

The 2025-26 Employee Policy Manual and contracts for certified staff and administrators were approved by the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education at their May 6 meeting.

The biggest changes to the policy manual permit teachers to use personal days on Professional Learning Days and allow employees to exercise paid leave in increments of an hour. December 24 and December 31 have also been added as paid leave days for 12-month employees. Most of the other changes clarified or aligned existing practices and language.

Contracts were approved for 472 certified teaching staff through the 2025-26 school year and 24 administrators through the 2026-27 school year. Additionally, the Board approved a five-year lease on a firewall that provides content filters to prevent obscene and harmful content from reaching students. Public school districts are required to implement these filters. The five-year lease totals \$438,600.

The Board approved hires for Ben Johnston as the principal at Tullar and Shaun Liesch as activities director. Teaching hires were approved for Cheryl White, Michael Stoeger and Ariella Michaels at the high school, Corinne Schuh, Amanda Lucht and Anna Hephner at the middle school, Natalie Kluck and Nicole Spomer at Horace Mann and Emily Querio at Taft. Jodi Baltus was hired as an elementary art teacher.

In the District administrator's report, the Board of Education recognized its two scholarship recipients from the Class of 2025. The Special Olympics basketball team that won the Division 8 state championship was also honored for its achievement.

Board officers were selected through a voting process at the start of the meeting. Brian Epley was re-elected as president and Tara Brzezinski was re-elected as treasurer. Lauri Asbury was chosen as vice president and Alex Corrigan will serve as clerk.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 6 p.m.