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Hoopeston Area to begin search for Hornbeck replacement

A representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards will head up Hoopeston Area's search for a new superintendent.

Jim Helton, a member of the IASB executive searches staff, was at Thursday's Hoopeston Area school board meeting to discuss steps to find a replacement for Supt. Hank Hornbeck who will retire in 2017.

Helton suggested a timeline that would include an almost immediate start on a search including advertising and searching the IASB recruitment database, followed by interviews in the fall and hiring a new superintendent in November or December, allowing the district to hire someone from what he called "the first wave."

The search will be personalized to Hoopeston Area, with staff, administrators and the community asked to complete surveys on what qualities are wanted in a new superintendent, Helton said.

The surveys - and most of the hiring process - is expected to be done electronically. Candidates will apply online. Helton and his staff will review applications and recommend four to six candidates to the board for further consideration and possible interviews.

The IASB's services come with a \$7,400 price tag, up from \$3,600 in 2007, when its services were used to find a replacement for then-Supt. Mark Conolly, who died in December 2006.

That search resulted in Hornbeck moving from high school principal to superintendent.

Helton said the IASB has a 94 percent consistency

rating, based on 2012 hires who were still employed by the same district in 2015. "I think a lot of that comes from matching the right person with the district," he said.

In personnel matters, the board:

- Approved the non-certified at-will employee list for 2016-17 and approved a 35 cent-per-hour raise for those employees.

- Transferred Sara Anderson from sixth grade teacher to fifth grade teacher effective August 18.

- Approved resignations of Kevin Root as middle school assistant baseball coach and Devin McFadden as JV volleyball/middle school volleyball coach, both effective May 19; and Mary

Schoonover as middle school Scholastic Bowl coach, effective April 28.

- Approved resignations of Andrea Lyman, fifth grade teacher and Bryce Bushong, Maple classroom aide, at the end of this year.

- Hired Diane Swartz as part time (not to exceed 30 hours per month) speech language aide at Maple, starting August 18.

- Approved high school soccer volunteers Michl Kearney, Brent Lockhart and Alex Morales, starting August 18.

- Hired Kevin Root as assistant high school soccer coach; Dylan Swank as high school English teacher; Alicia Moody as high school cheerleading coach; Mary Smith, John Greer Title 1 aide; Allison Naese, sixth grade teacher; Hannah Watts, fifth grade teacher.

Board to hold meeting on fate of Honeywell Grade School

The public is invited to a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 31 to hear information about the planned closing of Honeywell Grade School.

The meeting is expected to include financial information, as well as a report on committee findings about the school.

The meeting will be held in the Honeywell cafeteria.

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Two Hoopeston people were arrested on drug charges at 1:58 p.m. Thursday.

Police and a parole agent went to the 200 block of West Elm, where they allegedly found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Shane McCarty, 29, and Jennifer Burton, 39, were each charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Audri Zarate, 20, of Cissna Park, was arrested after an incident at 9:20 p.m. Thursday at Penn and Market. She was charged with criminal damage to property on a complaint from a 19-year-old Hoopeston woman and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A pair of black rimmed glasses was found Friday in the grassy area by the VFW. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Two people were ticketed and two injured in an acci-

Obituaries

MORGESON - Thelma A. (Breeding) Morgeson, 77, of Milford, died Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation was 1-3:45 p.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral was at 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, Milford Fire Department or Heritage Health.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk

TUESDAY: Ham & cheese sandwich, Sunchips, baby carrots, fruit cup milk

WEDNESDAY: Teachers institute

THURSDAY: Report card day

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

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WEDNESDAY: Teachers institute

THURSDAY: Report card day

FRIDAY: No school

From the Blotter

dent at 4:19 p.m. Friday at Penn and Fourth St.

Police said Curtis Warner, 21, in a 1999 Ford Explorer, was eastbound and turned north on Fourth in front of a 1999 Jeep Carryall, driven by Audrey Longest, 17, also of Hoopeston, causing the collision.

Warner was ticketed for making an improper turn. A passenger in Longest's vehicle was ticketed for not wearing a seat belt.

The passenger and Warner were both taken to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

An employee of Casey's General Store, 115 E. Orange, reported at 7:12 p.m. that the driver of a white pickup truck pumped gas and didn't pay.

Aaron Linares, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a 31-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 2:55 p.m.

Thursday that Linares threatened him.

Linares was arrested at 11:15 p.m. Friday, charged with assault. He was released on a recognizance bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Brandon Arms, 302, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:07 a.m. Saturday in the 500 block of West Penn. Wanted on a Benton County, Ind., warrant for attempted fraud, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of transfer back to Indiana.

Weather

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