

The curriculum additions, deletions and revisions (CADR) proposal for the 2024-25 school year was adopted as presented by the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education at its November 19 meeting.

Several community members spoke in open forum regarding the proposal to eliminate middle school and high school advanced foundations of physics and high school advanced biology. High school teacher Scott Hertting and middle school teacher Cheryl Prosek spoke to the Board in support of the deletion and shared data and a flowchart of student course selections to support the change. Board members decided to remove the science portion of the proposal from the rest of the recommendation and it passed by a 6-1 vote.

The other revisions passed unanimously and included changes to health careers and culinary courses, modern world history, 3D design and astronomy. All of the new courses are at the high school and include a champion course, Ignite School Spirit course, photography, advanced 3D art and AP environmental science.

In other action, an end-of-school year retirement was approved for Renee Poeschl at Washington. A retirement effective Dec. 31 was approved for Susanne Parman at Horace Mann and a resignation was approved for Eric Thiede at the high school, effective Jan. 3. Also, Rose Andrist was hired as an educational assistant at Coolidge. The Board also approved stipends for an AP testing coordinator at \$5,000 and an ACT accommodations coordinator at \$4,000.

Policies were adopted for unrequested leaves of absence, health education, student activity accounts and animals on district property. A proposed policy change on technology was referred back to the policy committee for additional review.

The state champion girls cross country team was in attendance and was recognized at the start of the meeting.