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## Hoopeston Area teachers, board work towards new contract

### Mediator schedule stalls talks until September

Hoopeston Area teachers returned to the classroom this year without a contract, but those working towards a new agreement are hopeful a fair settlement will be reached.

Money and some language items are items on the table, according to John Brown of the Hoopeston Education Association and Steve Unger, spokesman for the school board's negotiating team.

Money issues include salary and those things which cost the district money, including paid time off for which a substitute must be paid. Language issues are those things not tied to finances.

Both sides met with a federal mediator on Aug. 22 for a five-hour session at which some progress was made, Unger and Brown said. Because of the mediator's schedule, new talks will not be held until Sept. 25, Unger added.

While both sides may meet without the negotiator, no talks have been scheduled between the two.

When a new contract is agreed upon by both the HEA membership and the board of education, it will be retroactive to the expiration day of the last contract but that date is unclear. Unger said the old contract listed two

dates, one Aug. 17 and one Aug. 31, as expiring dates. That discrepancy will be cleaned up in the new contract.

Brown said bargaining has been "difficult" this year, with both sides meeting 10 times since April 17. However, the HEA has not called a strike vote. "The HEA will continue to bargain in good faith and see the students as our top priority," he said.

Unger concurred. "I don't think there's anything adversarial out there," he said. "I'm hopeful we'll get it taken care of."

Members of the board's negotiating team include Brown, chief negotiator Chris Newman, Shawn Swartzentruber, Teri Silver, Kay Brown and Dan Park. The board's committee includes Unger, Dwight Judy and Mark Eighner.

## Sweetheart hopefuls announced

*Editor's Note: this is the second part in a series on contestants in the National Sweetheart Pageant.*

Thirty-four women will compete in the National Sweetheart Pageant this year. They include:

**Miss Nebraska:** Ashley Marie Bauer, 2, of Scottsbluff. A University of Nebraska-Omaha student, she is

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## Thursday, August 31

5 p.m. Gates Open  
Display Area Opens  
Beer Tent Opens in Annex  
5-10 p.m. Ride Special \*Bracelet Night  
7 p.m. Truck/Tractor Pull 1 (Annex)  
11 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

## Friday, September 1

5 p.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission  
Midway, Display Area Open  
Beer Tent Opens in Annex  
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
7 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)  
Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)  
8 p.m.-11 p.m. Teen Dance (Jaycee Shelter)  
11 p.m. Midway closes

## Saturday, September 2

6 a.m. Flea Market Opens  
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - Honeywell School  
8 a.m. Sweetcorn 5K Run - Honeywell School  
8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Run - Honeywell School  
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission  
Hooterville Iron Car Show (South End)  
10:30 a.m. Grand Parade  
Noon Midway, Display Area Open  
John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
Beer Tent Opens in Annex  
1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
1:30-5:30 p.m. **Free Sweetcorn Served**  
3:30 p.m. John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
6 p.m. Demo Derby I (Annex)  
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
7 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)

8 p.m.-11 p.m. Teen Dance (Jaycee Shelter)  
11 p.m. Midway closes  
12 a.m. Beer Tent closes

## Sunday, September 3

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens  
9 a.m. Gate Opens - \$1 admission  
Noon Midway, Display Area Open;  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
12-4 p.m. **Free Sweet corn served**  
12-10 p.m. Beer Tent Opens in Annex  
1 p.m. Children's Fishing Derby  
Corn Cook-off (Display Tent)  
Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
1-4 p.m. John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
4:30 p.m. Demo Derby II -(Annex)  
6 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (Civic Center)  
7 p.m. John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
Pageant Reception  
Midway closes  
10 p.m.

## Monday, September 4

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens  
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission  
9:30 a.m. Antique Auto Show  
Display Area Opens  
Noon Midway, Beer Tent Open  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
12-4 p.m. **Free Sweetcorn Served**  
12-5 p.m. Ride Special \*Bracelet Day  
12:30 p.m. John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
2 p.m. Figure 8 Demo Derby(Annex)  
4 p.m. John Morrissy Magic Road Show  
Corn Eating Contest  
9 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

## Sweethearts continued from other side

majoring in bioinformatics. She plans to attend medical school and become a dermatologist. She will perform a piano/vocal to "You Don't Know Me."

**Miss Nevada:** Caleche Manos, 21, of Reno. She will perform the vocal, "Black Velvet." A student at University of Nevada, she majors in interior design/communications. She hopes to own an interior design firm and collect and restore antiques.

**Miss New Hampshire:** Kristen Finn, 22, of Hooksett. A graduate student at Southern New Hampshire University, she plans to be a social studies teacher. She hopes to publish a children's book about muscular dystrophy. She will perform the vocal, "A New Life."

**Miss New Jersey:** Sheri Leanne Drach, 20, of National Park. She will perform the vocal, "Somewhere

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