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School board members seated, direction given on football

A newly elected member of Hoopeston Area School Board was named the body's president at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

Dave McFadden was first unanimously approved as president pro-tem of the meeting and was the only name put forward for the president's role.

McFadden was elected in April after previously serving on the board from 2015-17. He replaces Mark Schaumburg, who did not seek reelection.

Craig Lee, a board member since 2017, was named the board's vice president, replacing Chris Small, who was not re-elected.

Lisa Leigh was named board secretary, a position previously held by Chris Elliott, who also did not seek re-election. The board also approved the secretary's annual salary of \$250.

Two new faces were added to the board: Rich Eisenmann from outside the original congressional township and Lee Cox from inside the township. Cox chuckled a bit during the first roll call vote of the meeting, when the 36-year-old was called "Mr. Cox."

In other business, the board reappointed See BOARD on other side



Outgoing Hoopeston Area Board President Mark Schaumburg gives certificates to new members Lee Cox, Rich Eisenmann and Dave McFadden as Chris Small, Lawrence Jahn and Chris Elliott look on.

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Board continued from other side

Mark Eighner as treasurer; set time, place and dates of regular meetings for the remainder of the 2018-19 year; adopted the board policy manual and notification of mandated reporter status and designated depositories for school funds for the remainder of fiscal year 2019 and for 2020.

Under informational items, the board heard from high school Principal John Klaber regarding which direction the school's football program should take.

Klaber announced in March that HA received a letter from the IHSA stating that in 2021-22, football would be divided into districts where teams would play like-size teams. The action voided the cooperative team of HA, Armstrong-Potomac and Schlarman Academy.

Schlarman opted to go to 8-man football but at that time, Klaber said the window had closed for Hoopeston to do the same. Hoopeston and Armstrong discussed an agreement between the two schools and a two-year agreement was approved by the board in April. Armstrong's board had not yet voted on the coop team, Klaber said.

An enrollment change for 8-man football threw everything up in the air again and Klaber - who was to attend a county principal's meeting Wednesday - asked for a sense of direction from the board.

Klaber laid out two scenarios for the board, each with drawbacks.

Hoopeston could scurry to meet the enrollment deadline for 8-man, he said, adding that since schedules were already set, he was unsure how many games the Cornjerkers would get. The only reason Schlarman was able to have a full schedule is they filled in everyone's by week.

On the plus side of 8-man, the school could field a team with fewer players. Klaber estimated 25 would be needed for the small team, compared to 40 for an 11-man team.

Currently 32 students expressed interest in playing, with 12 of them being freshmen. "Armstrong indicated they

would send us one or two kids," he said.

A downside of 8-man, Klaber said, is it is designed for smaller schools and a Hoopeston-Armstrong team would be too big and would disqualify the team from competing in playoffs.

The plus side of 11-man is that being in the conference means there will be plenty of games - as long as Hoopeston doesn't have to forfeit games for lack of enough players.

Klaber said he talked with four principals in the conference and they all want Hoopeston to stay with 11-man, even though Hoopeston might not be able to field a team for an opponent's Homecoming or Senior Night games. That might make those schools mad but, "If we have to forfeit, we have to forfeit."

Retaining the 11-man program would "honor our commitment to the conference," which is a good thing," he said. In a worst-case scenario, if Hoopeston were to drop out of football, "the reality is if they're mad at us, they could kick us out of the conference. Klaber doesn't think they will do that, though. "They know the struggle is real."

Leigh said some people have voiced concerns about injuries from freshman facing seniors on the field, as well as athletes having to play offense and defense, increasing the risk of injury.

"I'm not going to send 15 kids out on a football field against 40," Klaber said. "I'm not going to do that." He added he hasn't heard concerns about younger players facing upperclassmen this year but that he has in previous years.

Another issue is travel time. To get 8-man games, Klaber suggested the team would likely have to travel a distance. The same may be true when the IHSA implements

TV, electronics recycling set

A television and electronics recycling event will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 11 at the Grant Township Garage behind Hoopeston Area High School. The collection will be held rain or shine.

The cost to dispose of TVs under 50" and monitors is \$10 each. For projection TVs and those 50" or larger, the cost is \$25 each.

Weather

Cloudy today. High 64. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 47. Tomorrow, chance of showers, cloudy late. High 62, low 44. Sunday, sunny. High 70, low 51.

its football districts, he said.

After Klaber answered questions from the board, McFadden suggested HA follow Klaber's suggestion of staying in the conference for the coming season and look at other options for the future.

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