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Tentative school budget uses conservative income, liberal costs

School officials don't know what the future holds when it comes to finances, so Hoopeston Area's proposed budget is erring on the side of caution.

As presented at Thursday's meeting, the tentative budget shows deficits in several categories that, if realized, will have to be covered by district reserves. "We build this budget with a conservative mindset on revenue and more liberal thinking with expenditures," said Supt. Robert Richardson after the meeting.

In the education fund, which covers expenses related to student learning, including teacher salaries, the district expects income of \$13,014,715 from local, state and federal sources. Estimated expenses of \$13,328,281 will

leave a \$313,566 shortfall in the fund.

However, the education fund beginning balance as of July 1 was \$6,289,000.

On operations and maintenance, the district expects revenues of \$465,788, with expenses totaling \$614,000, leaving a deficit of \$148,212. The fund's beginning balance on July 1 was \$321,000.

A third area where a deficit may arise is in the municipal retirement/Social Security account, where income is estimated at \$448,280 and expenses of \$474,154. The \$25,874 loss can be covered by the fund's beginning balance of \$642,000.

See BUDGET on other side



Going up
 Construction crews erect studs for the new Subway Tuesday morning. The restaurant will be on the southwest corner of Rtes. 1 and 9. Originally planned to be in the former First Farmers Bank building, plans changed to demolish that building and construct a new one.

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Budget continued from other side

Two other funds - tort and fire prevention and safety - also have budgeted shortfalls. In the tort fund, officials estimate a possible shortage of \$54,310 and in fire prevention and safety, a possible deficit of \$165,550.

Beginning balances for the funds as of July 1 were \$70,000 for tort and \$285,000 for fire prevention and safety.

The district transportation fund is projected to end the fiscal year with a \$37,935 surplus, with estimate revenue of \$602,633 and expenses of \$564,698. The fund's beginning balance on July 1 was \$207,000.

Two funds - debt service and working cash - have income but no expenses: \$314,296 for debt service and \$54,950 for working cash. The funds' beginning balances were \$10,694 and \$2,312,000, respectively.

80-year-old man is county's third COVID-related death

An 80-year-old man is Vermilion County's third death from COVID-19 related causes. Health Administrator Doug Toole announced the death Monday.

A 70-year-old person died of COVID-19 related complications in late April, followed in mid-June by a 70-year-old man.

This week, the county increased its total of positive cases. Toole announced Sunday that a family consisting of two parents and three school-aged children had tested positive and Monday, he said two 30-year-olds and a 20-year-old tested positive.

As of Monday, Vermilion County had a cumulative

From the Blotter

A 60-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 9:09 a.m. Monday that someone took an item from his vehicle while it was parked at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honewell.

Young bowlers sought for youth league, HAHS team

Hoopeston area youth interested in bowling may now sign up for Youth League at Fast Lanes. League starts at 6:30 Wednesday, Sept. 9 and is open to all boys and girls ages 5-18. No experience is necessary and help is given to those who need it. Cost is \$10 per week.

Hoopeston Area students interested in being on the bowling team this winter are asked to contact Doug Wagener at Fast Lanes, (217) 283-6505. The team is open to students from freshmen to seniors.

A public hearing on the budget will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the high school library, prior to the board's regular meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Approved spending \$19,980 to McGraw-Hill for ALEKS materials, supplemental math assistance for remote learning students. Money will come from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) grant received by the district.

- Grant money will also be used to pay \$29,429.20 for remote "hotspots" to provide internet connectivity to remote learning students.

- A third expense, \$17,493, will also come from the grant to Hapara for Instructional Management Suite Service for district learners.

total of 281 positive cases and 17,854 negative cases.

Of the positive cases, 16 are isolated at home, none are hospitalized, three have died and 262 have recovered and been released.

The 60942 zip code added one positive case, for a cumulative total of 23. The zip code includes Hoopeston and Cheneyville. Rossville's 60963 is holding at six.

Obituaries

BLAKEY - Opal E. (Burge) Blakey, 102, of Hoopeston, died at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020, at Watseka Rehab & Health Care Center. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Multi Agency 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com

KING - Billy Gene King, 58, of Milford, died Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 at home. He will be cremated and no service held. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Weather

Sunny today. High 92. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 71. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 89, low 70.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

- Approved Amanda Lugo's resignation as high school personal aide.

- Hired Kevin Heiser, long term substitute for seventh grade science and Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, long term substitute John Greer special ed.

- Hired Carrie Birch as part time Maple secretary.

- Approved coaches Suzanne Boyer assistant high school volleyball; Brock Baker, assistant high school girls basketball; and Aaron Fell, fifth grade girls bas-

ketball.

- Hired Lisa Mann as part time district special ed administrator and Gretchen Brown as middle/high school special ed coordinator, both as stipend positions for the 2020-21 year.

- Hired Glenn Brewer as a bus driver; and Kristie Terrell and Charlie Strawser as custodians.

- Hired Russel Leigh and Associates for the district audit at a cost not to exceed \$7,300.

Classifieds

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Mechanic wanted. Experience with heavy truck, construction, and agricultural machinery preferred. Call 217-474-8349.

Cade's Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St Hoopeston IL 60942.

Private in home caregiver 5 days/week from 7 to 11 for female with dementia. Hoopeston area. Must be able to use lift equipment for transfers. Call Tracey at 765 490 9642. May text for contact.

House cleaner needed. A couple hours per week or as needed. Must be dependable. (217) 495-0162

Someone who knows how to work on cars and do handyman work a few hours a week, as needed. Must be dependable. (217) 597-7112

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Kitchen and delivery persons needed. Apply in person at Pizza King 111 E Main St., Hoopeston.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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