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### Rossville-Alvin board expected to vote on co-op proposal

ROSSVILLE— The Rossville-Alvin School Board is expected to vote Monday on a resolution that would create a cooperative high school between the district and Bismarck-Henning.

The Bismarck-Henning board has already approved a resolution that would begin academic sharing in the 2004-05 year and sports beginning in 2003-04. The resolution calls for each board to plan for a cooperative high school with plans to put the issue before voters in spring 2006.

The Rossville-Alvin board has, for the past several months, been in discussions with both Bismarck-Henning and Hoopeston Area about co-oping classes and extra-curricular activities.

Currently, Rossville-Alvin and Hoopeston Area share several classes, with some offered at each school. R-A also shares sports programs with Hoopeston Area, Bismarck-Henning and Armstrong-Potomac.

In May, the R-A board met with the Bismarck-Henning board, where the idea of a cooperative high school was discussed. Under the plan, Rossville-Alvin High School students would attend Bismarck-Henning High School but through an intergovernmental agree-

ment, Rossville-Alvin would keep its school board to oversee the grade school and approve the amount of money paid towards the cooperative high school, said district Superintendent Carl Sartwell.

The intergovernmental agreement could last as long as 20 years.

Sartwell said Rossville-Alvin did not discuss a co-op high school with Hoopeston Area because the board assumed HA would not be interested, based on past history with East Lynn, Rankin and Wellington.

Board president Dennis Price said the concept of a co-op high school was discussed, at least in theory, when the boards met earlier this year and discussed such things as a new team mascot and colors while Hoopeston Area's focus was on annexation or consolidation. "They were very clear about that," he said.

What was less clear was what residents wanted the board to do about the district's future. A survey showed residents want to keep the grade school but offered no clear direction for where high school students should go, Price said.

Parents of children in school preferred Bismarck-

#### The districts at a glance

	Rossville-Alvin	Bismarck-Henning	Hoopeston Area
EAV	\$30,220,143	\$62,403.369	\$65,644,284*
Tax Rate	\$4.67	\$4.71	\$3.71
Tax Levy	\$1,575,044	\$3,034,962	\$2,659,961
Long-term debt	\$130,000 (6/30/02)**	\$5,002,435 (6/30/02)**	None**
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See **CO-OP** on other side

**Co-op** continued from other side  
Henning but property owners opted for Hoopeston Area. Thirty-four percent of surveys sent out were re-turned.  
Price said the board believes it is time to plot a course for the district’s future. “We’ve spent hundreds of hours working on this,” he said. “We could jockey around with this forever. I don’t think it’s a slap in Hoopeston’s face. It’s the process of making a decision.”  
If the proposal fails, the board will go back to the drawing board. “If it doesn’t pass, I’ll see it as a sign that we renew talks with Hoopeston,” he said, adding he expects a close vote. “It would be nice if it was 7-0 but it could be 4-3. I’d be happy with 5-2.”


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TUESDAY: Swedish meatballs on rice, mixed vegetables, applesauce, white bread, strawberries w/yellow cake.  
WEDNESDAY: Grilled chicken, potato tots, pea salad, bun, peach gelatin/peaches.  
THURSDAY: Ham slice, sweet potato patties, green beans, wheat bread, pears.  
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628 W. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri., 8-4, Sat. 8-noon. In garage. Rain or shine. Large family sale. Clothes, especially large women, kids, men’s, coats, dishes, toys, videos, furniture, misc.  
212 Stufflebeam, Rossville. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Household, clothes, golf clubs, comforter sets, loft bed, books, blankets, throw pillows.  
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