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### Hoopeston Area considers Ross-Alvin tuition cut request

Hoopeston Area School Board is considering a request to cut tuition paid for Rossville-Alvin high school students.

Hoopeston Area board members discussed proposed changes in the Tri-Party Deactivation Agreement at Thursday night's board meeting.

The agreement, between Rossville-Alvin, Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning, was implemented four years ago when Rossville-Alvin deactivated its high school and allowed students to attend either Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning.

In a letter to the board, R-A Superintendent Randy

Hird, who is also Bismarck-Henning superintendent, requested that Rossville-Alvin pay 90 percent of the combined average of Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning, rather than the current 100 percent.

This school year, Rossville-Alvin pays \$6,806.59 per student, the average of Bismarck-Henning's \$7,268.83 and Hoopeston Area's \$6,344.35.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck urged the board to strongly consider the lower amount. "Ninety percent keeps it in the ballpark of what our tuition rate is anyway," he said.

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**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:09 a.m. Thursday at South Sixth Ave. and Rt. 9.  
 Police said James R. Zollar of Rossville, in a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban, struck a 2006 Oldsmobile driven by Terry L. Buhrmester of Hoopeston.

**Obituaries**

**SMOCK** - Donna Smock 84, of Rossville, died at 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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Finance committee members discussed the request prior to Thursday's board meeting and are in favor of it. Committee member Dwight Judy said the lower amount would allow Hoopeston Area to help Rossville-Alvin, while Lawrence Jahn said "it's still a win-win situation for our district."

Other changes include policies already in place but not in the document, like handling students who move into the Rossville-Alvin district after the annual Jan. 15 cut-off date. Rossville-Alvin eighth graders must decide by Jan. 15 of each year which high school they will attend. If a student fails to choose, R-A officials decide for the student, after a three-day window.

The board is expected to vote in the issue in January. The existing two-year agreement is due to be renewed next year.

In other business, the board unanimously approved the estimated levy for 2008 taxes. The estimated levy of \$3,131,250 is 8.7 percent more than last year.

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**Police News**

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:48 a.m. Thursday at West Orange and South Second.  
 Police said Linda L. Leigh of Hoopeston, in a 2007 Lincoln, was stopped in the eastbound lane when she was truck by Davina P. Potson of Hillsboro, in a 2006 Saturn.

**Rocky A. Daniels**, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:15 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. He was charged in connection with a theft on Nov. 13. He was released on a notice to appear.


**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at

Last year, the district levied \$3,030,250 and received \$2,879,038, at a rate of \$4.60.


The board also:

- Approved the high school improvement plan, which includes steps to bring up reading and math scores and improve the graduation rate.
- Approved audio recording open sessions. The board currently records executive sessions.
- Approved Child Internet Protection Act guidelines.
- Approved restructuring the central office, to hire a combination business manager/transportation director for next year.
- Approved hiring Megan Schultz as assistant girls basketball coach and approving volunteers Carrie McCormick and Kayla Potter as assistant girls basketball coaches.
- Heard from high school Principal Larry Maynard about extending the soccer co-op with Bismarck-Henning at a cost of \$3,000 for coach compensation.
- Heard from Hornbeck, who urged parents to have a plan in place for their students when school dismisses early for inclement weather.

**Weather**



Mostly sunny today. High 13. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 11. Tomorrow, snow, sleet, freezing rain likely. High 29, low 29.  
 For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.



6:33 p.m. Thursday at 1002 W. Chestnut.  
 Police said Barbara J. Morgan, of Hoopeston, backed her 2005 Dodge Durango from a parking space into a 2004 Oldsmobile owned by Melissa Beauvois of Hoopeston.  
 No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:10 a.m. Friday in the 900 block of West Penn.  
 Police said Dawn Rogers of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Chevrolet, was eastbound and hit a 2008 Honda driven by Michael Barker, of Hoopeston, as he backed from a driveway.

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