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HA finances get boost for new year as Illinois pays up

Hoopeston Area's finances got off to a good start for the fiscal year 2016 year, thanks to a payment that was due last year.

District finances were reviewed at Thursday's school board meeting, as Supt. Hank Hornbeck talked about the tentative 2016 budget. "It's difficult because you never know what your revenue is going to be," he said.

The district received revenue from the federal government, for Title 1 and Title 2 programs; from the state, in the form of state aid; and from the local level, through property taxes.

Last year, schools were prorated to receive 89 percent of state aid, but the amount was lowered by two percent during the year, Hornbeck said. This year, the district is expecting 92 percent. "We just hope they don't back off," he said.

Business manager Mark Eighner said it's important to note that local money is based on the district's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), which has remained about \$63 million for the past 10 or 12 years.

The addition of wind turbines in the school district will boost the EAV, and thereby tax dollars going to Hoopeston Area, he said.

The increase will come even though the tax rate will remain about the same, because the state determines what districts can charge. Hoopeston Area's tax rate is about \$4.61, Eighner said.

In other business, the board learned that all but one position is filled for the start of school on Monday. As of Thursday's meeting, only a fifth/sixth grade boys' basketball coaching position was open.

The board approved several personnel changes, including:

Kendra Nelson's resignation as middle school Eng-

lish teacher.

Approved hiring Jane Powell, school personal aide; Karen Smith, Honeywell classroom aide; Bryan Pig-gush, Honeywell special education teacher; Brian Hodge and Mallory Tennill, half time middle school yearbook sponsor; Rochelle Morgeson, color guard instructor; and Julie Acton, eighth grade English language arts teacher.

Coaches and activity sponsors were also approved, including Carrie Konieczki, high school girls basketball; Jordan Hollingworth, high school volleyball; Jeff Alexander, middle school baseball; Angie Torres, elementary band; and Ashley Beauvois, marching band.

Also, Darren Martin, softball; Jon Layden, high school boys' basketball; Josh Inman, wrestling; Alex Morales, soccer; Ron Cade, middle school track; Doug Wagoner, middle/high school bowling; Mar-ri-ssa Obenland, middle school volleyball; Cory Coffman, middle/high school volleyball; Henry Pat-ton, wrestling; Brenda Herman and Sally Swartz, John Greer.

From the Blotter

A 50-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 5:45 a.m. Thursday that someone took a television from his garage in the 800 block of East Elm.

A wedding or engagement ring was found at 2:42 p.m. Thursday at CVS parking lot. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Jose U. Concepcion Ortiz, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:42 p.m. Thursday to the 00 block of East Wyman, after a 31-year-old Hoopeston woman reported she had been hit by a man.

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Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

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TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese sandwich, Sunchips, sliced apples, celery sticks, Tropical Twist juice

THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, salad, Baby carrots, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tater tots, cucumber slices, mixed fruit milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Taco Max Snax or Hot Pocket, salad bar, chips & salsa, milk, juice,

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Ortiz was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **31-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 4:48 p.m. Thursday that a go cart was stolen from the 900 block of East Wyman.

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