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School board hears necessary steps to dispose of Honeywell

Hoopeston Area School Board learned the steps they must take to sell the Honeywell School property at its meeting Thursday night.

A specific proposal for the property was not discussed. Instead, Luke Feeney of Monticello-based Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller, Ltd., discussed school code requirements by which districts may dispose of unwanted property.

First, the board must approve a resolution to divest the property and must advertise that it is doing so for three consecutive weeks. After that, the board may sell the property in one of three ways permitted by the school code.

The first method Feeney outlined was to sell the property outright, which may be done through a typical auction, by sealed bids or by a method Feeney said was most successful - sealed bids with the option of letting the top three or five bidders raise their bids at the bid opening. The district may set a minimum bid for the property "so you don't waste anyone's time with low bids," he said. However, the minimum should not be so high that no one bids, he added.

The district may also reserve the right to reject all bids. If it does not, it must accept the highest bid, he said.

The board is prohibited from selling the land outright to an interested buyer. "The board cannot select who it wants to own the land," Feeney said.

If the board chooses to sell the property in one of the proscribed ways, Feeney stressed the need to carefully list which fixtures stay and which do not, as well as other caveats. He suggested property be sold as-is, with the board not making improvements before or after the sale.

If no bid is successful, the district may then list the property with a realtor, who will have 120 days to sell the property or the process begins anew.

The board may also decide to divest the property by entering into an intergovernmental agreement. trans-

ferring ownership to another government body, such as a municipality. Under this method, the district may set a minimal fee but is "not forced to wring every dollar possible out of the sale" as it is if it sells the property, Feeney said.

Board president Mark Schaumburg asked if school code regulations were the same for properties with no buildings on it. Feeney said they were.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said he was invited to attend Thursday's school board meeting. He was joined by aldermen Carl Ankenbrand and Alex Houmes to hear Feeney's presentation.

Honeywell School closed at the end of the 2016-17 year after the board, in June 2016, approved shuttering it. At that time, the board agreed that if a suitable use for the school could not be found, the district would demolish it.

The meeting got off to a late start, missing the posted 7 p.m. start time by 26 minutes as the board was in the first of its regularly-scheduled two executive sessions per meeting.

In unrelated discussion, the board heard from Hoopeston Education Association President Dylan Swank that noncertified staff has expressed an interest in joining a union. Whether that will be the HEA or a separate body has not been decided, he added.

In action items, the board:

- Approved 5-0, bids for bread from Aunt Millie's and milk from Clover Leaf Farms for the 2018-19 year. A fuel bid was tabled.


Members Lisa Leigh and Craig Lee were absent.

- Also tabled was a lease with Providence Capital for 1,000 Chromebooks at \$93,000 per year for four years.

- In personnel matters, the board hired Landon Hawkins as high school dean and Kimberly Hutzel as high school assistant principal. Candace Freeman was hired as middle school assistant principal.

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From the Blotter

Police are investigating a burglary reported at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. A 57-year-old Hoopeston woman reported that someone stole items from her home in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

Austin Messmore, 25, of Danville was arrested after police were called at 6:32 a.m. Friday to remove a person from Budget Mini Storage, 710 W. Orange.

He faces preliminary charges of possession of a controlled substance, harboring a runaway, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **20-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 5:22 p.m. Friday that someone took money from her home in the 500 block of Maple.

A **wallet belonging** to Raphael Resendez was found

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:10 p.m. Friday to the 300 block of North Ninth Ave. for a power line downed by a falling tree limb. Ameren also responded. No fire or property damage was reported.



Cleaning up

Paul Kelnhofer, of Paul's Auto and Truck Repair, drives a damaged 2002 Chevrolet Carryall onto his tow truck after a three-vehicle accident at 5:15 p.m. Thursday. Police said **Zachary Carter** 26, of Patterson, Ga., in a 2005 GMC truck, was northbound on Third St., when he failed to yield at Seminary and was struck by a 2002 Chevrolet utility vehicle driven by **Joshua Johnson**, 23, of Hoopeston. The crash pushed the truck into a 2005 Chevrolet Carryall, driven by **Jessica Brown** 33, also of Hoopeston, who was stopped at the intersection. Carter was ticketed for disobeying a yield sign and Brown was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. No injuries were reported at the time of the accident.

at 9:45 a.m. Saturday in the 400 block of North Market. He may claim it at the police station.

Obituaries

LANGELLIER - Diana L. (Matson) Langellier, 68, of Milford died Thursday, July 19, 2018 in Charlestown, Ind. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

NORRIS - Robert A. "Dick" Norris, 83, of Hoopeston, died at 2:40 a.m. Thursday July 19, 2018 at Heritage Health. Graveside service was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Flora Hill Cemetery with military honors by Hoopeston American Legion Post 385. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 79. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 62. Tomorrow, sunny. High 84, low 65.

Briefly

P.E.P. Potluck

Hoopeston United Methodist Church invites everyone to it People Enjoying People Potluck Party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main.

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