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Suzi Root named Honeywell principal starting in August

Suzi Root will take over the reins of Honeywell School starting in the next school year.

The appointment was made by Superintendent Hank Hornbeck at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Root has been employed at Hoopeston Area since 1998, working as a classroom teacher. Most recently, she has been coordinator of Response to Intervention, a program designed to identify and assist students with learning and behavior needs.

Root was one of 20 people who applied for the opening, created by current Principal Linda Sheppard's retirement, Hornbeck said. A committee whittled the list down to five. That number was cut to two before Root was selected.

The board congratulated Root, as did Sheppard, who said she would "do whatever I can to help the transition."

In other personnel action, the board:

- Hired Erika Ramos as high school head girls track coach, effective February 20.
- Approved Jeff Alexander as high school JV boys baseball coach, effective February 20.
- Approved Ashley Beauvois as volunteer co-director of the spring musical.
- Approved Alina Burk's resignation as personal aide, effective February 3.
- Approved Ross Bryll's resignation as JV baseball coach, effective February 19.

In unrelated business, the board reviewed a draft of a dual credit policy with Danville Area Community College.

The policy would allow juniors and seniors to take DACC classes, earning both high school and college credits.

Under the proposal, beginning next year, students

would be able to take classes at the DACC Higher Learning Center in Hoopeston. Seniors with a grade point average of 3.0 would be allowed to take a maximum of two credit courses per semester, outside of regular school hours. Juniors with a GPA of 3.4 would be allowed to take one credit course per semester.

Beginning with the class of 2017, seniors with at least a 3.4 GPA may take dual credit courses at the DACC campus during the school day.

Under the proposal, such students must have taken advanced placement English III and be enrolled in another advanced course.

Seniors must be enrolled at Hoopeston Area for at least four periods each semester, enrolled in government, English IV, PE and another elective, with at least one being and advanced placement course.

Additional suggested requirements include students involved in extracurricular activity providing a weekly grade report to the office from the DACC instructor, for purposes of eligibility. Students will not be able to substitute a required HAHS course with one from DACC and, beginning in 2016-17, will no longer be able to take rhetoric 101 and 102 as a substitute for English IV.

Curriculum coordinator Emily Brown developed the framework of the proposed policy, researching what other districts allow for dual credit students.

The board is expected to vote on the policy at its March meeting. Hornbeck noted the March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, to accommodate principals being in their buildings during parent-teacher conferences Thursday evening.

In other business, the board heard from Hornbeck that currently, the last day of school will be May 27, but that the board will not amend the school calendar yet, in case of additional snow days. Three have been used this year, he said.

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Jason Crose, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of East Thompson. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Crose was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 47-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 2:43 p.m. Thursday that someone kicked in the door of his

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home in the 400 block of East Thompson. Nothing was reported stolen.

A 25-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 4:15 p.m. Thursday that someone stole her blue and white

Obituaries

GOODRUM - Shirley Ann (Sanders) Goodrum, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 2:11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, with rosary at 6:45 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Provena Cancer Center, 806 N. Logan Ave., Danville IL 61832.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, applesauce, Tropical Twist juice, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Beefy fiestada, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hotdog/bun, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, salad bar, green beans, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Turkey & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Pork BBQ/bun or cheeseburger, salad bar, mac & cheese, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Taco Max Snax or chicken patty/bun, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Sausage pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Wind chill advisory until 9 a.m. Sunny today. High 11. Tonight, clear. Low -1. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 27, low 13.

pit bull from the 400 block of South Fourth St.

The dog was found Sunday. A resident found it running and caught it to keep it safe. The dog was returned to its owner.

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