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Hoopeston Area waits on green light to spend stimulus money

Hoopeston Area's technology program will get a big boost as soon as the district receives permission to spend stimulus funds.

At Thursday's board meeting, Superintendent Hank Hornbeck said the district is awaiting approval to spend \$236,142 in stimulus money from the Title 1 low income program.

That money will be used to purchase approximately 120 new computers and 40 smart boards.

Smart boards are interactive white boards integrated with computers that allow teachers to use the function of both to educate students.

Once use of the stimulus funds is approved and the machines purchased, Hornbeck said plans are to have them installed by next year.

Other stimulus funding has been approved to be spent, including \$288,594 for special education and another \$10,546 for special ed and early childhood, Hornbeck said.

In other business, the board approved a one-year agreement for a wrestling program for youngsters in grades one-three. Requested by Lee Curry and Brock Shore of the Youth Wrestling Club, the program will



Hoopeston Area Superintendent Hank Hornbeck displays a copy of a sign that will be posted in local businesses, promoting the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program used in the schools, as board member Mark Schaumburg looks on. Hornbeck discussed the signs at Thursday's board meeting.

hold practices at the middle school, allowing younger wrestlers to watch their older counterparts, said middle school Principal Anne Burton.

In approving the program, the board stipulated that group must provide insurance, hire certified coaches, follow Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation guidelines and have separate equipment from the middle school.

A request to allow the group to be called Little Cornjerkers Wrestling was tabled until school officials confer with Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters for approval because the Cornjerker name is trademarked and decisions

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Police News

A 13-year-old Hoopeston boy was issued a notice to appear, charging him with assault, after an incident at 5:23 p.m. Friday at East Main and Third.

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- for its use are made by the booster group.
- In other business, the board:
- Approved the \$3,183,225 tax levy, an increase of 8.3 percent over last year. Hornbeck said previously that the district always asks for more than it plans to receive in the event property values increase significantly. For the last several years, the actual annual increase has been about 1.2 percent.
 - Approved reemploying attorney Bill Nelson with a \$2,000 retainer.
 - Heard from Hornbeck that district finances may take a hit next spring, due to the state economy. Illinois is ranked one of the 10 most financially-strapped states in the nation and education leaders expect that status may affect state aid funding.
 - Learned that several local businesses will display signs promoting the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program used in the schools.
 - Heard from Burton about a Homework Academy offered at the middle school for students who are failing classes.
 - Heard from Hornbeck and high school Principal Larry Maynard about the outpouring of support for the family of Michael Symmonds who died in a car accident. Maynard told the board that other school districts, including Gibson City-Melvin Sibley, Paxton-Buckley Loda and Milford, reached out to Hoopeston Area.
 - Learned Meet the Cornjerkers night for winter sports will be held November 20.
 - Heard from Maynard that the McFerren Park Civic Center will be used for juniors taking standardized tests in the spring because more students will be testing this year.
 - Approved hiring Kendra Flohr as middle school cheerleading sponsor.
 - Dismissed Anita Garcia as high school secretary, effective October 30.

The boy was charged on a complaint from a 16-year-old Hoopeston boy who alleged the other boy shot at him with a paintball gun, then held the gun at his neck and threatened to beat him if he told police.

Bradley E. Thompson, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 6:50 p.m. Friday at Sixth Ave. and West Penn. He was charged with assault on a complaint from a 16-year-old boy who alleged Thompson threatened him with two paint ball guns because of the previous report.

Thompson allegedly became verbally abusive with officers during the investigation an was arrested.



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

- MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, green beans, pears, cookie. Maple: pizza hut, salad applesauce
- TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears, pudding. Maple: Chicken patty/bun, green beans, pears, cookie
- WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department and police were called at 9 a.m. Saturday to a fire behind Henning’s Root Beer Stand, 411 S. Dixie Hwy. The fire, which started when a cigarette butt receptacle started burning and caught plastic milk crates on fire, was extinguished before firemen arrived. No injuries or damage to the building were reported.

Entries sought for Rossville’s annual Parade of Lights parade

Rossville Community Organization will hold its annual Christmas Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 5 at 6 p.m. In keeping with tradition, all entries must have Christmas lights on them. There will be prizes for the top three entries in the categories of Business/Organization and Families/Individuals.

Those wishing to put an entry in the parade should contact Kevin Young at 217-474-1642 before December 1.

He was released on a notice to appear.

Jeffrey A. Coss, 44, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:52 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East Chestnut. He was charged with theft over \$10,000 on a complaint from a 30-year-old Hoopeston man who reported November 11 that a yellow Honda Odyssey and blue Honda dirt bike were stolen.

The man reported Saturday that he found the items in Coss’ back yard.

Police also allegedly found methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and several fire arms, leading to Coss being charged with possession of methamphetamine,

- THURSDAY: Spaghetti, salad, max stick, pineapple
- FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

- MONDAY: Chicken bacon ranch wrap or ham & cheese, salad, applesauce, cake
- TUESDAY: Cheeseburger or sub sandwich, fries, peaches
- WEDNESDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches
- THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy or pancake & sausage nuggets, scrambled eggs, pears, juice
- FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit
- CRIS/SAMS Meals
- MONDAY: BBQ pork, cauliflower, carrots/peas, apple-sauce, salad/dressing, bun
- TUESDAY: Chicken & rice, stewed apples, mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, pumpkin bread
- WEDNESDAY: Grilled chicken breast over rice & gravy, diced carrots, peas, raisins, wheat bread
- THURSDAY: Car-broiled steak fingers, mixed greens, black-eyed peas, orange juice, wheat bread
- FRIDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, white rice, cole slaw, peaches, banana bread
- All meals include milk.

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