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### State finances, containing costs on minds of board candidates

*Just the Facts is spotlighting candidates running in contested elections for Hoopeston Area School Board, which has contests for both in and out of the original Hoopeston School District; Hoopeston City Council, which has a contest in Ward 2; and Grant Township.*

Three people are running for two seats on the "in town" portion of the Hoopeston Area School Board, representing the original Hoopeston School District.

Incumbents Lawrence Jahn and Dave McFadden are being challenged by newcomer Debbie Klaber in the April 4 contest.

For Jahn, major issues facing the district now are state

funding for education, which, without a state budget, is difficult to predict - and related concern - the federal government's push for charter schools and school choice, which, he said, will reduce money the district now gets for Title 1 and other government programs.

Another area of concern is getting the word out the community about the great things that are happening in the district, he said. If re-elected, he will work with the incoming superintendent to develop a detailed communication plan.

Also, fewer young people are becoming teachers. Illi-

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**Candidates** continued from other side

nois has a teacher shortage, which will soon be nationwide, Jahn said. Hoopeston Area has been successful in hiring well-qualified teachers to replace those who retire. He and his wife, Gloria, also a retired teacher, started a scholarship to a HA student enrolled at DACC in education to encourage youth to become educators.

Finances will continue to be an issue into the future. Jahn said the board took a positive step in controlling expenses by closing Honeywell Grade School, which will have a net savings of more than \$250,000 per year.

The board is also looking at adding solar panels to the rooftops to curtail energy costs and is investigating an onsite windmill for the administrative building.

**Obituaries**

**BARRAGREE** - Dennis Barragree, 77, of Rossville died at 6:30 a.m. Friday, March 24, 2017 at Colonial Manor, Danville. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, rural Rossville. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

The 76-year-old has been on the board for 14 years and is its vice president. He retired from the Hoopeston Area school district, where he was a business teacher, director of vocational education, computer instructor and technology coordinator. He presently teaches computer application courses through DACC Community and Corporate Division.

McFadden, 54, was appointed to the board two years ago and is running for his first full term.

Like Jahn, McFadden sees finances as a major issue. "There is no sign that the current budget situation in Illinois will improve any time soon," he said. "This will continue to put a financial strain on state school districts." The board must be good stewards of "the positive financial position that the previous district leaders have provided us" and also "strike the right balance between controlling expenses and providing opportunities for our students."

Also, he said, HA needs an effective communications program, a priority of newly-hired Supt. Suzi Hesser. "We have amazing people doing amazing things in our schools every day," McFadden said.

McFadden, owner of Anthem Chevrolet-Buick, has lived in the community for 21 years. He and his wife, Stacy, have four daughters.

Klaber, 63, retired from the Hoopeston school system after 36 years of teaching. She sees upcoming transitions of closing Honeywell Grade School and the change in leadership with a new superintendent as a major issue. "I hope to help support Mrs. Hesser and help students and staff as they make the transition of buildings and staff," she said.

Excellent stewardship and leadership means the district's finances are stable. "The job of the board will be to continue to provide quality education for our community while being confronted with the uncertainty of state finances.

Klaber is a lifetime Hoopeston resident. She and her husband, Jim, have two sons and a granddaughter.

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The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive technicalities in bidding.

Gail Lane  
 City Clerk

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