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Hoopeston Area teachers picket Monday afternoon prior to a meeting between the union and school board negotiating committees and a federal mediator. A tentative agreement was reached after the bargaining session.

Marathon bargaining session nets tentative contract

A marathon bargaining session has tentatively ended a dispute between Hoopeston Area teachers and the board of education.

Sides met with a federal mediator for about 13 hours Monday night, from 5 p.m. until after 5 a.m., said John Brown, Hoopeston Education Association spokesman. "It feels great to have a tentative settlement," he said.

Superintendent Mark Conolly was equally positive

about the outcome of Monday's meeting. "Everybody's hopeful and optimistic," he said Tuesday morning. "It's always nice to bring resolution to an issue like this."

Details of the proposed contract were not released pending ratification by HEA membership and the board.

The union is set to meet Wednesday afternoon for a ratification vote, Brown said. The board will meet No-

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Christopher A. Hankins, Hoopeston, failed to appear for status hearing; case will be registered with the circuit court.

Michael Carswell, Hoopeston, failed to appear for status hearing; case will be registered with the circuit court.

Kevin M. Kaufman, Hoopeston, status hearing continued to Nov. 2.

Letters to the Editor



Teachers' union says thank you

On behalf of the HEA-IEA-NEA, we would like to thank St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the First Church of God for hosting prayer vigils for the current contract negotiations. We would also like to thank the members of the community for their continuing prayerful support.

> Suzi Root **HEA President**



Raquel Torres, Hoopeston, given 28 hours community service work in lieu of \$180 fine.

Gayle R. Cunningham, East Lynn, status hearing continued to Dec. 21.

Elijah L. Hunt, Hoopeston, status hearing continued to Nov. 2.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:15 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of East Maple.

Police said Robert L. Voyles of Wellington, in a 1998 Plymouth van, struck a parked 2004 Dodge Stratus.

Voyles was at fault for improper backing.

A boy's black Mongoose bicycle was found Tuesday in the 600 block of South Fifth Ave. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Contract continued from other side

vember 9 and is expected to vote on the proposed contract at that meeting.

The tentative agreement ends what is believed to be the longest dispute between educators and the board. Last year, the sides enrolled the help of a mediator to reach a one-year contract in September.

This year, negotiations began April 17 and continued through 15 sessions. Most recently, the sides met October 16 and 18 without the negotiator and picketed prior to the Oct. 19 school board meeting.

Issues included base salary, longevity incentives, insurance and Fair Share, which would be paid by nonunion teachers. Of 102 teachers, about 75 belong to the union.

Teachers have remained in the classroom throughout negotiations, working under terms of last year's contract which expired the end of August. The new contract will be retroactive to the beginning of this school year.

Weather



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