

With the Holiday Season upon us, we reflect on the past year and on those who have helped shape our business in a most significant way. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come. We wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

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## Hoopeston Area board approves band trip to Atlanta game

Members of the Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers will get a short break from winter's cold next year when they go to a bowl game in Atlanta.

At Thursday night's meeting, the Hoopeston Area School Board unanimously approved allowing the band to go on the trip, which will cost about \$650 per student, including meals and other expenses, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

Band director Patrick Brooks made the request at the November meeting, telling the board that 10-12 chaperones will accompany students and that two buses will be needed to accommodate those going and equipment.

In other discussion, Hornbeck told the board about recent ALICE training that four administrators recently participated in Champaign.

Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate provides training on what to do when an armed intruder is in a school. Currently, teachers are to make sure the classroom door is locked, turn off the lights and have students hide under desks or computer tables.

However, Hornbeck said, ALICE trainers said that is not always the best way to deal with such a scenario, as local administrators learned when they participated in the training based on the shooting incident at Colum-

bine, Colo., including 911 calls. "Your emotions were whirling the entire time," Hornbeck said.

The gist of the training is to "empower teachers to take other action, he said. For example, he said, students could have students escape the situation from a classroom window.

During the training, participants learned of a recent school shooting in Colorado. "That kind of hit home," Hornbeck said.

With 16 hours of training under the belts, administrators are now certified to train others in the district on the ALICE program.

In other business, the board:

- Approved creating the position of district webmaster. The job description for the position is expected to be voted on at the January 16, 2014 meeting. The board also approved creating a position of middle school dean of students/athletic director. That job description is also expected to be approved next month.

- Approved requesting calendar waivers for Martin Luther King Day, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Pulaski Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day. Hornbeck said waivers should be good forever unless something

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December 31, 2013 6:30 p.m.-?  
**New Year's Eve**  
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**November 7**  
**Jim Wisecup**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$180; status hearing December 5.  
**Justin Plecker**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to criminal damage to property; trial December 5.  
**Jerry Dalton**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to decla-


**Board** continued from other side

changes.  
 • Reapproved Bill Nelson as district attorney with a \$2,000 retainer.  
 • Heard from Hornbeck and board members who attended last month's state school board convention.  
 Listened as Hornbeck spoke about pension reform passed by the state legislature. The law is expected to be challenged in court, he said, and is not popular with school districts outside Chicago.  
 Hornbeck predicted that funding for school transportation will be the next hot topic. "Chicago doesn't need it and we do," he said. "It's the next political football."

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**Court Dispositions**  
 ration and disposition of nuisance dogs; trial January 2, 2014.  
**Andrew Cornelius**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to restraint of dogs; trial January 2, 2014.  
**Brandy Childers**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disobeying police, fined \$230, converted to 35 hours public service work; status hearing December 5.  
**Brandy Childers**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial January 2, 2014.  
**Christopher Muffitt**, Rankin, failed to appear; status hearing December 5.  
**Christine Ferguson**, Hoopeston, failed to appear; status hearing December 5.  
**Sonia Leavelle**, Danville, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

**Weather**   
 Chance of flurries today. High 23. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 4. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 18, low 15.

  
**Monday Specials**  
**Lunch - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.:**  
 Chili Mac with Garlic Bread  
**Dinner - 5-8 p.m.:**  
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**Felipe Martinez**, Danville, failed to appear; status hearing December 5.  
**Eulalio Cantu**, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.  
**Joaquin Granados**, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.  
**Jorge Casillas**, Milford, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.  
**April McCall**, Potomac, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.  
**Cheyenne Lee**, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.  
**Skyler Burke**, Hoopeston, failed to appear, status hearing December 5.

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