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Hoopeston Area board, teachers approve one-year contract

Hoopeston Area teachers will get a \$600 bump in base pay in a one-year agreement between Hoopeston Area Education Association and the district's board.

The agreement was approved by the board at its regular meeting Thursday. Teachers approved the deal earlier last week.

The increase sets the base pay for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience at \$28,975.

At the other end of the spectrum, retiring teachers will now be able to get a six percent increase in pay for the final three years of employment. That is a one-year increase over the two-year allowance for the past several

years.

Under the plan, teachers who announce their retirement up to three years before actually retiring will be taken off the salary schedule and given a six percent increase over the previous year.

Step increases—based on education and experience—were also included in the contract. Steps for teachers with bachelors degrees top at 19 years, master's degree 21 years, and advanced certificate 22 years.

Under terms of the contract, the board will pay an additional \$10 towards single coverage insurance. Premiums for next year are \$567 monthly. The board will pay \$550 per month, leaving the remaining \$17 to each teacher.

Each side praised the other attitudes shown during the three negotiating sessions. "It was handled in a very professional and respectful manner," said Chris Newman, HEA chief negotiator.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck credited bargaining teachers with the same professionalism and respect, adding that for the last two negotiations, the district used "compact bargaining," where each side presents the other with its goals for the new contract. With the heads up, both sides come together and are able to work out an agreement quickly and amicably, he said.

Along with Newman, the union negotiating team included Barb Park, Kay Brown, Patti Martin, Jan German, Terri Silver and Shawn Swartzentruber and Illinois Education Association Uni Serve representative Sean Burns.

On the administrative side, Hornbeck was joined by board president Russ Walder, members Chris Small, Lisa Leigh and Mark Schaumburg, and business director Mark Eighner.

In unrelated business, the board heard from John Pe-

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tersen, of the Rossville-Alvin board, who thanked Hoopeston Area for its past and ongoing cooperation.

Rossville-Alvin is looking into the possibility of reactivating its high school. Currently, R-A students attend either Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning high schools.

"The board is still looking at all the options," Petersen said. "We just wanted to talk to our neighbor districts. We look forward to continuing to work with you."

"We look forward to having a good neighborly relationship," HA board president Russ Walder responded.

Petersen attended the meeting with fellow board member Bob Ray and principal Crystal Johnson.

In other business, the board:

- Approved board members Lawrence Jahn, Lisa Leigh and Stewart Coffman earning up to \$2,000 each from the district.

- Approved resignations of Josh Haley, middle school PE/head baseball coach, effective August 15; Reaine Wilson, high school Spanish teacher; Danielle Clyden,

high school personal aide/eighth grade girls basketball coach; Kara Haley, middle school student council advisor; Mitch Pruemer, assistant high school baseball coach; Larry Maynard, assistant high school football

Police News

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 7:41 a.m. Thursday in the 600 block of Judson. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1997 Chevrolet Blazer owned by Susan Ballengee, of Hoopeston.

A 42-year-old Indiana man reported at 11:07 a.m. Thursday that his wallet was lost or stolen while he was in Hoopeston.

A 16-year-old Mississippi boy was charged with retail theft after he allegedly stole fireworks from Jerry's IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut. The boy was released to a parent. A juvenile petition was filed.

A 46-year-old Hoopeston man reported Friday that someone took a bicycle and crutch from his home in the 200 block of West Maple. The theft occurred between 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:56 a.m. Saturday at South First Avenue and Orange. Police said Ray Nardoni, of Bismarck, in a 1997 Honda CRV, was westbound and struck a deer on the passenger side front. The deer left the scene. The vehicle was able to be driven away.

Two people were ticketed after a hit-and-run accident witnessed by police at 1:07 a.m. Sunday in the north alley of the 300 block of East Main.

Maggie S. Lopez, 22, of Hoopeston, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and failure to wear seat belts. Passenger Louis H. Montano, 31, also of Hoopeston, was ticketed for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger and failure to wear seat belt.

Police said Lopez, in a 1994 Chevrolet, struck a parked 2004 Cadillac, owned by Dustin Webber, of Hoopeston.

Weather

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coach; and Suzi Root, fifth grade girls basketball coach.

- Hired Justin Gumm, high school PE/assistant football coach; Carl Heuer, middle school PE/head baseball coach; and Diana Judy, middle school student council advisor.

- Approved an intent-to-retire letter from Gail Lithgow, Maple music teacher, at the end of the 2012-13 year.

- Approved transferring Allyson Smith from middle school student council assistant advisor to middle school student council advisor and Amy Coffey from part time Honeywell lunch aide to full time high school personal aide.

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