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Business manager hopes for 'in the black' 2019 budget year

Hoopeston Area business manager Mark Eighner said projected lower expenses may mean the district "has a good chance of being in the black" in tentative 2019 budget.

At Thursday's school board meeting, Eighner estimated revenue at \$11,752,000 in the education fund for the upcoming fiscal year.

Revenue for the fund comes from three sources, he said: 30 percent local, 60 percent state and 10 percent federal.

He compared that to the building fund, which gets all its money from local property taxes and interest on that money.

Illinois is lagging in its transportation payments to Hoopeston Area. Typically four payments are made each year but the state paid two payments from last year and made only two payments for this year, leaving two payments still due, he said.

The board unanimously approved the tentative budget and set a public hearing on it at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the high school library.

In other action, the board approved several personnel items, including hiring:

- Brynn Nicholls as Maple personal aide
- Madeline Stock, substitute middle school English

teacher

- Erika Ramos, substitute high school science teacher
- Mia Harrier, substitute choral teacher for grades three-

Hoopeston Area launches new social media with instant updates

Residents can have up-to-the-minute news of Hoopeston Area schools on the district's new social media platform

Designed by Aptegy, the new technology allows live feed from staff phones or computers to be posted on the webpage (www.hoopeston.k12.il.us), app (Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers in the App Store or Google Play), Facebook (Hoopeston Area School District) and Twitter (@HoopestonArea). The multiple venues allows students, families and the community to choose the platform that works best for them to get updates, said Supt. Suzette Hesser.

Set to be ready for the start of the first day of school, a security authorization glitch delayed the start of the new features. "That authorization was completed by about 8:30 a.m. and we were up and running," she said.

The site features a calendar that works well from both the website and the app and is set up so that anyone with the app can take a calendar event and quickly add it to their personal calendar with the click of a button.

The app is also set up so directions for sporting events will come up into the maps program on a phone.

The cost of the new technology was not available at press time but Hesser said it is almost the same as the cost of School Messenger, which had been used and is being discontinued.

The board also approved Chris Small as a middle/high school baseball volunteer and Debbie Klaber as a substitute teacher with earnings not to exceed \$2,000 during the upcoming fiscal year. Both are board members and each abstained on their specific vote.

See BUDGET on other side

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Sports Shorts

Golf

Hoopeston Area hosted Watseka and Donovan in golf action August 13 at Hubbard Trail Country Club. Watseka came in first with 198 on the par 36 course. Donavan’s score was 237 and the Cornjerkers at 247. Cam Barragree of Watseka was meet medalist with a 47. Keegan Roark was Hoopeston’s lead with a 60. On August 14, the team traveled to face Schlarman

Academy at Willow Park. Schlarman edged the Cornjerkers, 176-260, on the par 36 course. Isaac Brown and Trevor Swartz were HA team medalists each with 66. Schlarman’s Mark Lucas and Gabe Huddleston were meet medalists, each with 44. The loss bring the Cornjerkers’ record to 0-4. A Monday match against Westville was canceled. The team was scheduled to take on Rantoul and Fish-

er at Rantoul’s Willow Pond.

Soccer

The Cornjerkers had the Warriors on the run Monday night as Hoopeston Area defeated Watseka 6-1 in home soccer action. Ethan Smith, with a little help from his teammates, scored half of the Cornjerker total, with one in the first half, assisted by Dalton Goble, and two in the second, with assists from Jose Diaz and Rhys Root, respectively. Root had one unassisted goal and an assist to Payton Berlin, both in the first half. Lucas Hofer scored the final goal, with an assist from Ethan Smith, in the second half. The Cornjerkers, now 1-0, were set to travel to St. Joe Tuesday.

Obituaries

RAMOS - Jose Louis “Joselito” Ramos Jr., 32, of Pinson, AL, formerly of Wellington died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post 384. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice or a fund established for his children at First Financial Bank, 323 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

WISE - Mary Jewell Wise, of Hoopeston, died Monday, Aug. 20 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Hoopeston.

Budget continued from other side

In unrelated action, the board:

- Hired Russell Leigh and Associates for the district audit at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.
- Approved a resolution setting September 20 as Legendary Educator Day.

Weather

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Part time fall help at Ravens Livestock. Requires CDL. Call (217) 304-1943.

Hubbard Trail Country Club is looking for an experienced bartender. Starting immediately, must be 21. Call the clubhouse 217-748-6521 or apply in person.

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