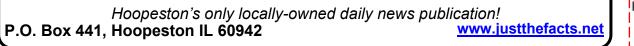


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# HA one of many boards seeking local decision-making control

At its monthly meeting Thursday, Hoopeston Area Board of Education approved a resolution to be sent to Gov. JB Pritzker requesting local control and immediate guidance for Covid-19 mitigation measures for the coming school year.

The local district is not the only one requesting local control, said state Rep. Tom Bennett in an email to constituents last week.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released a statement calling for state schools to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for reopening.

Those guidelines call for students to return to in-person

learning unless they have a health condition requiring a learning-from-home individual education program. Vaccinated students and teachers would not be required to wear masks indoors, but masks are recommended on buses and in congregate settings like cafeterias, where older students mix with younger students under 12, who are not vet eligible for the vaccine. Masks are still recommended for vounger students at school.

However, different areas of Illinois have different situations. The number of cases has fallen since the peak last fall and some communities have very few confirmed active coronavirus infections, Bennett said. "I believe that our locally-elected school boards should be able to review the CDC/ISBE guidelines and also take into consideration their local conditions before making their own decision about their district's reopening guidelines.

Bennett has joined in cosponsoring House resolution 401, calling on Pritzker and other state officials to allow more local control. "The one-size-fits-all approach that we have been following for the past 16 months is not a good method of going forward," Bennett said.

In taking the action Thursday, Hoopeston Area becomes one of more than 200 districts from around Illinois requesting local control and guidance for virus mitigation practices.

In unrelated business, the board took action on several personnel items, including naming Michl Kearney as middle school dean of students. He replaces Michael Blacketer, who was named middle school principal last month, after former principal Michelle White was named curriculum director.

Kearney came to Hoopeston Area in 2009 as a physical education teacher KEARNEY and coach. The board also accepted his resignation as middle school PE teacher. In other personnel matters, the board:

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### **Boards** continued from other side

• Hired Allison Mann as high school long term special education sub.

• Hired, pending proper licensure and background check, Anna Lowery as long term sub as first and second grade general music teacher, middle school choral director, middle/high school show choir co-director, color guard sponsor and half musical stipend.

• Hired Desi Martin, pending proper licensure and background check, as first grade long term sub.

• Approved Kelly Ankenbrand as high school ESports coach, Maria Baldwin as middle school track coach and Chelsea Ziegler as high school head softball coach and Alexis Cade, pending background check, as assistant high school track coach.

• Hired, pending background check, Rebecca Baird, high school English teacher.

• Hired Erin Fruhling, pending background check, as middle school classroom aide.

• Accepted Steven Kurk's resignation as middle/high school band, jazz band and marching band director. He has been with the district since 2018.

• Brian Zielinski was hired as the new band director, pending background check.

• Approved, pending background check, Mary Morgan as maple personal aide; and Amber Wilson, Maple class-room aide.

Approved transferring Heather Cloud from Maple classroom aide to Maple long term sub for first grade.
Approved resignations from Samantha Russell, middle

#### From the Blotter

school girls' track coach; Amanda Conover, part time

**Police are investigating** a report made at 11:07 a.m. Thursday of a storage shed broken into in the 600 block of South Fifth Ave. The lock had been cut in the burglary, police said.

A 28-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 3:20 a.m. Friday that his 1999 Chevrolet Blazer was stolen from its parking space in the 300 block of East Penn. The vehicle was later recovered.

**Jorge A. Antuna**, 43, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at South Main and Market. He was charged with driving while license suspended and was released with a Vermilion County Court date.

**Police are investigating** a residential burglary reported at 9:34 p.m. Saturday by an Ardmore woman. She reported several items were taken from a house in the 800 block of East Seminary.

bus aide; and Ross Bryll, high school driver's ed teacher He has been at Hoopeston Area since 2013.

• Approved volunteers Erin Anderson for marching band and Nate Allison for soccer.

• Approved the bid for milk products from Cloverleaf Farms and fuel from Illini FS.

• Approved the amended K-8 and high school handbooks for 2021-22.

• Approved the third payment to Reliable Plumbing and Heating for \$57,627.

• Approved a \$31,657 bid from Jodi's Asphalt for asphalt repair.

• Approved \$28,000 for John Greer kitchen improvements.

• Approved \$49,460 for Maple boiler improvements from Entec Inc.

*—Briefly* <u>—</u> Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda may be found at www.villageofros sville.org.

### **Obituaries**

**SCHAUMBURG** - Tim L. Schaumburg, 75, of Milford, died Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Schwer, with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion Post 527. Memorials are suggested to Milford FFA Alumni to go towards scholarships. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

## **Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:32 p.m. Thursday to the 800 block of East Washington for a tree that fell on power lines. Ameren arrived and took control of the scene. No injuries were reported.

### Weather

Sunny today. High 84. Tonight, clear. Low 63. Tomorrow, sunny. High 85, low 64.

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• Approved requisition for Eureka Math from Great Minds for \$25,386 and an ALEKS subscription for \$15,984, to be paid with Title 1 funds.

• Approved buying a new 71-passenger bus for \$100,420

from Central States Bus Sales, Inc.

• Approved an agreement with the City of Hoopeston for use of a district automated external defibrillator at the city pool.

## Classifieds

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