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HA board of education approves administrator pay hikes

Hoopeston Area administrators - and other 12-month salaried employees - were each given a \$1,000 raise for 2016-17.

The board voted on the increase at Thursday's monthly board meeting.

The increase means Supt. Hank Hornbeck, who will retire in 2017, will have a base salary of \$130,675.82, based on salary information posted on the district's website.

With the increase, Larry Maynard, high school principal, will go to \$94,738.02; Maple principal Lori Eells, Maple to \$91,032.39; Dan Walder, John Greer principal, \$74,287.02; Anne Burton, middle school principal, \$74,287.02; and Suzi Root, Honeywell principal, \$68,950.

Along with salaries, administrators also have district-paid retirement and health and life insurance.

In other personnel issues, the board:

- Approved Ashley Gondzur as high school summer credit recovery English teacher.
- Approved resignations of Anna Brutlag as Title I aide and Mark White as John Greer personal aide, both effective at the end of the school year.
- Approved Ross Bryll's resignation as assistant football

coach, effective March 18.

- Approved Carlos Ramos as football volunteer, effective April 21.
- Approved Family and Medical Leave Act request of Penny Connor for the rest of the school year.
- Hired Kyle Ramos as assistant high school football coach, effective April 21.
- Approved salaries of Tim Hillard, mark Eighner, Rodney Comstock and Curt Spaur for the 2016-17 year.
- Tabled until May hiring a student services coordinator at Maple.

In unrelated business:

• Hornbeck talked about Illinois' overpayment of \$168 million to taxing bodies in the state. Hoopeston Area's share of the total is \$75,094.43. "The good news is we don't have to write them a check," he said, adding the state will deduct the overpayment over time.

Hornbeck said the overage was in personal property replacement tax, a tax collected by the state and paid to local governments after the state eliminated personal property taxes on corporations, partnerships and other business entities.

• Hornbeck also said district health insurance costs rose by 9.5 percent this year, less that the 20 percent costs would have risen if Hoopeston Area had not had a multi-year contract for insurance. The hike will add \$56 per month to the cost of single coverage, which will be split between the district and employee.

• The board approved the high school Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy, effective at the start of the 2016-17 year.

• The board also approved the John Greer eligibility policy and the new high school football co-op agreement for 2016-17 and 2017-18 with Schlarman Academy and Armstrong Potomac.

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EASTBURN - Nadeen P. (Highfill) Crose-Eastburn, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. funeral Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Living, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston, IL 60942 or Alzheimer's Association, 303 N. Hershey Road Suite 2A, Bloomington, IL 61704.

GERMAN - Esta Alphasine "Alphie" (Wisner) German, 89, of Watseka, formerly of Milford, died Friday, April 22, 2016, at Watseka Rehab and Healthcare. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Edmund Catholic Church, Watseka. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to the church, Heritage Woods or Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

LEEMON - Scott Franklin Leemon, 53, of Hoopeston, died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Visitation was 2-6 p.m.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk

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

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, pears, celery sticks, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken taco chips & salsa, baby carrots salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty or ham & cheese, salad bar, broccoli & cheese, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Cheese quesadilla or pork BBQ/bun, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

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

Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. He will be cremated and his ashes scattered on the family farm. Memorials are suggested to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Illinois Chapter, 651 W. Washington Blvd., Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60661 or The Shorthorn Foundation, 1800 Lovers Leap, Van Alstyne, TX 75495.

SHIPMAN - Larry D. "L.D." Shipman, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 11:07 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Church of

Board continued from other side

- Approved buying two 71-passenger, gasoline powered buses from Central States Bus Sales at a cost not to exceed \$124,272.84.

- Approved the Marching Cornjerkers' request to take part in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla., on December 19, 2017.

- Approved the amended 2015-16 school calendar to include two snow days, making the last day of school May 26. The board also approved the 2016-17 calendar.

- Approved the high school student policy manual. Maynard said the biggest change was in the student discipline section, to "make sure the language lines up with the law" of SB 100.

- Heard from officials who said thoughts are going out to athletic director Brian Hodge, who has a serious medical condition.

Hornbeck thanked everyone, including Maynard and coaches, who have stepped up during Hodge's illness, to make district athletics run smoothly.

- Heard from Maynard that the high school is now on Instagram, under Hoopeston Area High. As of Thursday, the school had about 185 followers, he said.

- Heard from Root that Maple's Jump Rope for Heart raised \$7,000.

Weather

Slight chance of storms, breezy today. High 81. Tonight, chance of storms. Low 58. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of storms late. High 73, low 49.

Obituaries

the Nazarene, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church, 402 E. Honeywell Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942.

WOOD - Ronald W Wood, 90, of Hendersonville, Tenn., formerly of Rossville, died Monday, April 18, 2016. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Wednesday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Blurton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

From the Blotter

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Wednesday's issue that a vehicle driven by Michael Golden, of Danville, struck one driven by Brenda Crusinberry, of Hoopeston.

Crusinberry's vehicle struck Golden's. Just the Facts regrets the error.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:46 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of East McCracken. Police said Michael Brotherton, of Hoopeston, backed a 1999 Dodge truck from his driveway into a parked 2006 Chevrolet coupe.

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