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## Robert Richardson named HA superintendent; to start July 1

Robert Richardson said he'll bring "honest, ethical hard work" and a sense of humor to his new position as superintendent of Hoopeston Area schools.

Richardson was hired by unanimous vote at a special meeting Tuesday evening - the first major vote for new members Lee Cox, Dave McFadden and Rich Eisenmann, who were seated at the meeting.

"I feel like a high school kid who's just signed a letter of intent," Richardson said after the vote. He praised those in the district whom he has met as "a bunch of fun-loving people but they get things done."

After the meeting, the 48-year-old described himself as "a 'boots on the ground' kind of guy. I like to pitch in and get my hands dirty."

For Richardson, the move is about numbers. The first number is district size.

For the last three years, he has been superintendent at Brimfield, a 700-student district 25 miles west of Peoria. "This is a bigger place," he said. Hoopeston Area's enrollment is more than 1,200, according to the district's Illinois Schools Report Card.

The second number is administration. In his first year at Brimfield, Richardson served as superintendent and principal. This year, the bookkeeper left in August "so I was that, as well," he said. Hoopeston Area has well-established staff in the necessary positions, he said.

The final number is salary. Richardson and the board agreed on a two-year contract with an annual base of \$120,000, up slightly from the \$115,164 listed on the Brimfield website for Richardson's salary for the 2017-18 year.

Born in Hindsboro, Richardson said he decided to become an educator "late in life," starting college at age 28. He earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Eastern Illinois University and a Master's degree in Plant and Soil Science and Agricultural Education from Southern Illinois University.

His first job post-college was as ag teacher at Maroa-Forsyth. He was there from 2003-06. He then served as



Robert Richardson, who will become superintendent of the Hoopeston Area school district on July 1, displays his first Cornjerker t-shirt at a special board meeting Tuesday.

principal of Dwight Township High School for four years before being named principal at Taylorville High School, a position he held for six years until he was hired at

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## DACC Diversity Team to hold free event on May 7 for Mental Health Awareness Month

Danville Area Community College's Diversity Team is holding a free event for Mental Health Awareness Month. It will be held Tuesday, May 7 from 2-5 p.m. in the DACC Bremer Conference Center. There will be agencies from the community speaking about their services on mental health and how they can help anyone who is having mental

health issues.

This is a great opportunity to become aware of the services Danville has to offer those in need. In addition to a main speaker and other panel members, there will also be a client from the Survivor Resource Center telling her story to help inspire others to get the help they need.

### Historical society dinner set

Hoopeston Historical Society Annual Dinner will be held Monday, May 20, 6 p.m. at the American Legion. Reservations are \$20, due by May 11. Dues are still \$5, life members \$100 and can also be paid at this time. Checks may be written to Hoopeston Historical Society and sent to Hoopeston Historical Society, c/o Carol Hicks, 326 W. Orange St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Presenter Larry Weatherford will speak about "Lincoln in Vermilion County." The public is welcome to attend.

### Obituaries

**SMILEY** - Lois Jean (Lawrence) Smiley, 95, of Hoopeston, formerly of East Lynn, died Monday, April 29, 2019, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at East Lynn Community Fellowship Church, 41428 Main St. Burial will follow in East Lynn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to East Lynn Community Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 146, East Lynn IL 60932.

### Superintendent continued from other side

Brimfield.

After several questions, Richardson works his way back to fun. "How do you pronounce the capital of Kentucky," he asks. "Is it 'Looey-ville' or is it 'Loo-a-vul?'" After reporters take their choices, he responds with "I pronounce it Frankfort, but that's just me."

Ok, he's a fun guy, about what about discipline; something many people believe is an issue in the district? "I think it should be fair and consistent," he said. "The policy book is written for all." Consequences for a star athlete should be as consequential as those for a student involved in no activities. "I support administration," he added.

"I have plans, I have goals," Richardson said. One of the first goals is to learn as much about Hoopeston - which he pronounces correctly - and the people in the district as he can.

Richardson is results-driven. "I want to see data. I want to see results," he said. He is also community-oriented and plans to be involved in the community. He is a member of the Brimfield Men's Club, which holds a community festival to raise money for projects. In Taylorville, he was in the Optimists Club and In Dwight, a member of the Lions. "It took me a little while to get used to that," he said. "I would be called 'Lion Richard' and I would say, 'No, I'm telling the truth.'"

He also likes to get kids involved in the community. He

spoke at length about a project pairing high school seniors with senior citizens at a local center. Initially nervous, students soon were listening to stories and playing games with the senior counterparts. When the school held its honors night, the senior center brought two buses of senior citizens to watch their young friends receive awards. Involvement with others teaches kids "they're not the center of the universe," he said. "They're a vital part, but not the center."

Richardson and his wife, Jennifer, will move to the district and plan to rent a home while they look for one to purchase.

The couple has three daughters, Amber, 24, Amanda, 23, and Anna, 21. They are also grandparents to Audrey who is four and a half, "and she will tell you that," he said.

Richardson hopes having the helm will be fun for him and for others, too. It's all about the joy, he said. As a born-again Christian, he wants to share that joy, whether it's through jokes or puns in some other way. "Life is too short," he said.

### Weather

Showers likely today. High 70. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 47. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of showers late. High 63, low 46.

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