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Hoopeston Area district hires business/transportation head

A familiar face is returning to the Hoopeston Area school district in a new role.

Mark Eighner was approved at Thursday's board meeting as district business manager/transportation director.

Eighner, a former school board member, was one of 20 candidates who applied for the position, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck. The list was pared to four, then two candidates who interviewed with the board.

Eighner brings much experience to the position. "The board was looking for an individual with a strong financial background and a strong personnel background," Hornbeck said after the meeting. "Mark's track record of successfully working with and managing people is a plus. Also, he has been responsible for financial matters as a business unit manager and cost accountant specialist at FMC in Hoopeston."

Eighner's most recent position has been at Horizon Hobby, Inc. in Champaign as an international supply chain manager.

"We are happy to have Mark as a new member of the Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 team," Hornbeck said.

Eighner's new position will combine jobs currently held by business manager Don Dean and transportation

director Darrell Brown, both of whom are retiring.

Eighner will begin his new duties on May 1.

In unrelated business, the board heard from Hornbeck that the district is expected to receive more than \$700,000 in federal stimulus money.

Funds will be broken down between Title I, which serves low-income students and special education money.

The Title I program is set to receive \$197,000 for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, while the special ed program is slated for \$320,000 for 2010, Hornbeck said. Money will be used to supplement existing services, he added.

Part of the money is to make up for the state aid shortfall and make payments for next year, with an estimated \$130 per-child hike in state aid.

Whether those will be the actual amounts Hoopeston Area receives may not be known until the checks actually arrive. "The figures seem to change almost daily," Hornbeck told the board.

In other action, the board approved spending \$16,000 for a color message sign to replace the one currently in front of the high school. The sign will be purchased from Watchfire Signs (formerly Time-O-Matic) of Dan-

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Briefly

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office
- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, grade school library.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, applesauce, cookie
TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, pears
WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter
THURSDAY: Ravioli, salad, pineapple
FRIDAY: Fish sandwich, mac & cheese, mixed fruit, shape up

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, salad, applesauce, cake
TUESDAY: Chicken fettuccini or ravioli, salad, pears, max stick
WEDNESDAY: Chili cheese dog or sub sandwich, nachos, peaches, apple juice

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ville. Installation will cost \$2,200 and will be done by Marsters Sign Co., also of Danville.

In unrelated action, the board:

- Approved two bids to replace Maple School windows in order to get the project done quicker. Silver Brothers

THURSDAY: Country fried steak or BBQ rib, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot roll

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Crab cakes, garlic scalloped potatoes, broccoli, grape juice, oatmeal cookie, white bread

TUESDAY: Ham & beans, mixed vegetables, applesauce, granola bars, corn bread

WEDNESDAY: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, peas, applesauce, white bread

THURSDAY: Herb grilled chicken breast green beans, carrots, rice, orange juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, sliced carrots, orange, lemon Jello, wheat bread

will be paid \$8,436 to replace windows on the south side, while Fell Construction will receive \$4,500 to replace north side windows.

- Accepted resignations from Susan Green, high school family consumer science; Jake LeClair, third grade as-

Police News



A **representative** of Second Chance Rookies, 102 N. Market, reported Thursday that someone took a Budweiser display from the bar. The theft occurred the evening of April 14.

No **tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:52 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston Plaza. Police said Brandi L. Warner, of Wellington, in a 2003 Chevrolet, hit the rear of a 1997 Pontiac Firebird driven by George A. Plaza. Plaza was waiting to turn into the Jerry's IGA parking lot.

Robert F. Bzdyl, 45, of Rankin, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:09 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of South Dixie Hwy.

Bzdyl was found to be wanted on an Iroquois County warrant and was also allegedly driving on a revoked license.

He was turned over to Iroquois County authorities.

Charles R. Robinson, 28, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after an accident at 1:35 a.m. Sunday at West Lincoln and South First Ave. Police said Robinson, in a 2002 Hyundai, was northbound on First Ave., behind a 1988 Ford driven by Justin A. Kapoor, also of Hoopeston. Robinson allegedly struck Kapoor's vehicle twice. Kapoor went to the police station to file a report but police allege Robinson left the scene and failed to yield when officers tried to make a traffic stop on his vehicle.

Robinson was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Weather



Showers likely today and tonight. High 54, low 38. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 49, low 33.

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sistant baseball coach/freshman boys basketball coach; Bridget Conn, kindergarten supervised recess aide; Ginger Newman, Maple personal aide; and Megan Schultz, high school assistant girls basketball.

- Approved intent-to-retire letters from Janet Brewer, Maple P.E. and Sue Spaur, middle school language arts/Title I, effective at the end of the 2010-11 year.

- Honorably dismissed Jennifer Anderson, John Greer Title I aide.

- Approved hiring Emily Brown, first grade; Matt Daniel, high school science; Stacie Freeman, high school English; Ashley Gerber, kindergarten; Michelle Huller, fifth grade; Margo Legan, kindergarten; Andrea Marble, full time speech language paraprofessional; and Anna Marie Wilcoxon, part time speech language pathologist.

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