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Hoopeston Area board sets up road rules for info superhighway

Hoopeston Area High School students who travel the information superhighway now have rules of the road, thanks to the district school board.

At Thursday's meeting, the board approved an acceptable use policy to go along with the school's recent ability to access the Internet.

The policy forbids students from sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures, using obscene language, violating copyright work and using the network for commercial purposes.

Students are also asked not to misrepresent their ages or make unauthorized copies of software or information and holds the school not responsible for material accessed by students.

Penalties for those who violate the agreement,

which must also be signed by parents, can range from suspension of computer privileges to suspension or expulsion from school, said high school principal Mark Conolly.

The policy was taken from the Internet and was "tightened up" for the school, Conolly said. "We tried to address everything, but it will be updated in the future," he said.

In unrelated action, board president Ed Layden Jr., the district's representative to the Vermilion Association for Special Education, will vote his conscience next month when the cooperative votes on Danville's request to withdraw from the group.

The Danville district has requested to withdraw

See HA on other side

Briefly

Don't forget to call

Today is the day to vote for your favorite yard in the Hoopeston Jaycees/Just the Facts Christmas yard decorating contest.

To nominate a yard, call 283-9348 from 2-4 p.m. today. Winners will receive \$25 for first place, \$15 for second and \$10 for third.

Winners will be announced next week in Just the Facts.

Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library is once again helping the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

From now until Jan. 3, 1997, the library will accept nonperishable food or paper products in lieu of fines for overdue materials. Each item donated will equal \$1 toward the fine.

All items collected will be donated to the Food

Cupboard.

Children's Christmas party planned

The Hoopeston Multi Agency, in conjunction with the Hoopeston Jaycees, will host a children's Christmas party from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Parents are welcome to attend the party, which is open to all Hoopeston area children.

No gifts will be exchanged, but hot dogs and barbecue will be served and Dave Barker of Maui Club will provide music.

For more information, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Luminaries available

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because it provides its own special education services and because it spends more for participation in the cooperative than it receives in services, said Hoopeston Superintendent Don Dean.

If Danville leaves the association, the group will lose approximately \$140,000, Dean said, adding the cooperative's director has said much of that will be recouped through Danville purchasing individual services from the group.

Hoopeston board member Gary Miller urged Layden to vote for Danville's request. "I'm only envious of Danville if they can get out, from what I've seen of VASE," he said. "I would urge you, Eddie, to let Danville out, but I'll respect your judgment."

Miller said his biggest complaint with the association is it is not "budget conscious. If Danville pulls out, maybe they'll cut staff and not need a new building and all the other things they've wasted money on," he said.

The association is looking for a new building because the current site, purchased within the last few years, is not large enough. "They had to have it but then found out they couldn't use the second floor because it doesn't meet code," Miller said.

Dean agreed with Miller's assessment, saying the group bought the building at 10 p.m. after being

pressured into the purchase. "We probably have the most modern attic that we can't go up to," he said.

Board member Steve Unger asked whether Hoopeston should consider leaving the VASE, but Dean said the district is not large enough to provide all special education services the cooperative provides. "Danville can be captain of their own ship, but the rest of us, there's no way we could do it," he said.

Before Danville can withdraw, the request must be voted on by the VASE board. It will then go to the regional school trustees, the state special education board and finally, the nine-member Illinois State Board of Education, Dean said.

In unrelated business, the board:

❑learned increased utility prices will cost the district \$30,000 to \$40,000 this year.

❑took no action on a request from Rossville-Alvin schools to share psychology and social worker

Court dispositions



Dec. 5: Elsa Granados, Hoopeston, no valid driver's license; pleaded by mail.

Misty Highfield, Fowler, Ind., bond hearing; failed to appear.

Kelly Howell, Hoopeston, to pay \$95; continued to Jan. 2, 1997.

Jeremy Lile, Hoopeston, speeding; \$95.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 18, 1996

Admitted: Jesse Lane, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Evelyn Inman and Nancy Long, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High near 17. Tonight, cloudy. Low near 5. Tomorrow, snow showers. High near 36, low near 15. Sunday, showers. High near 43, low near 34.

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