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Choosing courses no sweat with physical ed policy change

Choosing college preparatory classes will be no sweat for Hoopeston Area juniors and seniors following action at Thursday's school board meeting.

The board voted 5-2 to allow juniors and seniors to opt out of physical education classes in order to take classes relating to further education.

Students must make their requests by the last day of school the year before they want to eliminate physical education.

The district's curriculum committee had recommended only seniors be allowed to opt out of the class.

The final decision on all requests will be made by the high school administration.

Board members Steve Unger and Ed Layden Jr. voted against the policy change.

"I want (things to stay the way they are) but I'd settle for one year (instead of two)," Unger said, adding it will

be difficult to tell whether students will opt out to meet higher education requirements or because they do not want to take physical education. "I think that's very dangerous," he said.

Also, Unger said, the change does not address a core problem of students wanting to take 16 semester hours of music, while only eight hours of math are required. "It's a band-aid solution," he said.

The policy change resulted from a request made by student Jessica Brackmann at the April meeting. Brackmann, who is in band and chorus and hopes to receive a music scholarship, asked to drop physical education to take a college prep course.

Although the board approved the change, it is unclear whether the district must apply for a waiver from the state board of education and the legislature.

If a waiver is required, Superintendent Don Dean said receiving one should not be a problem. "They pretty

Hospital to create foundation for deductible contributions

A non-profit foundation is expected to help Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home meet the financial challenges of the future.

The foundation was announced by facility board president Russ Leigh at Wednesday's seventh annual hospital and nursing home open forum.

Paperwork to establish the foundation is expected to be submitted within 30 days, Leigh said after the forum. "The foundation should be up and running in 60 to 90 days," he added.

Contributions to the foundation, which will be tax-deductible, will help facility officials make needed repairs to the building, which is more than 30 years old, as well as provide maintenance and allow for improvements, Leigh said.

Cost-cutting is another way for the hospital to stay financially viable, Leigh said, citing four employees who have saved the facility nearly \$50,000.

Sharyl Baily, Dianna Marcott and Kim Nelson-Galloway are credited with saving \$30,000 at the nursing home by changing from a name-brand liquid dietary supplement to a non-name brand, said chief executive officer Darryl Wahler.

Another \$19,000 was saved on the hospital side by Diane Rankin, who "has been like a dog with a bone" following paperwork to get a refund on equipment that was purchased but not received, Wahler said.

Meeting the healthcare needs of Hoopeston area residents will be of prime importance in the future.

See HOSPITAL on other side

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Hospital continued from other side

Leigh said acute care has been virtually eliminated, with more emphasis placed on emergency care and outpatient services. “We know our niche,” Leigh said. “We know what we need to do to take care of people.”

Looking to the future, Leigh said the board is considering purchasing land for a retirement facility. The hospital may become more strongly aligned with a larger facility, and telemedicine, using computers at a larger facility, may be another offering.

In other business, all board members were re-elected,

including Leigh, Richard Doyle, Debby Dixon, Deb Lankford, Richard Read, Danny Silver, Dave Ervin, Bob Alkire and John White.

Employee service awards were also presented. Receiving five-year pins were Robby Bane, Lenora Byram, Misti Crose, Kristie Gonzalez, Pat Martinez, Rose McGinley, Sandra McNeely, Lillian Perkins, Deb Rayls, Marge Tweedy, Kathy Warren and Teri Williford.

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Rossville clerk released on bond, May 29 arraignment set

ROSSVILLE—Village collector Kathy Roark was released on a \$20,000 recognizance bond after appearing in Vermilion County court Thursday.



Roark, also the village clerk, was indicted by a grand jury May 5 on charges of theft over \$300, obstruction of


justice and two counts of official misconduct.


Roark is scheduled to be arraigned on May 29.

Roark was suspended without pay from her collector’s duties by the village board on May 1.

She had been re-elected clerk in the April 1 election.

 Lunch Menus 	
<p>Hoopeston Area grade schools</p> <p>MONDAY: Sub sandwich/bun, tri tator, carrots, graham crackers, orange.</p> <p>TUESDAY: BBQ/bun, corn, applesauce, cake.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, fries, slaw, bread, margarine, peaches.</p> <p>THURSDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, peas, macaroni salad, pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY: Taco/shell, lettuce, tomato, cheese, graham cracker, pineapple.</p> <p>Hoopeston Area High/Middle schools</p> <p>MONDAY: Sub sandwich/bun or baked chicken, tri tator, carrots, cookie, orange.</p> <p>TUESDAY: BBQ/bun or turkey/bun, corn, applesauce, cake.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Corn dog or Z rib/bun, fries, baked beans, slaw, bread, margarine, peaches.</p> <p>THURSDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or roast beef/bun, peas, pasta salad, pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY: Taco/shell or ravioli, salad, cookie, pineapple.</p> <p>Rossville-Alvin schools</p> <p>MONDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, veggies & dip, cherry crisp, garlic toast.</p>	<p>TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, peaches, granola bar.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, buttered corn, chilled fruit, chips.</p> <p>THURSDAY: Cook’s choice.</p> <p>FRIDAY: Cook’s choice.</p> <p>All meals include milk.</p>

In the Hospital 
<p>Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital May 14, 1997</p> <p>Admitted: Georgia Longfellow, Hoopeston; Joel Hofbauer, Rankin.</p> <p>Discharged: none.</p>

Weather 
<p>Partly cloudy today. High in the mid 60s. Tonight, cloudy, cold. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 66, low near 45. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High near 75, low near 54.</p>



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