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Hoopeston Area board adds bonus to hire speech pathologist

Hoopeston Area and Hoopeston Education Association have agreed on a salary stipend which will allow the district to have a full time speech language pathologist.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck announced at Thursday's board meeting that the position will pay 25 percent over the base pay of slightly more than \$28,000 for the position.

The HEA was involved in discussions because the position is part of the salary schedule negotiated between the board and teachers' union.

Jodie Havens, one of three part-time speech language pathologists working in the district, was hired for the full-time job.

In other business, Hornbeck told the board that the district on Thursday received some money owed by the state since September. "Yesterday (the state owed us) \$600,000," he said. "Today it was \$425,000."

The state is running about 120 days behind on money owed, he added.

While district finances are not in trouble, Hornbeck said that in the next few months, the board will look at finances and discuss fiscal measures that may be

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taken if the situation worsens.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Heard from Hornbeck that the buildings and grounds committee will work with administrators to select a security system for the high/middle school. The district received money from the Cadle Foundation for part of the cost.
- Approved a tri-party agreement with Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning for the ag program.
- Approved the seniority list for certified and non-certified employees.
- Heard from Maple principal Lori Eells that that students will celebrate 100 days in school on February 4.
- Heard from Honeywell Principal Linda Sheppard that students are collecting loose change to help earthquake victims in Haiti.

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-Briefly

Community Awards ceremony

The Hoopeston Community Awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 at the Lorraine Cinema. Admission is free this year.

The evening will begin with a public meeting on the proposed Hoopeston Regional Health Center renovation project.

The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

DVDs available

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TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears, pudding

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, yogurt, oranges, apple juice

THURSDAY: Spaghetti, salad, max stick, peaches FRIDAY: BBO rib/bun, fries, mixed fruit

Obituaries

BLAIR - Opal May (Elliott) Blair, 86, of Longview, Tex., formerly of Goodwine, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Goodwine Methodist Church, Goodwine. Internment will be in East Lynn Cemetery, East Lynn. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church.

PETTY - Dewey L. Petty, 64, of Hoopeston, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 at home. Funeral

service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation was 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

SHEFFIELD - Lenora Sheffield, 94, of Chicago, died at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 at Alden Lakeland Nursing Home, Chicago. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Court Dispositions



Darryl Hunter, Hoopeston, case continued generally. **Phillip Strawser**, Danville, status hearing March 4. **Skylar Pickett**, Wellington, cases continued generally.

Board continued from other side

- Heard from middle school Principal Anne Burton that of 38 students taking part in the Homework Academy, for students who failed classes, 11 have graduated and five have improved their grades.
- Heard from John Greer Principal Dan Walder that students will tour the Lincoln Museum on March 19. The school received a grant for the tour.
- Heard from high school Principal Larry Maynard that staff is looking at providing extra help for student with deficiencies that could keep them from graduating.
- Approved calendar changes for snow days on January 7-8, approving May 28 and June 1 as makeup days; and approved a makeup day on March 26, with 1:05/1:20 dismissal, for November 2 when the district was closed for a funeral.
- Dismissed Rusty Franklin as Maple School custodian.

ally.

Bradley Thompson, Quincy, status hearing Mar. 4 in one case; a second case was dismissed.

Brock Pennington, Hoopeston, status hearing Mar. 4.

Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 9:24 a.m. Saturday at Parkview Court. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1995 Buick owned by Timmie and Martha Sanford of Hoopeston.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:09 p.m. Saturday to the 700 block of North Seventh St. for a report of the smell of something burning. Nothing was found; the department was on the

Weather



Chance of snow today and tonight. High 30, low 17. Tomorrow, blustery. High 23, low 11.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Hoopeston Area middle/high schools

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TUESDAY: Chicken salad wrap or BBQ rib, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Chili cheese dog or sub sandwich,

nacho chips, pears, juice

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