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## Hoopeston Area grade/middle school enrollment declines

Hoopeston Area schools saw a decline in enrollment between the sixth day of the 2013-14 school year and this year.

Six day enrollment figures - the number used to determine state aid for the district - were released at Thursday's district board meeting.

Hoopeston Area had 1,237 students on the sixth day of school, down from 1,279 last year.

The number does not include 31 Rossville-Alvin high school students, because R-A receives state aid for their students, then pays tuition for them to attend Hoopeston Area, or 15 CARE students, which are funded through a federal title program.

The loss was all at the grade/middle school level, with an enrollment of 883, down from 926 last year.

Hoopeston Area High School enrollment - at 354 this year - actually increased by one student.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck said the district is examining the numbers to find out where those students went. "Any time you lose that many, it concerns you," he said.

This year's decrease is the third biggest in the past 10 years. The largest was in 2005-06, with a 60-student drop, followed in 2012-13, with a loss of 57

students.

In other business, the board approved an estimated tax levy of \$3,131,000, up 8.2 percent from last year's \$2,893,000.

Business manager Mark Eighner said the levy increase is to cover the possibility of property values going up. For example, had the district approved a five percent increase and equalized assessed valuation rose by eight percent, the district would have lost three percent of available funding. "We just didn't want to leave anything on the table," Eighner said.

While the approved levy is higher, the tax rate is not expected to increase but to remain in the \$4.64 area it has been at for several years, Eighner said.

The board also unanimously approved base administrative salaries for the school year, including:

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Supt. Hank Hornbeck                  | \$122,335.66 |
| Larry Maynard, high school principal | \$ 91,900    |
| Linda Sheppard, Honeywell principal  | \$ 90,645.90 |
| Lori Eells, Maple principal          | \$ 84,936.19 |
| Dan Walder, John Greer principal     | \$ 71,850    |
| Anne Burton, middle school principal | \$ 71,850    |


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## Enrollment continued from other side

Scot Vogel, middle school dean \$ 60,000

Administrators also receive district-paid retirement, health insurance and life insurance.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from athletic director Scot Vogel that the football co-op between Hoopeston Area and Schlarman Academy is going well, with students from both schools getting along well. Vogel also gave updates on other sports played in the district.

- Heard from Lori Eells, Maple principal, that the school fundraiser netted more than \$20,000, to be used for new playground equipment.

- Heard from Dan Walder, John Greer principal, that the Chromebook pilot program has gone well. "I've heard no complaints," he said, calling the integration "seamless." Walder read excerpts from teacher emails, praising the program.

- Approved the immediate resignation of Jake Mott, freshman boys basketball coach; and the September 8 resignation of Jamie Pruitt, Honeywell third grade teacher.

- Approved Lupe Martinez' retirement as janitor, effective October 1.

- Approved volunteers Henry Patton, high school wrestling; and Brenda Herman at John Greer, effective immediately.

- Approved hiring, effective September 19, Devin McFadden, high school JV volleyball coach; Tina Ailey, Honeywell third grade teacher; and Cathy Uden, part time custodian.

- Approved hiring, effective September 15, Susan Goble, high school personal aide; and Linda Walsh, custodian.

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## Police News

**Thomas P. Hildebrand**, 60, of Fontana, Wis., was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut. He was charged with retail theft after he allegedly left the store without paying for items. He was released on bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 12:22 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of North Dixie Hwy. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2005 Cadillac CTS owned by Chuck Powell, of Hoopeston,

## Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:04 p.m. Friday to Teasdale Foods, 215 W. Washington, for an activated water flow alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.

## Lunch Menus



### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, green beans, applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Tacos, salad w/ carrots, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, salad bar, green beans, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets or Hot Pocket, scrambled eggs, salad bar, Tri-Tater, mandarin orange, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or Pork BBQ, refried beans, chips & salsa, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Chicken patty or cheeseburger, fries, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Tony's cheese pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

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