

A 16-member committee that will be charged with the process of revising the Neenah Joint School District's Human Growth and Development curriculum was approved by the Board of Education at its May 21 meeting.

A total of 95 people from the community expressed interest in being part of the committee. The individuals were chosen by random in accordance with state statutes for committee membership.

The Board also approved a defeasance plan where funds are placed in an escrow account through Associated Bank to prefund a portion of referendum debt from 2020. The Board approved moving \$1,480,044 into the account, which will be paid in 2037 and result in approximately \$471,306 million in taxpayer savings. The prepayment also generates additional state aid for the District in future years.

An amended food service contract with Chartwell's was approved. The amendment includes a per meal increase of 3.0 percent. The increase is in accordance with increases laid out in the original agreement.

The Board approved a revised communications plan. It is the first update to the plan since 2012 and was developed through comments from community sessions that included virtual and in-person options and a feedback form. The primary focus of the plan is a cleaner website and more consistent communication coming from each of the schools.

In personnel moves, the Board approved the hires of teachers Kayla Scaletty for physical education, Danielle Flouro for math and Dawn Miller for special education at the middle school. Trey Buchberger was hired as a physical education teacher at Clayton and the middle school and Annika Lasee was hired to teach French and Spanish at the middle and high school. At Coolidge, Alexandria Schmidt was hired for fourth grade and Katie Hintz was hired as a counselor. Corrie Jape was hired as the administrative assistant at Lakeview.

Resignations were approved for Facilities Director Cale Pulczynski and Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Tim Kachur, both effective June 28. Resignations were approved for teachers Megan Henn at Washington, Steven Gross at the middle school, Katherine Kollath and Horace Mann and Allison Guerra at Clayton.

The Board honored junior Anthony Marose and senior Tristin Yun for achieving perfect scores on the ACT exam. Senior Berkley McInnis also was in attendance and was honored for achieving a four-year gold medallion from the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association.

The next meeting is set for June 4.