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## HA School Board unanimously approves teachers contract

The Hoopeston Area School Board has unanimously approved a three-year contract for district teachers.

The action came at Thursday night's regular board meeting after a closed session that included discussion on the contract and a student discipline issue.

Highlights of the contract include a 3.9 percent increase for each of the contract's three years, including steps and longevity. The increase is retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Steps are increases in education and longevity is the number of years a teacher has been with the district.

Under the new contract, base pay will go up \$600 in each of the three years. Starting pay in the 2006-07 year will be \$25,575; \$26,175 in 2007-08; and \$26,775 in 2008-09.

Also approved in the contract was Fair Share, which calls for all new certified staff to pay their portion of union services. Currently, members of the Hoopeston Education Association pay dues of \$574, included \$145 to the National Education Association, \$397 to the Illinois Education Association and \$32 to the HEA.

Approximately 75 of the district's 102 teachers are HEA members.

Other components of the contract include an increase of two sick leave days per year, going from 10 to 12 and a retirement incentive of six percent, the maximum allowed by the Teachers Retirement System (TRS).

Under this item, teachers who plan to retire may request that they be taken off the salary schedule and instead get six percent raises for up to two years, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

In order to qualify for this, teachers must have at least 25 years' service in the district, be at least 55 years old and have at least 35 years creditable service in TRS. Teachers who take advantage of this option must also submit a letter of resignation, he said.

The first year of the contract will mean an increase of \$205,000 over last year's agreement, Conolly said. The district will pay that increase with reserves in the education fund resulting from a 90 cent tax referendum passed about two years ago. The increase in taxes resulted in about an additional \$400,000 in the education fund budget.

Other income, including property tax and tuition, will also be used.

Additionally, the district will be faced with losing many long-term teachers in the next few years, Conolly said. Those teachers will be replaced with teachers on the lower end of the pay scale.

According to The Champion website, (www.thechampion.org) the average teacher salary at Hoopeston Area in 2005 was \$46,246. The highest teacher salary in the district was \$58,949 and the lowest was \$25,056.

Teacher and board negotiating teams have been working since April to hammer out a new contract. Last year's expired Aug. 31 but teachers have been working under its requirements this year. The sides met for more than 12 hours on October 30, coming to terms on an agreement.

The contract was ratified by the HEA on November 1.

While the contract is aimed at certified personnel, it also will affect non-certified employees such as aides, kitchen and janitorial staff. Those employees will receive a 45 cent per hour raise, Conolly said.

In unrelated action, the board:

- Unanimously approved the 2006 levy of \$3,089,805. Officials do not expect to receive the 9.1 percent increase over last year but requested the levy on the chance that the district's equalized assessed

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## Police News

A **22-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 10:57 a.m. Thursday that someone took a stereo from a vehicle parked at Parkview Court.

A **55-year-old** Danville man reported at 10:53 a.m. Friday that someone took a commercial paint sprayer from the back of his truck Wednesday while it was parked in the 200 block of East Main.

**Richard C. Strawser III**, 19, of 416 N. Eighth Ave.

was arrested at 1:51 p.m. Friday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy.

He was charged with burglary and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Scott Van Hagan**, 34, of 1003 Koehn Dr., Danville, was arrested at 3:35 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Lincoln. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, Hagan was taken to the Public Safety Building, Dan-



ville, in lieu of bond.

A **Nokia** cell phone was found at 5:30 p.m. Friday at city hall. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

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## Obituaries

**BOYCE** - Lynn “Bud” Boyce, 51, of Cissna Park died at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 at University of Chicago Medical Center. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Grace Bible Church, Cissna Park. Burial was in Amity Cemetery, Goodwine. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church audio-visual fund.

**NEWTSON** - Lois I. Newton, 96, of Milford died at 5:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at Watseka Rehab &

Health Care Center, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Milford Ambulance Service or Milford Library.

**SCHMITZ** - Sharon Louise Hathaway Schmitz, 68, of Rossville died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Services will be private. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials are suggested to the hospital or charity of the donor's choice. Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville, was in charge of arrangements.

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value goes up. Last year's EAV was around \$60 million and had decreased from 2004, Conolly said Taxes extended for last year totaled \$2,809,922.

- Approved participating in the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.
- Discussed a meeting with Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning boards to renew the agreement for Rossville-Alvin High School students to attend either Hoopeston Area or Bismarck. A two-year agreement among the districts expires this year. The meeting will be held November 27 at Rossville.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 51. Tonight, cloudy. Low 35. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of rain. High 51, low 41.

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