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## School board review remote learning, approve staff changes

As the end of each school year draws near, students focus less on learning and more on summer.

Remote learning didn't change that.

Two principals reported e-learning engagement rates at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Hoopeston Area High School had an average of 51 percent, said Principal John Klaber. The percent ranged from 70 percent on the high end to 45 percent as the year's end drew closer.

Asked for his thoughts on the number by board President Dave McFadden, Klaber said "remote learning is a difficult beast," in terms of keeping students on task.

Unsure at this point what will happen in the next school year, Klaber said personnel "would hate to do it in the fall again, but we're ready if we need to."

Middle school Principal Michelle White said an average 77 percent of students were engaged but the number dwindled to about 43 percent as time went on.

Percentages for Maple and John Greer students were sent to the board before the meeting and not discussed Thursday evening.

Officials are happy and thankful for the effort put forth by staff and the community since in-school attendance was canceled in March. Supt. Robert Richardson called the lunch distribution "a huge success," and called cafeteria workers "champions" for being able to adapt and create a system that "worked like clockwork." Since March 17, 3,600 meals - 400 each week - were provided to students in Hoopeston, Rankin, East Lynn and Cheneyville, along with some in rural areas.

He also thanked the community stepping up. "It was beyond amazing how the community came together and offered food," he said.

Klaber praised his teachers for going "above and beyond" to get materials to students," while Maple Principal Suzi Root gave kudos to families and caretakers, as well as staff, in making sure learning continued for "the kiddos."

Richardson summed up his take on the experience,

saying, "We had an opportunity to shine in a crisis and we did that."

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved spending \$182,000 with Technology Resource Advisors Inc., for 351 touchscreen Chromebooks for Maple and 149 Chromebooks to replace older machines. The price was the lowest of three quotes, including one for \$185,000 and one for \$240,000, Richardson said.

- Approved employment contracts for district principals, assistant principals Kim Hutzel and Steven Chorak and Curriculum Director Emily Brown.

- Approved resignations of Brian Geiss, eighth grade science teacher; Roberta Sue McDaniel, grade 3-6 general music teacher; Lindsay O'Brien, middle school classroom aide; Rochelle Morgeson, color guard and half time musical sponsor; Megan Weeks, sixth grade math teacher an yearbook sponsor; and Jena Schaumburg, third grade teacher.

- Approved the retirement of Julie Stump, Maple Title 1 teacher and high school math teacher Daphne High's intent to retire at the end of the 2022-23 year.

- Approved hiring, pending background checks, Charles Strawser, district custodian; Tracy Zorns, Maple library aide; Chris Kelnhofer, assistant football coach; Christy Etzkorn, John Greer classroom aide; Samantha Russell middle school PE teacher; Alyson Knapp, John Greer special ed teacher; and Angie Simpson, middle school yearbook sponsor.

- Approved the transfer of Jane Long from Title 1 aide to Maple library aide; Kalie Zamarripa from John Greer classroom aide to middle school classroom aide; Christie Pancake from classroom aide to speech/part time classroom aide at Maple; Kelsey Vines from classroom aide to Title 1 aide at Maple; Rochelle Morgeson from middle/high school choral director and grade 1-2 general music teacher to grades 3-6 general music teacher/5-6 grade chorus; Karen Romig from middle school reading

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## From the Blotter

A **suitcase** was found Thursday in the 300 block of East Maple. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Kayla R. Waddell**, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 12:01 p.m. May 16 to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., for a report of a burglary. Waddell was later located, charged and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Dalton R. Warner**, 19 of Hoopeston, was arrested after police reported seeing him driving at 4:20

p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of West Penn. He was charged with driving while license suspended and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

A **47-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 11:12 p.m. Saturday that someone damaged his home in the 300 block of South Second Ave. Police are investigating.

**Joseph Cannon**, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:08 p.m. Sunday to the

700 block of South First Ave. for a battery that had occurred. Cannon later turned himself in, was

charged with battery and released on a notice to appear.

## Obituaries

**FARNEY** - Geraldine R. (Grusy) Farney, 88, of Cissna Park, died Thursday, May 21, 2020, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Drive by visitation was held Saturday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Private funeral service was held at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**McKINNEY**—Marjorie Imogene (Milton) McKinney Carlson, 90, of Hoopeston, died at 8:47 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 2020, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She was cremated. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of ar-

rangements. Condolences may be left at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**ROBINSON** - Janiece Lyvette Robinson, 59, died at 10:38 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at home. She was cremated and no service will be held. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**SCOTT** - Richard Brian Scott, 50, of Hoopeston, died at 12:16 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2020, at home. He will be cremated and a private family celebration of life held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

## Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 86. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 68. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 83, low 66.

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## School continued from other side

interventionist to Response to Intervention (RtI) teacher/reading specialist for grades k-2; Amanda Mathewson from RtI teacher/reading specialist to third grade teacher.

Approved temporary summer help for buildings and grounds, including Linda Lugo, Daniel Lugo, Sara Tribbey, Angela Layden, Riley Wyss, Carl Ankenbrand, Nathan Crouch, Ethan Smith, Kristi Terrell, Eric Zorns, Payton Small, Lucas Hofer, Linda Walsh, Brooke Walsh, Les Symmonds, Maya Cornelius and Andrea Glotzbach.

Approved the 2020-21 school calendar and the first reading of school handbooks for the coming year.

Approved hiring an RtI interventionist for the high school. The district receives about \$120,000 more in Title 1 funds since the school was added to that program, Klaber said, adding some of that money would be used to pay for the position.

Approved Press plus reviews of several district policies and a five-year review of earlier policies.

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