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School district to get assistance with superintendent search

Hoopeston Area schools will get help finding a new head of the district.

At a special meeting Wednesday night, the Hoopeston Area School Board unanimously approved using the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) in its search for a new superintendent.

Dave Love, IASB director of field services for the Illini division, will be the search coordinator. Love was at Wednesday's meeting to talk to the board about what the IASB search offers.

He presented two options to the board: one, for a cost of about \$900, would create brochure for the board regarding the superintendent's position and mail it to school districts and other resources in the state.

The second option, selected by the board, will cost between \$3,200 and \$3,600. Under it, Love will take an active role in helping scout a superintendent, creating a brochure, mailing it to school districts and universities, posting the opening on the IASB and Illinois Association of School Administrators websites, verifying applicant qualifications, screening applicants and recommending a list of five or six candidates for the board to review. Sample questions for first-and second-round interviews will also be provided.

Love provided a suggested timetable for the search, including sending out brochures by February 9 with four weeks for candidates to apply. Then, the board will meet around March 20 to hear Love's recommendations on finalists. Those finalists could be interviewed on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, with a second round of interviews for roughly three candidates scheduled with one per day on March 26-29. "At the end of that week, I feel you should be able to pick one," Love told the board.

The week of April 2, a board committee could visit the town the selected candidate comes from, interviewing

school officials and residents there before offering a written contract to the candidate. By the April 19 meeting, the board could be able to approve the new superintendent who would take the helm on July 1.

Love suggested that applicants from within the district send the necessary paperwork through the IASB so that all applications are the same.

Love suggested the board offer the new superintendent a three-year contract and requested that the board set a maximum salary for the position.

Board member Mark Eighner questioned whether this board should approve a new superintendent, considering the April 17 election, but Love said the district might lose good candidates by waiting and that the current board is more able to make a decision. Choosing a new superintendent "is asking a lot of brand new board members," he said.

To aid Love, the board approved a maximum salary of \$115,000, including retirement and benefits, if an experienced superintendent is found. If the board selects someone for whom Hoopeston Area will be the first superintendent's position, the pay could drop \$10,000 to \$14,000.

The maximum salary is more than was paid to former Superintendent Mark Conolly who died in December 2006. However, Mr. Conolly, who was at approximately \$110,000 with salary and benefits, declined a pay increase, said interim Superintendent Don Dean.

Board members also filled out a questionnaire, ranking traits or characteristics for a new superintendent, including items such as ability to work with the board, ability to set long and short-term goals, ability to select and evaluate staff, knowledge of various aspects of school administration and ability to manage district financial resources.

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Police News

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Two people were arrested after a traffic stop at 2:47 p.m. Wednesday in the 900 block of West Thompson.

Tonya K. Irvin, 30, of 503 N. Seventh Ave., was arrested on an Iroquois County criminal felony warrant and was also charged with possession of cannabis.

She was taken to Iroquois County on the warrant and was released on a notice to appear on the cannabis charge.

Also arrested was Beau J. Edwards, 26, of 816 E. Seminary. He was charged with possession of cannabis and was released on \$100 cash bond.

Edwards was charged at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday with criminal damage to property in connection with an incident on December 4 in the 700 block of East Honeywell. He was released on a notice to appear.

Douglas J. Brookwalter, 25, of 311 N. First, Wel-

lington was arrested at 1:54 a.m. Thursday in the 800 block of East Main.

Brookwalter, wanted on a Ford County warrant, was released to Ford County law enforcement personnel after waiving extradition.

A 27-year-old woman reported at 10 a.m. Thursday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from her home in the 700 block of South First Ave.

David M. Webber, 33, of 737 E. Main, was arrested at 12:47 a.m. Friday at Fifth St. and Main. He was charged with no valid registration and unlawful display and was released on \$100 cash bond.

Apolinar Solis, 45, of 38836 N 1830 East Rd., was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Friday at Sixth Ave. and West Main. He was charged with driving while license revoked and was released on \$100 cash bond.

Glenn A. Mountain, 42, of 417 E. Honeywell was

arrested after an incident at 8:34 a.m. Saturday in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 41-year-old woman who alleged Mountain struck her.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A 23-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 5:20 p.m. Saturday that several items were missing from her home in the 200 block of East Lincoln.

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Obituaries

HUFFMAN - Raymond Huffman, 79, of Peoria, formerly of Danville and Catlin died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 at St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Memorial service was at 2 p.m. Saturday at Wilton Mortuary, Peoria. Visitation was one hour before services. Memorials are suggested to Muhammad Ali Parkinson Research Center, 350 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85103.

LEAVER - Lucille Frances Leaver, 89, of Rossville died at 3:35 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007 at McLean County Nursing Home, Normal. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopes-

ton. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

SHARP - Glela F. (Houmes) Sharp, 94, of Chicago, formerly of Hoopeston died at 6:55 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007 at Gilman Nursing Center, Gilman. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.



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