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All-weather track may be reality if hurdles can be crossed

A plan to build an eight-lane all-weather track at Hoopeston Area High School may be more like long distance running than a sprint.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston Area School Board, building & grounds Mark Eighner said he and head custodian Curt Spaur are the start of a committee to see if the project is feasible and that logistics and funding are the two main challenges.

The first objective, Eighner said, was to determine if the enclosed track would fit in the footprint of the current six-lane track without moving bleachers and four light poles. By extending the new track 18 feet to the south, neither of those would have to be moved, but the scoreboard would, he told the board.

The other issue is the cost and how it will be paid. Eighner said he is working with Midwest Track Builders and has received an estimate for their part of the work. He did not disclose the amount of the estimate at the meeting. Estimates from two other contractors are expected for each of the three parts of the project.

The City of Hoopeston has approved \$50,000 of tax increment financing funds towards the project after Eighner wrote a letter to the city asking for funds and approval of a five-year "intent" towards the project. While acknowledging the city could not budget funds not yet received, Eighner hopes the city will provide \$230,000 of the total cost over five years.

Other donations, both cash and in-kind will be sought for the project.

In other action, the board:

● Heard from Hornbeck that five district employees will be honored at the Golden Ruler banquet April 25 at Bismarck. Honorees include teachers Sara Troxel and Shawn Swartzentruber, cafeteria director Tina Samet, curriculum coordinator Emily Brown and bus driver Tim Walsh.

● Heard from Eighner that he will be seeking requests for proposal for a plan to put solar panels on the high/middle school roof. In January, renewable energy consultant Dave Wilms presented the board with some information about using solar to power the buildings.

● In related energy discussion, Eighner said watched a webinar on Volkswagen's settlement payments to states, some of which he hopes will trickle down to schools, which could lead to trading in some diesel buses for electric models.

The request for proposals would allow costs for such a plan to be determined.

● Heard from board member Chris Small that the extra-curricular committee is looking at a booster club between Hoopeston Area, Schlarman Academy and Armstrong Potomac solely to support the football program. The committee also discussed sixth graders "playing up" with seventh and eighth grade students for baseball and volleyball.

● Heard reports from curriculum coordinator Emily Brown, Response to Intervention coordinator Lisa Acton and community liaison Amy Linares.

● Approved employing the presented list of certified, non-tenured teachers for 2017-18.

● Accepting resignations of teacher Hannah Watts at the end of the school year; and Jill Caughron, middle school cheerleading coach, effective March 14.

● Approved the transfer of Karen Berryman from high school special education to middle school education, effective August 17.

● Approved the continued employment of district principals Susan Root, Dan Walder, Anne Burton and Larry Maynard.

● Approved continued employment of Tim Hillard, mark Eighner, Rodney Comstock and Curt Spaur with a starting date of July 3.

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Briefly

Little League signups

Hoopeton Little League will hold signups Friday, Mar. 17, 3-6 p.m. in Room 6 at the middle school. Someone will be sitting on the northwest corner closest to Casey's. Fees are \$50 for T-Ball, \$65 for Instructional through Major and \$75 for Pony League. There is a \$5 discount

City man pleads not guilty to felony charges in incident with kids

A Hoopeton man arrested Monday for child endangerment is facing more charges after his arraignment. Apolinar Solis Jr. appeared Wednesday in Vermilion County Circuit Court on two counts of aggravated unlawful restraint, Class III felonies; two counts of endangering the life of a child and one count of unlawful use of a weapon, all Class A misdemeanors. Class III felonies are punishable by two to five years in prison. Class A misdemeanors carry a possible prison sentence of less than one year. Solis pleaded not guilty to the charges and was released on \$500 cash bond. A preliminary hearing on the charges is set for March 30.

per additional child living in the same household.

At the library

Upcoming events at the Hoopeton Public Library include:
Treeclimbers Genealogy Group meets at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 18 in the Teen Room (upstairs north

The charges stem from an incident at 8:21 p.m. Monday at Solis' home in the 300 block of Dice amid allegations that he was going to hurt himself and two children.

Hoopeton police and the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department Special Operations Group were involved in Solis' arrest.

From the Blotter

Steven P. Menschel, 60, of Hoopeton, was arrested after an incident at 7:58 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of East Honeywell. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 32-year-old Hoopeton woman and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeton City Court.

Obituaries

ANDERSON - Carolyn L. Anderson, 77, formerly of Rossville, died Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park Chapel, Danville. She will be cremated, with entombment at a later date.

COON - June (Pentecost) Coon, 77, of Hoopeton, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeton. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeton. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeton. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Weather

Showers likely today. High 50. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 43, low 28. Sunny, Partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 53, low 41.

end). This program is open to anyone interested in genealogy and family research.

Spring Break Family Movie, 2 p.m., Thursday. Parents and children are invited to enjoy the fun new animated musical "Sing!" Free popcorn will be served. Bring your own drinks (closed containers). Kids ages 8 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

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