

A first review of the proposed boundary changes and closing of Hoover Elementary School headlined the February 6 Neenah Joint School District Board of Education meeting.

The plan would adjust the boundary areas for students attending Lakeview, Horace Mann and Coolidge. Some students attending Tullar would also be affected. Hoover would close under the plan. About 15 people spoke in open forum regarding the proposal. The Board requested more information on how students and staff would be supported in the transition to their new schools. There was also discussion about Title I funding under the new boundary plan. The Board is expected to vote on the proposal at its next meeting on February 20.

District legal counsel Jim Macy provided an overview relative to the roles and responsibilities of Board members. Macy discussed legal responsibilities of individual board members, the board as a whole and the relationships with those they serve.

The Board approved several end-of-school year retirements and Board members noted their personal connections and appreciation to the dedication of the retirees. The group includes Spring Road principal Diane Luft, high school teachers Beth Plankey and Cheryl White, middle school teachers Jodi Stanchik and Gerald Spanbauer, Horace Mann teacher Jennifer Wunrow, middle school attendance clerk Diane Gardner, high school educational assistant Dawn Albanese and Lakeview educational assistant Jill Layendecker.

Hires were approved for Caitlyn Vajgrt as the District's Equity and Inclusion Coordinator and Billy Munoz as a teacher at Horace Mann. Educational assistant hires included Heather Logterman at Coolidge, Kelly Kaiser-VanOrsouw at Hoover and Hayden Newman at Spring Road.

Resignations were approved for Amber Voelkel and Tanya Olson at Taft, Nick Osowski and Wendy Elskamp at Hoover, Taylor Schmidt at Horace Mann and Nathaniel Blood, Mary Schulz and Kristen Martinez at the high school. An end-of-school year resignation was approved for Nickolas Parmentier at the middle school.

The middle school and high school robotics teams were recognized and performed a brief demonstration for the Board. The Board also read a proclamation from Governor Evers honoring bus drivers for Bus Driver Appreciation Week Feb. 12-16.