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Hoopeston Area finances get passing grade for fiscal year

Hoopeston Area School District's finances passed a surplus from last year to this year, according to information presented at Thursday evening's school board meeting.

Only one of the district's nine funds showed a decrease for the year. The IMRF/Social Security fund had a year-to-date decrease of \$63,344.70, but still started the new year with more than \$949,000.

The education fund, used to pay most aspects of educating students, currently has nearly \$5 million, while the building fund has approximately \$650,000.

Other funds and their current balances are: bond and

interest, \$4,084; transportation, \$147,886; site and construction, \$0; working cash \$1,571,000; tort, \$197,844; and capital improvement, \$130,737.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck credited the good balances to working with a "worst case scenario" budget, including low incomes and high expenses. Last year, he said, the district held the line on costs while revenue was higher than budgeted.

In related financial business, the board approved Hornbeck to prepare a tentative budget for the new year and approved using working cash fund money in the

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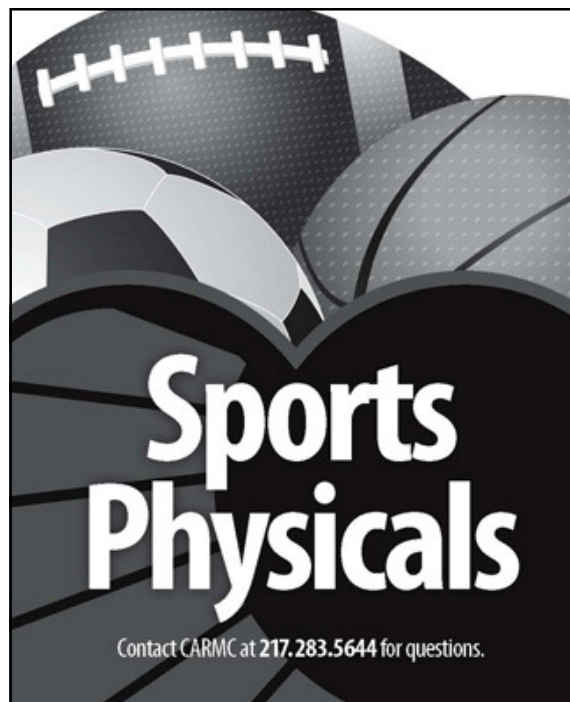
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event of an emergency.

In other business, the board heard from Class of 2011 president Jacy Samet about money remaining in the class' account. Samet told the board class officers had been told they could keep the money on account for a future class reunion, but then were told the money would roll over into the class of 2012's account to pay for their senior activities.

Samet told the board she was "a little upset" because she believes the class has close to \$1,000 left. She asked the

board to look into whether the money may be saved for reunions but if not, asked that the money be used to fund a project in the name of their class, such as a memorial to teacher Barbara Garner or classmate Michael Symmonds.

Board president Russ Walder said he will talk with principal Larry Maynard about her request.

The board also heard a presentation from John Greer Principal Dan Walder that the summer migrant program has 55 students enrolled and 44 who have attended at least one day, down to 2008 levels. Last year, 78 were enrolled and 57 attended at least one day. The six-year high was in 2007, when 97 were enrolled and 74 attended at least one day.

The program is open to migrant students from birth to 22, he said. This year, more students are attending from Watseka and Ambia, with 17 and 11, respectively, than the local area.

The summer program costs about \$90,000, while the 55-day fall migrant program, approved by the board Thursday, costs about \$29,000, Walder said.

Both programs are paid with federal money.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved hiring Mallory Houghton, middle school language arts; Michele Kachmar, high school Spanish/yearbook cosponsor; Rochelle Morgeson, middle/high school vocal; Amy Pacot, second grade; Rebecca Sadler, middle/high school home ec; Rhonda Carter, maple personal aide (VASE); Amy Linares, middle school Title 1 aide; Claudia Paredes, John Greer personal aide; Martha Fry, attendance officer; Melissa Bolin, middle school cheerleading sponsor; Tricia Free-land, fifth grade girls basketball; Carl Heuer, JV boys basketball; and Diana Judy, high school drama sponsor.

- Approved resignations of Sherree Benjamin and Jana Raver, second grade teachers; Brenda Granados, Maple personal aide (VASE); and Kevin Jett, fifth grade boys basketball; and the retirement of John Lee, bus driver, effective August 2.

- Approved Ashley Beauvois as a marching band volunteer for 2011-12.

- Approved the noncertified staff list for 2011-12 and noncertified wage agreements for the year.

- Heard from Hornbeck that Vermilion County's regional superintendent, Cheryl Reifsteck, plans to stay on the job despite Gov. Pat Quinn eliminating the salaries of all regional superintendents in the state.

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Windblown

A storm that brought high winds in Hoopeston Sunday morning damaged the new McDonald's at Routes 1 and 9. One wall, left, was blown off center, while other walls fell to the ground. Workers were not on site when the storm hit.

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Police News

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Robert F. Bzdyl, 47, of Rankin, was arrested for reckless driving and driving while license revoked at 7:56 p.m. Thursday in the 600 block of East McNeil.

Bzdyl was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:30 p.m. Friday to the 600 block of East Penn for a smell of natural gas. No gas leak was found and no injuries reported.

Obituaries

HOLDER - Michael Lynn (Pencil) Holder, 40, of Ore City, Tex., formerly of Hoopeston, died Wednesday, July 20, 2011, in Longview, Tex., in a motorcycle accident. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Yates Memorial Cemetery, Scottsville, Tex. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Downs Funeral Home, Marshall, Tex. Online condolences may be left at: www.downsfuneralhome.com.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 90. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 66. Tomorrow, sunny. High 89, low 68.

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

An 18-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 10:35 a.m. Friday that someone damaged her vehicle in the 500 block of East Main.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident at 11:15 a.m. Friday at Market and Lincoln. A red Chevrolet Cavalier struck a parked 2007 Chrysler PT Cruiser owned by Dorothy M. Stamm, of Rantoul.

A 16-year-old Hoopeston boy was arrested at 10:17 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of North Eighth Avenue. Wanted on a juvenile warrant for larceny/residential burglary, he was taken to the juvenile detention center in Danville.

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