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Newly-seated Hoopeston Area School Board member Dave McFadden, center, shares a laugh with fellow member Mark Schaumburg, right. Also pictured is board member Larry Jahn.

## McFadden added to board; Chromebook program ramps up

Hoopeston Area School Board welcomed a new member Thursday night.

Dave McFadden, owner of Anthem Chevrolet-Buick, was sated at Thursday's regular meeting. He was one of three people who submitted a letter of interest in the position vacated by Stewart Coffman's resignation, said board President Russell Walder. All were interviewed by the board Monday, with McFadden being selected.

Walder said the board was "very pleased with all the candidates but could only select one." The other two

were encouraged to perhaps seek a future board seat, he said.

Walder thanked Coffman, who resigned for personal reasons, and his family, "for all the hours they have given to the district."

In unrelated business, Supt. Hank Hornbeck said a five-year plan to put computers in the hands of all students will hopefully be accomplished in two.

This year, some classes piloted a one-to-one program,  
**See BOARD on other side**



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giving students Chromebooks.

Next year, officials want to use \$300,000 of working cash funds - what Hornbeck said was like the district's savings account - to purchase Chromebooks for all students in third to eighth grade and tablets for second graders.

Next year, a similar amount is expected to be spent on Chromebooks for high school students and tablets for first grade students. While working cash funds may be used again, Walder said after the meeting that the district will try to find grants to fund the program.

The working cash fund has about \$1.7 million in it, Hornbeck said.

In unrelated action, the board:

- Approved resignations of Mary Smith, fourth grade teacher; and Denise Ried, kindergarten teacher at the end of the 2014-15 year.

- Approved hiring, effective, August 20, Keia Powell, fifth grade teacher; Jordan Hollingsworth and Kristin bishop, fourth grade teachers; Donna Spear, middle school secretary; Kelly Ankenbrand, half yearbook

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sponsor; Erin Kempen, self-contained classroom aide/Maple; Kaaryn Wyss, fifth grade girls basketball coach; and Ginger Gonzales, sixth grade girls basketball coach.

- Approved transferring Amanda Elliott from part time to full time high school personal aide; and Randall Hofer from fifth grade boys basketball coach to sixth grade boys basketball coach.

- Heard from Hornbeck that Rossville-Alvin High

## From the Blotter

**Dalia J. Granados**, 33, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 2:48 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County small claims warrant, she was released with a new court date.

**Haley M. Edwards**, 18, of Hoopeston, was charged at 5:37 p.m. Thursday with criminal damage to auto over \$500 on a complaint from a 75-year-old Beaverville woman who alleged Edwards scratched her vehicle with a key. The damage occurred in the 400 block of West Maple.

Edwards was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Obituaries

**ALLEN** - Betty L. (Howard) Allen, 68, of Milford, died Friday, June 19, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at Milford Christian church. Private graveside service will be at a later date at Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Ambulance Service or donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

**HARDWICK** - Barbara A. (Brown) Hardwick, 89, of Rossville, died at 11:15 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2015, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Memorials are suggested to Rossville United Methodist Church, 116 Maple St., Rossville, IL 60963. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

## Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 89, low 72. Tomorrow, high 87, low 65.

School is looking into a cooperative high school with Bismarck-Henning. Currently, Rossville's high school is deactivated and students may choose to attend either Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning.

- Learned from Hornbeck that the three big summer projects are the boiler at the high/middle school complex; the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) lab; and the high school entrance.

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