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Board action should net new Maple boiler before school starts

Proposals to replace Maple's boiler system discussed at a special Hoopeston Area School Board meeting June 6 were approved as a project by the board Thursday.

At the special meeting June 6, district lawyer David Braun outlined four options the district could choose from to get the project done. The board then hashed out concerns, questions and preferences.

Business manager Mark Eighner's preference was Reliable Mechanical, of Champaign, to install the new boiler. The company services the district's existing boilers and "they do have our best interest in mind," he said. Because of the nature of the project, "this work can't be done by anybody local," he added.

His boiler preference is Lochinvar brand, the same brand installed in the high school in 2015.

The last preference is to have the work done before cold weather comes in the new school year. "Whatever you do, you need to get started two weeks ago," he said.

In coordinating all of the details to meet the July 1-August 9 project window, "we need this to go very, very well," said Supt. Suzzette Hesser.

During the question part of the special meeting, member Craig Lee asked why there was such a rush. "It seems like we're in crisis mode," he said, adding he misses few meetings but doesn't remember much discussion about boiler problem. "It must have been done in committee,"

he said.

Board member Lawrence Jahn said the board has spent about three years gathering information on how best to replace Maple's boilers, which were installed in 1993. One boiler has not worked for several years and the other has, in the recent past, gotten worse, Hesser said.

The relatively young age of the existing boilers prompted incoming Supt. Robert Richardson to ask "Why are 20-year-old boilers not working?"

With the list of wants and needs for the project, the board chose the fourth option on attorney Braun's list of options, Construction Manager as Agent (CMa), "the most contractually complicated arrangement, and carries some risk, as it has never been legally tested," he said.

Under this option, a CMa is hired to work as a designer and serve with the district architect. After the project is bid, the CMa will "assume" the contracts and provide the district with a single price for the project, that includes contracts plus profit markup.

At Thursday's meeting, the board voted 6-0 approving McKinstry Co., as CMa. As such, McKinstry will do all engineering and design, said Ryan Brandush, EIT/program manager.

Board president Dave McFadden said McKinstry will handle bidding for the project and that it will be a "very

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Time

Last week I had the privilege of attending funerals of several friends. As I sat listening to the words of the Pastor, I thought of the time I had spent talking or visiting these friends. It put a smile on my face thinking of the things we talked about and the joy we shared. Plus, I always met new and interesting people.

Where did the time go? Time passes so quickly we hardly notice. It was just April, wet and rainy, now it's June, hot and sunny. Where did the time go? Time is irreplaceable. Don't forget it!

When we are with someone, we need to pay attention to them. We need to listen as they are really important. I've learned this from my husband. When you talk to him, he puts down the paper, hits "mute" on the TV (even during Cubs games) and looks at me and listens.

The time may come that we want and need someone to listen to us. Be present in the "Now". Reclaim and hold the "Now" moments in your life. Don't worry about tomorrow or what-if! The now moment once gone will never return. How sad! Just take care of to-day.

Make time to use the good china just for the family. Bake a cake when it's just you and a neighbor to enjoy it. Celebrate time today! Time to be happy, time to read a book, time to buy a new top and dance in front of the mirror to see how grand you look. The time is now!

Take a chance in life, even if a little one. Don't give up because you just turned 62, 78, 80 or even 90 and you think your time is running out. Fiddle Fat! I'm so glad there's only one who really knows when our time is up. That's a real joy!

Make everyday a special occasion; you're alive, you've got things to do, people to see, places to go! There is no time to waste---honestly!

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Danny Kaye

Goodwin, Wall, Girton receive four-year reappointments as Fifth Judicial Circuit associate judges in Vermilion County

Three associate circuit judges have been reappointed to the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Judges Mark S. Goodwin, Karen E. Wall, and Derek J Girton will begin four-year terms beginning July 1, 2019. Associate judges are subject to reappointment (by receiving at least 3/5 vote of the circuit judges) every four years.

These three associate judges are assigned to Vermilion County and handle high-volume court calls in Danville. They routinely preside over civil small claims, eviction, traffic, misdemeanor, divorce, and order of protection cases. They are also occasionally appointed to hear felony and law division cases.

Boiler continued from other side

transparent project.

Eighner said he has met with McKinstry and Reliable regarding the project scope and deadlines and the project is good to go.

In other business:

- Hesser announced Thursday’s meeting was her last. She said she was “thankful for the opportunity” to serve

Goodwin has served since 2009 and is the presiding judge of the Vermilion County Mental Health Court. He served the Illinois Judicial Conference, concluding five years of service as chairman of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee. He is a member of the Illinois Judges Association as well as the Vermilion County Bar Association, of which he recently began a term as president.

Wall has served as an associate judge for eight years and is the presiding judge of the county’s Veterans Court. She has served on the board for the Illinois Judges Association for the last six years and the Illinois Supreme Court Committee for Civil Justice for the last two years.

as superintendent, which was a “great learning experience.”

McFadden expressed his gratitude to Hesser in helping guide him in his new role as president. “I went from community member to board president in about 15 days,” he said.

Richardson’s contract as superintendent begins July 1.

- Eighner in his role as transportation director, said all busses “are ready to rock and roll” for the new year. Also, at some point, officials need to talk about getting a new 29-passenger bus with a handicapped lift, he said.
- The board heard reports from Landon Hawkins, athletic director; Dylan Swank, Hoopeston Area Education Association president; and Wade Clemmons, buildings and grounds supervisor.

Weather

Sunny today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 84, low 65.

She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and Vice President of the Vermilion County Bar Association.

Girton has also served as an associate judge for eight years and is the presiding judge of the county’s Drug Court. He is a member of the Illinois Judges Association,

ISBA, and Vermilion County Bar Association.

Presiding Circuit Judge Thomas M. O’Shaughnessy said: Vermilion County Circuit Judges “are pleased with the reappointment of these dedicated judges and extend them a sincere and whole-hearted congratulations. “

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