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Incumbent Leigh challenged by Layden, Lee for school board

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.

An incumbent and two newcomers are vying for two seats in the out of town portion of the Hoopeston Area School District.

The out of town segment encompasses area not in the original Hoopeston School District.

Lisa Leigh is seeking her third term on the board, while Jonathan Layden and Craig Lee are running for the first

time.

Current board President Russell Walder did not seek reelection.

For Leigh, finances are a major issue, saying the state's financial situation remains "in limbo." The school will continue to control expenditures but has no control over the state's timing of when it will pay state aid and past due transportation revenue.

The focus of the current board has been to make sound, strong decisions based on current needs while looking ahead to see how their decisions will affect the school

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Board continued from other side

board 20 years from now, she said.

Examples of board actions to help future finances include approving a levy from itself to establish a credit history, in case SB 318 passes and making payments and paying interest to itself; and closing Honeywell School, which saves \$600,000 in structural improvements and ongoing costs.

Another issue is making sure students are able to succeed on their career paths. Leigh said the district does this through the 1:1 Chromebook program, which means stu-

dents have the latest information and are not using old textbooks; STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) in the middle school; ag education, FFA, industrial arts, music, art, foreign language and DACC classes available at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center.

It is important to give students a vision of their career choices to understand why graduating is important, said Leigh, adding "there are jobs in Vermilion County for adults who can pass a drug test. Eighty percent of our state is agriculture-based. The teaching and medical professions are in need of trained employees."

Leigh, 57, has lived in the area for 27 years and is an administrative coordinator at Vermilion County Soil and Water Conservation District in Danville. She has also served as a substitute teacher in the Hoopeston Area district. Her family lives on a farm north of East Lynn and has three sons who have graduated from HA.

Jonathan Layden, 46, is a Hoopeston-East Lynn graduate and area farmer who sees school enrollment as a big issue. "If the co-op between Bismarck-Henning and Rossville fails, we need to try and do whatever we possibly can for the Rossville residents to send their students to

HAHS," he said.

Regarding finances, the district needs to express to local representatives how important education is for the state. "Cutting funding for schools should never be an option," he said.

Other issues include improving the graduation rate by keeping students motivated and interested. Different class choices may help, he said. He would also look at expanding the curriculum to include more trade classes for students who don't plan to attend a four-year college.

He would also increase accountability. "Everyone needs to do their job and not rely on others to do it for them."

Layden is a member of the Wellington-Greer Fire Department, a Prairie Green Township trustee and is vice president of Hoopeston FFA Alumni. He and his wife, Tracy, have two sons, including Trey, a senior at HAHS.

Craig Lee sees funding and dwindling enrollment as major issues facing the board.

"Although there is little that one individual can do to address that issue, as a board member, I will work to be fiscally responsible with the funding we have," he said.

Lee believes the current board does a good job with finances but said he believes there is an imbalance of members with children in the HA system.

As for enrollment, "I will work to help maintain a district that families will be drawn to through programs, activities and quality of education to maintain or boost enrollment."

While Lee doesn't believe having students in the district is mandatory to be a board member, "I believe I do bring an advantage, knowing what is happening in the district day-to-day with my two boys currently in the school system, and a daughter who will begin kindergarten this fall.

"I'm not out with a particular agenda in regards to the classroom, specifically, or finances specifically, but rather have a balanced view, as my wife and I are both parents and property owners in the district," he said.

His wife, Christy Lee, owns Cee Lee Photography and volunteers in the school system.

Lee, 42, is an H-EL graduate and received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois in 1996. He is territory manager for farm equipment manager, Geringhoff.

He is a member of National FFA Alumni Association and volunteers for HA FFA and Music Boosters.

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Lacey Simpson, Hoopeston, status check March 2.

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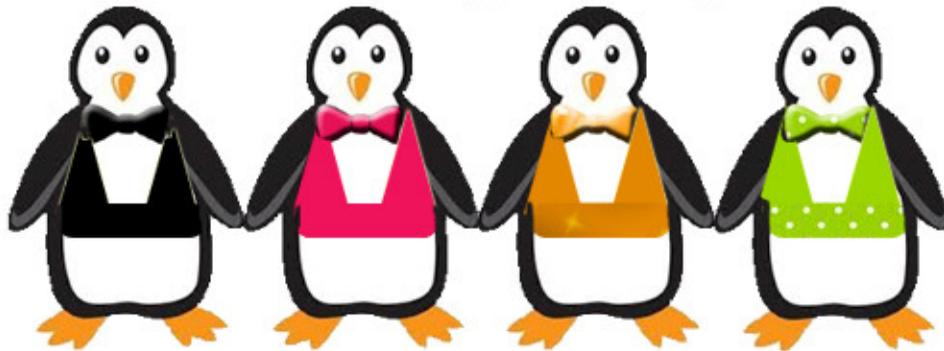
Tonya Edwards, Hoopeston, status check March 2.

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Alvin schools reunion
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