

A review of proposed calendars for the next two school years and an update on capital projects from the past year headlined the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education meeting on December 17.

The previously approved calendar for 2025-26 had one day of school on Monday, December 22 and a Professional Learning Day on December 23. Those days are now proposed to be part of winter break with the Professional Learning Day moved to Friday, December 12. The school year will be extended two days to end on Friday, June 5 in order to accommodate the changes. For 2026-27, the calendar will feature a full two-week winter break with the school year concluding on Friday, June 4.

The capital projects update featured a look at interior and exterior updates, primarily at Horace Mann and Tullar as well as flooring projects at Lakeview, Spring Road, Alliance, Neenah Middle School, Coolidge and the administration building. Parking lot improvements were done at Lakeview, Coolidge, Tullar and the middle school, along with a new lot added at the high school. Projects also included a remodel of the fieldhouse entrance at the middle school, new bleachers at the pool and a new trophy case at the high school.

In action items, teaching hires were approved for Andrew Dowling at the high school and Brandi Skeens at the middle school. Amber Bouchard was approved as the work based learning and community outreach coordinator at the high school. End-of-school year retirements were approved for Debra Rosera at Coolidge and Cheryl Prosek at the middle school. Resignations were approved for Emily Block at Horace Mann, effective January 3, and Kaitlyn Friant at Tullar, effective June 6.

Board policies were adopted for travel-related expenses, open enrollment, toxic hazards and various technology areas.

Dr. Mike Altekruze provided an update on how the district is handling mental health situations in regards to school safety.