

A defeasance plan to pay off referendum debt early and an amended food service contract with Chartwell's were approved by the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education at its May 20 meeting.

The defeasance plan places funds in an escrow account through Associated Bank to prefund a portion of referendum debt from 2020. The Board approved moving \$1,981,951 into the account, which will result in approximately \$451,474 in taxpayer savings. The prepayment also generates additional state aid for the District in future years.

The amended food service contract includes a per meal increase of 3.0 percent for the district. The increase is in accordance with increases laid out in the original agreement. Meal prices for families will be determined in the annual fees report this summer.

In personnel moves, Carrie Naparalla was hired as the principal at Alliance. Teaching hires include Cambria Loomans and Ben Stumpf at the high school, Taylor Baehman and Katie Hintz at Coolidge, Emily Humy at the middle school and Hayley Weise as an elementary literacy coach. End-of-school-year resignations were approved for Mason Priebe at the high school, Dawn Miller at the middle school, Jessica Hawley at Taft, Valerie Hagen at Coolidge and Achraf Biriki as instructional systems analyst and manager.

During the student report, Jace Ostermeier was recognized for his service as a student representative to the Board in his final meeting.

The next meeting is set for June 3.