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Hoopeston Area early enrollment looks promising: Conolly

Preliminary enrollment figures for the start of the new year look good for Hoopeston Area.

"Right now with rough numbers, it would look like we're holding our own with where we started last year," said Superintendent Mark Conolly at Thursday's district board meeting.

The number of students is important because how much state aid the district gets is based on the number of students enrolled.

The state uses six-day enrollment as the official figure for aid. Wednesday's student total will be the official number used this year.

Hoopeston Area has seen enrollment decline over the last 10 years, with 72 students leaving just last year, Conolly said. "If we could stabilize that, it would be wonderful," he said.

More students and more state aid would help the district budget. The board approved a tentative stand-alone budget with an estimated \$538,000 deficit.

The red ink does not take into account reserves; however, Conolly said, the surplus in the education fund will be depleted by this budget and the Working Cash fund surplus will begin being used.

Spending down surpluses is cited as a reason the board will go to voters on Nov. 2 for a 90 cent increase in the education fund. If approved, the district tax rate would go from \$3.76 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$4.66.

The projected deficit is again a "worst case scenario" budget where income is estimated low and expenses high with hopes that income will increase and expenses be less than anticipated.

The budget will be on display at the superintendent's office for the next 30 days and will be voted on at the next meeting, Sept. 23.

In unrelated discussion, the board learned that the district has made adequate yearly progress based on
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Briefly

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Aug. 23, Dave and Joanne Bibb; Aug. 24, Lary Swim; aug. 25, Joyce and John Grimsley; Aug. 26, Sue and Mike Jordan (donated back); Aug. 27, Tim Crabtree.

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, War Museum, Danville (leave at 11 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies

cards, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Hospice meeting

Area residents interested in being hospice volunteers are invited to a meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The meeting is sponsored by Carle Hospice. Coffee and rolls will be served.

Meetings

Rossville-Alvin will host a joint meeting with Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning school boards at 7 p.m. Monday in the Rossville-Alvin grade school library.

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Police News



A 43-year-old man reported Thursday that several items had been taken from his home in the 500 block of East Main.

An 18-year-old Hoopeston man reported Thursday that the rear license plate of his 1994 Chevrolet was lost or stolen.

A 62-year-old woman reported Saturday that someone walked into Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market, punched a window out of the door, then left.

A 19-year-old woman reported Saturday that a young man entered her vehicle and when she checked, she found money missing.

Timothy E. Coon Jr., 26, of 631 E. McCracken was arrested at 10:34 p.m. Saturday in the 100 block of North Market. He was charged with aggravated battery and aggravated assault on a complaint from a 28-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Coon threatened him with a knife and struck him in the face with a bottle.

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the federal No Child Left Behind program. Progress is determined through state testing and while final scores are not yet available, preliminary data shows all schools met standards.

That is especially good news for the high school which has been on the state's academic watch list for not meeting state standards two years ago. "If final scores are like the preliminary scores, we should be off the hook," said principal Hank Hornbeck.

"We're confident we'll get off that list this year," Conolly added.

In other action, the board:

- approved Lawrence Jahn to the board, replacing Jeff Stipp who resigned effective Aug. 1. Jahn is a former business teacher and technology coordinator for the district. He will serve until April 2005.

- narrowly approved reimbursing non-certified coaches for ASEP (American Sports Education Program) certification.

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Coon was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Jon F. Ball, 23, of 418 E. Young, was arrested at 1:49 a.m. Sunday in the 100 block of North Fourth St.

He was charged with reckless driving and illegal transportation of alcohol on a complaint from a 28-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Ball drove through his yard in the 500 block of East Seminary. The man alleged children and adults were present and were almost struck.

Ball was posted his driver's license as bond and was released.

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:47 a.m. Friday to a piece of heavy equipment on fire at the Vermilion Waste Systems landfill. No injuries were reported.

The \$240 fee provides coaching certification for coaches who are not certified teachers. "That's a no-brainer in my book," said board member Duane Sheppard. "We're asking people to come out of the community (to coach). I think it's the least we can do.

Voting for reimbursement were Sheppard, Mark Eighner and Mark Wagoner. Jahn and Steve Unger voted against the measure, preferring that it be referred to the extracurricular committee for further study.

- approved spending \$19,500 to repair the middle school/high school boiler. Jarvis Welding will retube the 40-year-old boiler, which is then expected to last another 15-20 years, said Darrell Brown, buildings and grounds superintendent. Replacing the boiler would be about four times as expensive, he said.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 85, low 63. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 82, low 66.

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