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HA board holds special meeting to discuss all-weather track

A Mattoon architecture firm has been hired by Hoopeston Area school district to work towards a possible all-weather track at the high school.

At a special meeting Thursday, the board approved The Upchurch Group to set specifications and seek bids for the project.

An all-weather track has been discussed at previous meetings and Mark Eighner, district building and grounds director, had received a proposal from Midwest Track Builders of Wauconda, for an eight-lane track at a cost of \$320,000.

With Upchurch on board, Midwest Track and other interested companies will be able to submit proposals. For their efforts, if the board approves building the track, Upchurch will receive 10 percent of the project

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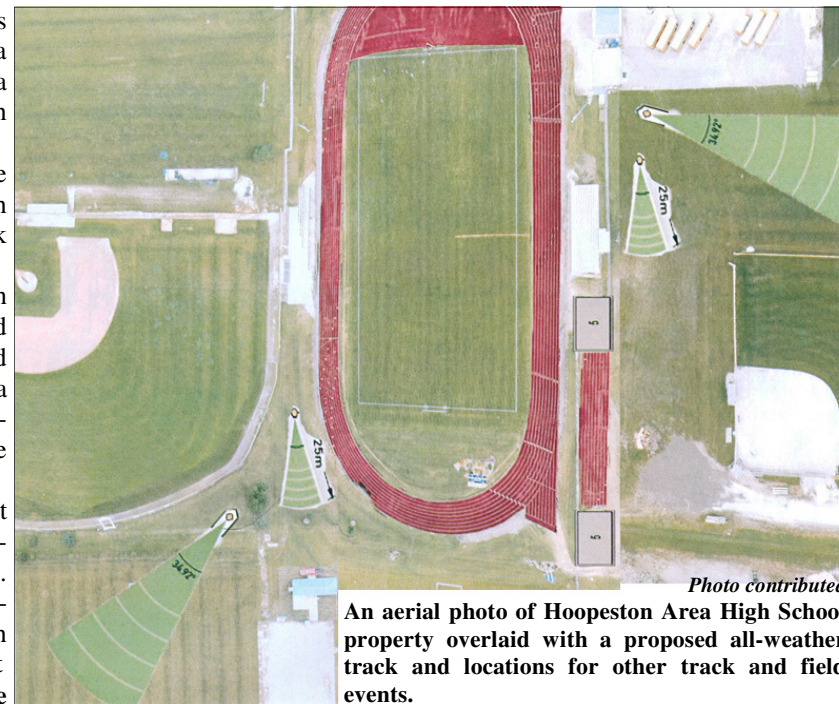


Photo contributed

An aerial photo of Hoopeston Area High School property overlaid with a proposed all-weather track and locations for other track and field events.

Hoopeston Area asked to consider R-A tuition agreement

School board members are expected to vote later this month on an agreement that would allow Rossville-Alvin students currently attending Hoopeston Area High School to graduate from the school.

The agreement, proposed by the Rossville-Alvin board, would allow current RA students, and their younger siblings, to attend and graduate from Hoopeston Area High School.

After the RA high school was deactivated in 2005, the district paid tuition for students to attend Hoopeston Area

or Bismarck-Henning high schools. In April, voters in both Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning approved forming a cooperative high school.

If the agreement is approved, Rossville-Alvin will pay 95 percent of Hoopeston's individual tuition rate for current students.

What that rate will be is unknown until Hoopeston Area's audit is completed, said outgoing Supt. Hank Hornbeck.

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Briefly

Dance date change

The monthly Senior Dance at Hoopeston Multi Agency will be held July 8 in the community room. Dinner will be from 5-6 p.m., followed by music with Yesterday's Country from 6-8 p.m.

Obituaries

IUNGERICH - Dorothy Marie (Leonard) Iungerich, 99, of Covington, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 8:30 p.m. (EST) Saturday, July 1, 2017 at The Waters of Covington. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of her life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Private family burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

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cost.

If the board does not approve construction, Upchurch will receive a fee but the amount was not known at the meeting.

If the track is approved, base layers of rock will be covered with asphalt and a special coating that will allow water to drain from the surface.

Along with constructing the track, work will also include improving drainage in the area, said Stan Fearday, Upchurch engineer. Preliminary plans are for a tile to be placed around the track and discharged into a nearby ditch. "If there's a better solution, we'll do that," he said.

Although a definitive cost has not been set, an unofficial timeline has and Eighner urged action to get the track installed before the football season begins.

New Supt. Suzi Hesser did the same, saying of the agenda item which read 'approve the project', "To me, the important word is 'project'."

Board member Chris Elliott disagreed, saying "to me, the most important word is 'approve.'"

Voting to approve Upchurch were Mark Schaumburg, Lisa Leigh, Chris Elliott and Debbie Klaber. Member Craig Lee abstained, saying after the meeting that he was not informed enough to comfortably make a decision. Members Larry Jahn and Chris Small were absent.

Project funding is coming from donations from individuals, businesses and the City of Hoopeston, which last year donated \$50,000. A second \$50,000 payment is

Cost is \$5 per person. Dinner reservations are preferred. Call (217) 283-5544 by July 6.

Music in the Park

Rankin United Methodist Church will sponsor Music in the Park Saturday at Rankin Centennial Park. Free hot-dogs, chips, soft drinks and cookies will be served starting at 5 p.m., followed by The Allen Quartet in concert from 6-8 p.m.

Hoopeston Hornets signups set

Signups for Hoopeston Hornets football will Saturdays, July 1,8,15,22, and 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sundays, July 2,9,16,23 and 30 from noon-2 p.m. at Hornets Field on South Sixth Ave.

Children who are 5 but not older than 15, by September

expected soon, Eighner said.

City money comes from tax increment financing (TIF) funds which, in the past have been given to the district to do roof work, purchase security systems, and other projects.

Additionally, Eighner said, two private donors are expected to contribute \$80,000 when the project is approved and a \$25,000 one-time donation has been made.

Sponsorships for each of the eight track lanes will also be available at a cost of \$104 per month for five years. Four are already locked in, he said.

With the current cinder track, other high schools are unwilling to come to Hoopeston Area for track meets. "People don't run on a cinder track," he said. "They don't like to."

The middle school has held some meets on the track, he added.

Additional benefits of the new track include more use by physical education classes. Standing water after rains prohibit classes from using the track to walk or run; increased sales and sales tax to the city for track events; and possible special activities such as Relay for Life.

Weather

Mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms today. High 82. Tonight, storms likely. Low 68. Tomorrow, storms likely. High 82, low 67.

1, are eligible. Fee is \$70 per child, with a \$5 discount per additional child per family.

Resident reminders

- Hoopeston workers will flush hydrants on Fridays throughout the summer, weather permitting.
- Residents are asked to not blow grass into the street as it clogs city sewers.

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The district's most recent tuition rate is \$7,800 per student per year, he added.

Under the proposal, current RA students who wish to continue attending HAHS must complete a school choice form within 30 days of the agreement's approval. In future years, March 1 will be the form completion deadline.

Siblings of Rossville-Alvin students currently attending Hoopeston Area High School may also attend Hoopeston Area High School HAHS as long as they graduate eighth grade before the start of the 2019-20 school year, according to the proposed contract.

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