

Retirements will cost PW-S district 14 staff members

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The Port Washington-Saukville School Board on Monday approved retirement requests for nine veteran teachers and five paraprofessionals.

The 14 retirements are effective at the end of this school year in June and come on the heels of 23 employee retirements last school year, the most the district has had in recent history.

Teachers who are retiring on June 30 are: Jim Juech, fourth grade at Saukville Elementary School; Pam Kirsch, special education at Thomas Jefferson Middle School; Cheryl Lanser, fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary School; Jerome "Bim" LeMahieu, fifth grade at Thomas Jefferson Middle School; Linda Lohr, fifth grade at Thomas Jefferson Middle School; Diane Pfaffenroth, first grade at Saukville Elementary School; Linda Raschka-Garcia, third grade at Saukville Elementary School; Christine Rismeyer, fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary School; and Lilly Wisotzke, fifth grade at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Retiring paraprofessionals are Jane Allam, Thomas Jefferson Middle School; Kay Gnorski and Diane Kozlowski, both at Port Washington High School; Becky LeDuc, Dunwiddie Elementary School; and Linda Verhey, Lincoln Elementary School.

"We have some great people leaving our district after many years of service and I'm sure we'll have some great people coming into this district," Supt. Michael Weber said.

The deadline for submitting retirement notifications was Feb. 1.

Of the 23 employees who retired last year, 18 were teachers. Many of the retirements were prompted by changes to the teacher contract, which was influenced by the state's budget-repair law.