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Board approves \$900,000 in working cash bonds for projects

Some costly projects will be done after a \$900,000 bond issue was approved by the Hoopeston Area School Board Thursday night.

After a public hearing with no public comment, the board voted 6-0 to approve the Working Cash bonds, with member Craig Lee arriving after the vote.

Bonds will be collateralized against the district's own fund balances and will be paid over a three-year period, said Kendall King of Kings Financial Consulting, of Monticello, which is handling the transaction.

Nearly half the bond amount could go toward Maple's boiler, half of which has not worked for several years. An HVAC evaluation done last year by Champaign-based Upchurch and Associates estimated replacing Maple's heating system at \$1.1 million.

Part of the money is expected to be used for new technology, particularly replacing Chromebooks for the district's 1:1 technology program. In the program, each student in the district has a Chromebook. In November, the board approved spending \$171,000 on 500 Chromebooks, roughly one-third of the district's total. The money will help Hoopeston Area develop a program to replace a percentage of the computers each year.

The 1:1 program was approved in July 2014, purchasing 160 Chromebooks for a pilot program at John Greer. In 2015, \$300,000 was spent on Chromebooks for all students in grades three-eight. In 2016, the youngest students and the oldest rounded out the plan with students at Maple and HAHS getting their Chromebooks.

In other action, the board:

- Hired Mia Harrier as John Greer special education teacher.
- Approved Kristina Daulton's resignation as middle school P.E. teacher, effective January 18, and Eric Zorns' resignation as eighth grade boys basketball coach, effective January 31, and Ginger Bertram's resignation as head high school volleyball coach, effective January 11.
- Approved the high school art trip to Indianapolis on April 12 and the high school marching band trip to

Washington D.C. from April 29-May 3, 2020.

- Approved establishing a checking account for the high school marketing department.
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with Vermilion County Sheriff's Department regarding the reciprocal reporting of criminal offenses committed by students.

In discussion at the meeting, the board heard from:

Dylan Swank, Hoopeston Education Association president, who praised the district for working with the union after meetings between himself, Supt. Suzi Hesser and board President Mark Schaumburg.

In the future, Swank said he would like to see pairings between board and HEA, such as the presidents of each group, to provide "strong, open and honest communication."

Regarding unionization of noncertified staff, Swank said contract negotiations are expected to begin shortly with negotiations wrapped up hopefully by July 1.

Support staff will have a separate contract with the district until 2020, when the current teacher contract expires.

Hesser, who talked about the Rotary Four Way Test and encouraged staff to implement it. The test, of things people say and do, asks four things: is it the truth; is it fair to all concerned; will it build good will and better friendships; and will it be beneficial to all concerned.

Hesser also told the board that business manager Mark Eighner was at a conference on writing financial reports for the board.

John Klaber, high school principal, who said 60 former students are featured in the Hall of Fame. Each student's picture, year of graduation and what they did after graduating is being used to motivate current students to do well and encourage them to post-high school achievements. An additional 30 plus students will be added in the near future, he said.

Suzi Root, Maple principal, who said the Maple PTO has purchased new curtains for the school's stage.

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Briefly

At the library

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Cooking the Books, at a new time, 12-1 p.m. This month's theme is "Pie Time" Stop by the book display at the main desk and select a recipe from our special cookbook selection. We make a copy for you to take home. Prepare the recipe and bring it to the library to share with others. Bring your own serving utensils. Drinks and table service are provided.

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Tiny Tots, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. Story, activity and socialization for toddlers and preschoolers and their parent or caregiver.

Hygiene/household product distribution

The Dwelling Place of Vermilion County will hold a hygiene and household care product distribution for northern Vermilion County, including Hoopeston, Rankin, Rossville, Armstrong, East Lynn, and Potomac. The event will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The free distribution is limited this month to women only, 18 years and older.

Participants must bring proof of county residence (photo ID or Illinois driver's license) Link card or proof of income. Distribution will be on a first come, first served basis and is limited to one per household.

A drawing will be held for a \$25 voucher to Hoopeston

Coin Laundry.

Birthday Club registration

Hoopeston Jaycees are proud to continue the giving tradition by hosting the 2019 Birthday Club, which serves Hoopeston Area families with children aged, 0-10 by providing parents and guardians the opportunity to select new toys for a child's birthday. Past participants must register again for the 2019 cycle.

More info and registration is available online at www.hoopestonjaycees.org.

Sweetheart Banquet set

Hoopeston Area High School Student Council will sponsor the 28th annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 in the high school gym.

Any Hoopeston area or Rossville senior citizen interested in attending is asked to call (217) 283-6661 and leave

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:59 a.m. at North Fourth St. and McCracken. As 2006 Chevrolet, driven by Sherry Klemme, 58, of Hoopeston, collided with a 2002 Chevrolet driven by Kristi K. DeWitt, 48, also of Hoopeston.

Klemme was able to drive her vehicle from the scene but DeWitt's had to be towed.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:16 p.m. Thursday at Orange and Market.

Police said Arturo Rebollo, 34, of Hoopeston, in a 2005 GMC, was eastbound when Gary Miller, of Williamsport, Ind., in a 2018 Toyota, was southbound, failed to yield, and struck Rebollo.

Kyle Douglas, 31, of Alvin, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:32 p.m. Saturday at Fourth Ave. and Washington. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Beefy fiestada, salad, chips & salsa, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, Cherry Star Juice, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, celery sticks mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Corndog, baked beans, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: No school

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

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 14. Tonight, cloudy. Low 12. Tomorrow, rain/freezing rain, snow. High 36, low 27

their name and how many will be in their party on or before February 1.

Please call with any questions.

Court Dispositions

Eric Smith, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Gerardo Torres, Hoopeston, status check in two cases January 3.

Jaymee Smith, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Constance Wisdom, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Brian Suiter, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Deono Zamarripa, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Heidi Cano, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Titus Barber, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Kenneth Cunningham, Sidell, status check January 3.

Kenneth Dale Jr., Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Ambrosio Ybarra III, Rossville, status check January 3.

Trevor Finnell, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Christopher Gray, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Mark Hinkle, Wellington, pleaded guilty at trial for general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing January 3.

Tyler Street, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

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