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**Bennett paints bleak picture of Illinois school funding**

Politicians may come together this week to again try to work out funding for Illinois schools.  
 State Rep. Tom Bennett (R-106th) was at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting to give an update on school funding progress.  
 In short, there isn't any.  
 Bennett expects legislators may be recalled to Springfield this week after Gov. Bruce Rauner asked call lead-



State Rep. Tom Bennett (R-106) makes a point at Thursday's Hoopeston Area school board meeting.

ers from both parties in the Senate and House to meet Friday.  
 Providing background information, Bennett related how SB 1, a school funding bill that contained reforms for the school funding formula and a bailout of the Chicago teachers' pension fund passed. Using his amendatory veto power, Gov. Bruce Rauner removed the bailout. The Democrat-controlled Senate overrode the veto, reestablishing the bailout.  
 The House met Wednesday for what Bennett called a "symbolic" vote on the language of Rauner's veto. Many  
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## Area orthodontist remembered for fixing..and creating...smiles

A Watseka-based orthodontist is being remembered for his love of life and sense of humor.

Dr. John D. Martin, 77, of St. Anne, formerly of Watseka, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he was captain of the Volunteers basketball team and was named to the Illinois High School Association and University of Tennessee Basketball halls of fame. He was an avid tennis player.

Dr. Martin graduated from Loyola University Dental School in 1963 and opened a practice in Watseka.

Survivors include his wife, Anne, of St. Anne; daughters Susan Trillet of Michigan and Jan Marie Martin of California and son, John of Watseka; brothers Porter, of Michigan and Paul, of Normal.

Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, with Rosary at 1:45 p.m. Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Edmund Catholic Church, Watseka. A celebration of his life will be held at Inside Out in Gilman from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. August 27.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Wounded Warriors or donor's choice.

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### Fire Calls

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Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:50 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of East Elm for a smell of gas. Nothing was found.

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### Lunch Menus

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#### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

(high school only selections in parentheses)

MONDAY: Chicken strips (or hot ham & cheese), corn, salad, applesauce, milk, (juice)

TUESDAY: Country fried steak (or Hot Pocket), mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, (juice)

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti (or BBQ rib/bun), Max Stix, salad, pears, milk, (juice)

THURSDAY: Mini corndogs (or cheeseburger), baked beans, salad, peaches, milk, (juice)

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza (or fish sandwich), salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit, Cherry Star juice, milk,

## Funding continued from other side

Republicans, including Bennett, voted "present" on the measure and no one, including the bill's sponsor, voted in favor, he said.

As districts wait to see what funding will be, SB1 continues to be a political football, "one of those bills people are using to attack people," Bennett said. "Good or bad, right or wrong, besides education, there are other forces at play here," for the 2018 gubernatorial election.

What is being used as a political game in Springfield has very real consequences in Hoopeston and other districts across the state.

"This is our business," said board member Larry Jahn. "It's almost impossible to run a business with what the legislature offers," he said. When he asks questions about

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### Briefly

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#### Historical society meeting change

The location of the August Hoopeston Historical Society's meeting has been changed. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday and tour the Rossville Historical Society building and its museum.

A tour of the Willdon building had originally been planned.

We hope to see you all there.

#### 90th birthday card shower

Marie (Ma) Brown will celebrate her 90th birthday on August 25. Please help us honor her by sending cards to: Marie Brown, Heritage Health, 432 N. Dixie Hwy. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

(juice)

#### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, Wango Mango juice, milk

TUESDAY: Taco Max Snax, salad, baby carrots, chips & salsa, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ/bun, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

that, "I hear crickets. I don't get any response."

Due to a \$335,793 state funding shortage last fiscal year, Hoopeston Area ran a deficit, said district business manager Mark Eighner. The district received fewer than the four payments expected in five categories, including driver education, three special education categories and regular transportation, he said.

Despite not knowing what their funding will be, Eighner and his counterparts across the state are preparing district budgets and hoping funding comes through.

A public hearing on Hoopeston Area's proposed budget will begin at 6:30 p.m. September 21, before the regular board meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Approved hiring Faith Pepper, assistant volleyball coach; Lauren Roberts, ninth grade English teacher; Mary Smith, John Greer Response to Intervention (RtI) teacher; Dylan Swank, head golf coach; Brent Lockhart, JV soccer coach; Rhonda Baker, part time cafeteria aide; Colleen Layden, substitute eighth grade English language arts teacher, pending state approval; and Samantha Pugh, high school in-school suspension/study hall supervisor.

- Approved FFA volunteers Mary Bushong, Rob Obenland, Marissa Obenland, Sherry Johnson, Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, Gordon Allen, Russ Leigh and Jason Leigh.

- Approved resignations of Emily Zabel, John Greer RtI teacher; Noah Featherstone, high school classroom/study hall aide; Michael McDermaid, John Greer PE teacher/head golf and sixth grade boys basketball coach; Nick

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### Obituaries

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**TRUEBLOOD** - Alice May (Voyles) Trueblood, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 7:54 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation was 3-6 p.m. (CST) Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. (CST) Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Honor Flight at Boswell Grade School, 414 W. Main St., Boswell IN 47921.

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### Weather

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Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 88, low 70. Tomorrow, high 81, low 56.

Petersen, eighth grade English language arts teacher; and Amanda Garrell, second grade teacher.

- Approved the transfer of Megan Weeks from eighth grade math to sixth grade teacher.

- Approved a three-year contract with Hoopeston Education Association, details of which were not available at press time.

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## Classifieds

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