTAL	22,124.16			
Salaries	19,231.91			
GRAND TOTAL	\$41,356.07	4.3% of the budget		

September 23, 1981

- Nevis teachers and the school board met at the Park Rapids Court House for a mediation session regarding salaries. The teachers wanted 15% each year while the district was offering 10% each year.

September 28, 1981

- Approved the senior class trip to Washington, D.C. from March 26 through April 2, 1982.

October 26, 1981

- Approved the purchase of 35 graduation gowns and caps from Josten's rather than renting them.

October 1981

- The tax levy for the year was set at \$459,216.
- To get into the state football playoffs, teams were selected from the winners of the various conference titles (it was not a play-in as it is today in 2020). There were 16 conferences in the state, all with their title winner in the state tournament. Nevis won their first game against Hoffman-Kensington 12-6, held at Nevis. Then, they beat Tower-Sudan 30-8 in Nevis. Their next game was against Argyle, the town where Principal Mr. Victor Larson just came from. Nevis lost 36-6 in the semi-final game.

Summary of the Report to the School Board 1981

The following was part of a 52 page report by Keiser Architecture, Corp. which the board hired for \$3,000 to examine the structure of the school.

- The original 1912 and 1922 addition to the building were good in their day. But, “in terms of present day standards of design, construction, safety, and functional use are completely out-dated and should be phased out as soon as possible.”
- The gym and office complex added in 1954 were considered useable in the future.
- The existing band room, which was moved to the site in 1978, should be regarded as temporary and phased out as soon as possible.
- The major problem is open stairways that are not protected by fire doors and roof structural problems.
- The 1922 roof had problems that needed to be corrected to prevent collapse and any water and snow build-up should be prevented.
- The school should find a new site with 30-40 acres and build an entirely new building.

November 23, 1981

- Nevis teachers settled their contract
 - They received a 26.2% raise over the next two years. The raises were 15.1% the first year and 11.1% the second. Salary and benefit increases for the two years amounted to \$4,522 per teacher.
 - A teacher with a bachelors degree would earn \$12,100 the first year and \$13,500 next year.
 - A teacher with a masters degree and 15 quarter graduate credits and ten years of experience was paid \$19,850 this year and \$21,500 next year.
 - Accumulated sick leave rose from 65 days to 90 days.
- Bus drivers were given a base salary of \$350 per month. Extra runs were paid at \$12 for the first hour and \$5 for each additional hour (\$10 and \$4 previously).

December 28, 1981

- Substitute teacher pay increased from \$35 to \$40 per day.

February 22, 1982

- A projected budget shortfall, resulted in several cuts being made:
 - Title I teacher cut,
 - Stopped paying for student accident insurance,
 - Fees to be charged for non-school groups to use the facilities,
 - Increased fan bus fees to games from \$.50 to \$1 for students and \$2 to \$3 for adults,
 - Elementary and 7th and 8th grade athletic programs would be funded through community education,
 - Free drivers education courses would now cost \$50 per student,
 - Field trips were to be paid through fundraising, not the district,
 - Eliminated class plays and cheerleading to cut the costs of advisor salaries,
 - Reduction in PAWN speech and gifted programs,
 - Volunteers on the school buses and the playgrounds instead of paid staff.

April 26, 1982

- Nevis senior class went on a class trip to Washington, D.C.
- The school board discussed the option of having a four-day school week
- There was a discussion at the school board meeting regarding the building referendum:
 - Cost of remodeling was \$80 per square foot, cost of new building was \$60 per square foot,
 - Windows were inadequate, letting cold in and heat out,
 - Discussed the idea of using the old building for a high school and building a new elementary,
 - There is leakage of water pipes,
 - The chimney in the school was adequate but would need to be checked with the state codes if converting to wood pellets,
 - Sections of the steam pipes need to be replaced,
 - Existing building contained approximately 38,534 square feet,
 - The existing building is not handicapped accessible,
 - The existing building did not meet present code requirements and fire and life safety requirements,
 - The roof structure of the 1922 building had structural problems, with recommendation to take “immediate action to correct the structural problems that this roof now has to prevent a possible structural collapse” .
 - The roof structure of the 1912 building was of questionable strength and it was advised no further dead loads be added,
 - Wood interior of the building is a fire hazard.

May 18, 1982

- The bus garage rental increased to \$250 per month.

August 23, 1982

- The volleyball team grew to 32 students. Head Coach Ms. Cindy Jacobs requested an assistant coach. Ms. Bette Toso was hired at a salary of 60% the head volleyball coach’s salary.
- Admission prices for all athletic events changed to \$1.50 for adults, \$.75 for high school students, and \$.50 for elementary students. Season passes would be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for high school students, and \$3.75 for elementary students for a fall or winter pass. All season passes would be \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for high school students, and \$7.50 for elementary students. Free passes would be available for clergy, senior citizens and any workers.

September 20, 1982

- Enrollment figures were presented at the school board meeting as 149 elementary students and 151 high school students for a total of 300 students.

December 20, 1982

- The school board approved entering into a cooperative agreement with Park Rapids for boys and girls track.
- Approved the making of an ice skating rink on the northeast corner of the school lot.

March 21, 1983

- Ms. Cindy Jacobs, the EMH (Educateably Mentally Handicapped) teacher, was approved for her class to take a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo.

April 25, 1983

- Since Prom attendees were required to use school bus transportation, it was approved that the district cover the cost of the bus.
- The school board approved trips taken within school hours were to be funded by the district and class trips for students would be charged only the actual cost of gas, oil, and drivers.

July 23, 1983

- The following policy changes were made at the school board meeting:
 - Students missing more than five days of school per quarter, will need to make up the days missed at the end of the year. If students fail to make up the days, they will not be promoted to the next grade.
 - Students will be required to be in school the next full day after a contest, except by excuse of the principal.
 - To participate in an activity, students must be in school all day.
 - Ineligibility will carry over from 4th quarter to the start of the next school year.

September 26, 1983

- Approved alumni from the two previous years to attend the homecoming dance.

December 1983

- The Laporte School Board voted to share a superintendent. The board agreed to pay Mr. Marlowe Halbur \$600 per month for services plus paying the Nevis School District \$600 for services. Mr. Halbur was to spend 3 days per month in Laporte, the time coming out of his Nevis vacation time as his Nevis contract would not be reduced. The sharing agreement was to last from December 1983 to July 1984. The Nevis School Board approved the same contract on November 31. Laporte had been without a superintendent since the start of the school year.

1984

- A statewide Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) funding formula was initiated.
- Teacher salaries for the 1984-85 school year started at \$15,340 and ended with \$24,890 after a BS degree, 105 quarter graduate credits, and 11 years of experience.

February 7, 1984

- The school board approved students to bring a guest to the Snow Days Dance.
- A new building referendum vote for \$2.35 million was held. The results were:
266 yes 380 no 646 total ballots

February 21, 1984

- 9th and 10th grade students were allowed to attend prom as a guest.
- Bus driver meal allowances were set at: breakfast \$4.50, lunch \$5.50, and dinner \$9.50.

April 1984

- Akeley and Nevis School Boards met to discuss consolidation. Some of the concerns included:
 - Nevis taxpayers taking on Akeley School District debt of \$975,000.
 - Sharing of school programs: currently speech was shared and the possibility of sharing a foreign language teacher was discussed. Nevis does not have a counselor and Akeley does, so this was another area the two districts could possibly share staff. Finally, the sharing of math and vocational program staff was discussed.
 - Losing identities of the two schools was the largest issue against consolidating.
 - The school boards were divided on whether consolidation would save money and also divided on expanding currently offered curriculums.
 - The school boards also discussed building a new elementary or high school which would be shared. The building would be located between the towns.

April 23, 1984

- Band instrument purchase in the amount of \$1,691 was approved for two instruments.
- A new clock and bell system was approved for purchase.

May 15, 1984

- The new surrogate parent law for disabled children was discussed.

July 1984

- Ground was broken for Akeley's statue of Paul Bunyan.

August 1984

- The school day started at 8:15 a.m. and ended at 3:08 p.m.
- Lunch costs were set at \$1.00 for grades 7-12, \$.90 for grades 4-6, and \$.80 for grades K-3.
- A new school bell and clock system was installed in the school over the summer.

September 24, 1984

- Mr. Kip Lof offered to sell the bus garage to the school district for \$16,500.

November 26, 1984

- Approved the thinning of Norway pines and sale of aspen from the school forest.
- First mention of Grandparents Day in the school board minutes, it was scheduled for January 23.



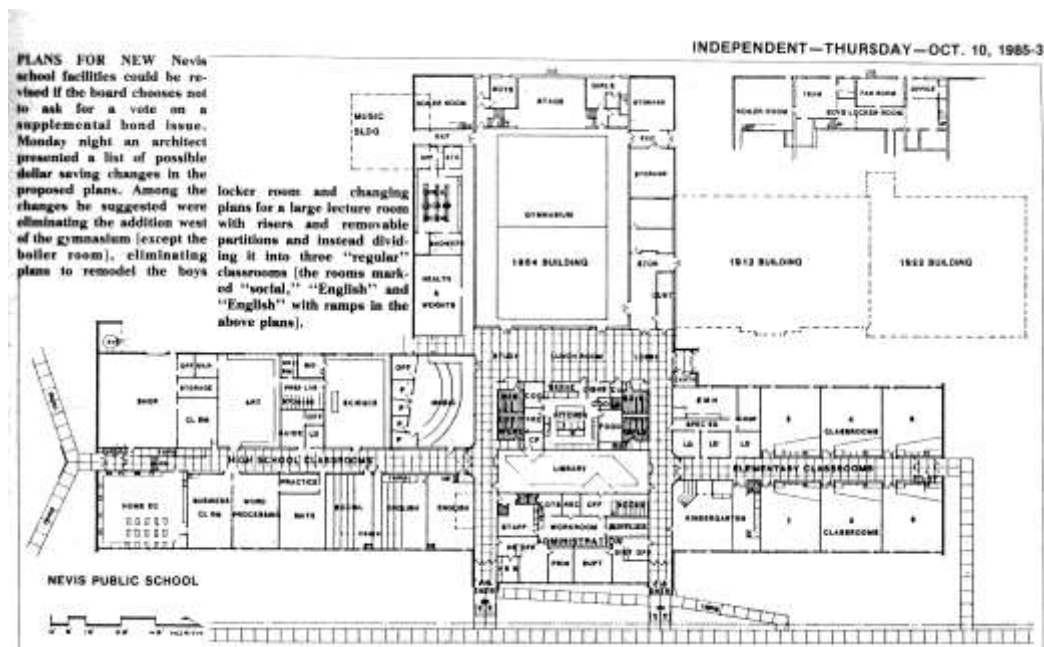
November Playground
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

1985

- Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) was enacted by the legislature. This allowed students to attend a college or university, free of charge to the student. The school district was responsible for paying for the student's books and tuition.

January 1985

The Minnesota Department of Education was asked to do a study in the fall of 1984 about the Nevis School District. Their results stated that the school should either consolidate with Park Rapids or build. Remodeling the original school building was not an option. The board received a 55-page study. The concerns discussed about the current building were the roof should be replaced, poor insulation in the walls and roof, interior walls cracked, windows drafty and need to be replaced, plumbing system is old, heating pipes are weak, and several fire safety problems including: wood floors, wood stairs, boiler room located below classrooms, no fire sprinkler system, and top floor fire escape is not ideal.



School Map courtesy of Northwoods Press

April 30, 1985

- Second vote on the new building referendum was held. The results were:
433 yes 328 no 2 spoiled 763 total ballots

The specifications on the old and new building are as follows:

	<u>Present Building</u>	<u>Proposed Building</u>
Kindergarten	690 sq ft	1200 sq ft
First Grade	690 sq ft	900 sq ft
Second Grade	690 sq ft	900 sq ft
Third Grade	690 sq ft	900 sq ft
Fourth Grade	600 sq ft	900 sq ft
Fifth Grade	840 sq ft	900 sq ft
Sixth Grade	690 sq ft	900 sq ft
Math	590 sq ft	830 sq ft
Computers	90 sq ft	290 sq ft
Home Economics	1026 sq ft	1510 sq ft
English	690 sq ft	750 sq ft
English	670 sq ft	850 sq ft
Social Studies	690 sq ft	750 sq ft
Business	780 sq ft	1200 sq ft
Music	1089 sq ft	1600 sq ft
Library	700 sq ft	1800 sq ft
Shop	2040 sq ft	2400 sq ft
Art	640 sq ft	1630 sq ft
Science	816 sq ft	1290 sq ft
Lunch Room	690 sq ft	1630 sq ft
Kitchen	600 sq ft	1320 sq ft
Total Area	28,338 sq ft	35,567 sq ft

The new building would make the areas handicapped accessible, otherwise an elevator would need to be installed in the building as only the gymnasium, 4th grade, 5th grade, and shop rooms were accessible for the handicapped in the original building.

Separate toilet facilities would be provided for high school students, elementary students, cooks (required by new codes), and faculty.

The English classrooms and social studies classroom could be opened into one large space to accommodate up to 180 students for AV (audio visual) presentations and lectures. The theatre chairs were used for seating and two of the rooms had elevated flooring. This was at an estimated additional cost of \$40,000 (the theatre seating was removed when the Tiger Arena was added in 1994).

The east wing was for elementary students while the west wing was for high school students. In the middle were the kitchen, library, and gym. The wings had fire doors that could be closed at night during events.

The new building would meet all the minimum requirements; the original building only had one classroom, and the shop, that met minimum standards as set by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Kindergarten students would hang their coats in the classroom while all other students would now have lockers.

Air conditioning would be installed in the music room, administrative offices, and library since they were considered summer use rooms.



Spring 1985 Ms. Joyce Alto retired from bus driving after 12 years. She was the first woman driver for Nevis School District.

July 15, 1985

- A new policy to prohibit smoking at school board meetings was approved.

September 25, 1985

- The school board discussed a request for Early Childhood programming through Community Education.

October 7, 1985

- It was approved for students to bring guests from other schools to the Homecoming Dance.

November 7, 1985

- Northwoods Press reported on the removal of the large trees in front and to the west of the school. They were removed to make way for the new school. Superintendent Marlowe Halbur stated it was easier to remove the trees in the fall before the frost set in. Rittgers Tree Service cleared the estimated 50 trees from the school's main sidewalk west and north to the tennis courts at a cost of \$3,100. The tree removal was approved at the October 28, 1985 school board meeting.



Front school yard after trees were logged
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press



Logging the trees in front of the school building. Photos courtesy of Northwoods press

November 18, 1985

- The school board approved a cooperative agreement with the Akeley School District for football, requiring the team to play 11-man football.
- A petition was started to stop the school district from progressing with building the new school. It was stated that there were too many concerns as the initial bids came in \$300,000 over budget. The architect told the school board they could change the plans or re-bid the building as is. The school board decided to re-bid the building. At the same time, the school board was looking at the possibility of consolidating with Akeley School District. The two school boards met several times.

December 3, 1985

- Approved the purchase of a VHS camcorder for \$1,295.

January 9, 1986

- Approved appointing a Student Council member to attend school board meetings.
- Nevis School Board voted not to form a cooperative with Akeley in football as had been previously decided. The Nevis football players attended the meeting and said they didn't want to form a cooperative agreement, per Northwoods Press article; no mention of this was made in the School Board minutes. When the announcement was made, Akeley quickly called Laporte and a cooperative agreement was made between the two schools, they were to be called the "Rebels".

February 24, 1986

- Approved Mr. Loren Avenson's, class of 1952, request to raffle off the school bell to raise funds for the flag pole. The bell had not been used since 1984 when the new bell system was installed.
- The class of 1952 also sold bricks from the old school to raise money.



1912 Bell auctioned off in 1987

March 14, 1986

- Last Friday that the bell was rung.