

A summer school plan for 2025, a four-year lease agreement for new staff Apple devices and a number of staff retirements were approved by the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education at its February 4 meeting.

The primary change in summer school will transition the program to a three week, four-hour per day schedule that maintains the same total instructional hours as previous years. The change was supported by 82 percent of staff and 40 percent of parents (compared to 26 percent who preferred the previous schedule and 30 percent that had no preference).

The Apple lease will cost the district \$887,795 and will be deployed to all staff in the upcoming months. Apple will begin shipping the devices immediately upon Board approval.

In other action, the Board approved end-of-school year retirements for Activities Director Mike Elkin, high school teachers Steve Chovan, Andy LaLuzerne and Wendy Hermans, middle school teachers Valerie Cleveland and Michelle Burns, Horace Mann teachers Kristine Martin and Stefanie Monroe, Spring Road teacher Cheryl Gianopolous, Tullar teacher Amy Buege, operations staffer Ken Mathewson, Alliance educational assistant Jan Stankivitz and help desk manager Bryan VonDeylen.

A number of Board policies were adopted in the areas of emergency care and authorization, use of tobacco products by students, grant funding, internal controls, disposition and inventory of property and student health services.

The Board received an update from the district's Instructional Library Technology Specialists on the library plan for 2025-27. The plan addresses key areas such as collection development, technology integration, information literacy instruction, student engagement and collaboration with teachers and staff. It will be voted upon at the next meeting on February 18.