

The Neenah Joint School District Board of Education approved Network Health as the District's insurance provider for 2025 at its October 15 meeting. The plan includes a guaranteed renewal option for 2026 with a maximum 10 percent increase.

Four options will be offered to employees with two of them only allowing employees to use in-network providers. The overall cost to the District will rise 10 percent, but employees will see a cost reduction by choosing an in-network only plan. The Health Savings Account contributions will remain at \$1,000 on single plans and \$2,000 for family plans. Vision insurance costs will decrease by 13 percent for next year. The insurance buyout will remain at \$2,000.

In other action, the Board approved a number of policies. Included were policies on employment of substitutes and extra-curricular personnel, academic honesty, suspensions and expulsions, search and seizures, capital assets accounting, assistive technology and social media.

In personnel moves, Sara Gerrits was hired as an educational assistant at Lakeview and an end-of-school year retirement was approved for Spring Road teacher Cheri Jensen.

The administration also presented clarification to four questions posed by the Board at the October 1 meeting in regards to seclusions and restraints. The information included historical data and context related to the District's practices.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 5. The annual budget hearing is scheduled for October 29.