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## Mayor favors appointment for 3rd Ward

*July 3rd meeting will have discussion on filling seat*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The city's currently vacant third ward council seat may be filled by an appointment that could last until the next city election in Nov. 2019.

Travis Seidel resigned from his City Council seat on June 15 after a felony drug sentencing, triggering a 60-



RANDOLPH

day window for the Fort Madison City Council to appoint his replacement. According to Dawn Williams, state election director, the city could also schedule a special election that would have to take place no sooner than 32 days from the day Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise would be notified of an intent on the city's part to hold a special election.

However, Mayor Brad Randolph indicated that due to a poor voter turnout for the third ward election during the last regular city election for the seat, he thinks an

appointment to serve out Seidel's tenure is in the city's best interest. Seidel was elected in November of 2015 with 110 votes.

"I would prefer to go to the ballot, but the dilemma is that the special election costs us close to \$4,000," Randolph said.

"For the 110 votes that were cast in 2015, that makes it a fairly expensive election. Financially that's not a wise move with taxpayer dollars. If we take the other route, we would look at an appointment until the next Novem-

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### New tech

Dennis Cosby, left, and Bill Young, seated, show the Lee County Supervisors the new tech the Lee County EMS Ambulance, Inc., has invested in to help first responders better diagnose and treat patients in cardiac trauma. Each ambulance in the EMS fleet is outfitted with the new devices.

## Major flooding should spare county

*Cirinna says Mississippi set to crest on Monday at 16' - 9"*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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FORT MADISON - With southeast Iowa quickly recovering from moderate to severe drought conditions, all eyes are now turning to possible flooding due to the amount of rain that has occurred in the late spring in the northern part of the country.

According to Lee County Emergency Management Services Coordinator Steve Cirinna, the area should be out of the way of any heavy flooding if weather patterns hold current.

"Right now, based on National Weather Service predictions on their website, which is a 24-hour forecast, we're in a watch-and-see mode at this point," Cirinna said. "We shouldn't have any trouble based on where they are expected to crest."

He said Keokuk is predicted to crest at 16'-3" sometime Monday, July 2 in the afternoon and Burlington is predicted to crest at 17'-9", which he said were all safe river stage levels. Obviously, Burlington would crest before Keokuk.

"If things start changing and we see numbers pushing 21 feet or higher, that will cause us to look at trigger points and then I start talking to the National Weather Service to see what's going on," Cirinna said.

Other gauges up and down the river are also monitored by Cirinna so he can see who's cresting and who's not. He said areas north that feed into the Mississippi and other Iowa rivers are actually starting

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## County supervisors want rebid back-up generators

*Auditor says bid policy didn't require a bid on project*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

generators at the North Lee County office building and South Lee County Courthouse was published last week, supervisors now will

have to rebid the project to all bidders for the work.

At a workshop following a regular supervisors' meeting two weeks ago, Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise requested the county look into installing back-up generators to run the phone

lines at the administration building.

The request came on the heels of a power glitch that resulted in power being shut down to the phones at the administration

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# Obituaries/Local News

## OBITUARIES

### LESLIE "LES" NORTON CRAMER

Leslie "Les" Norton Cramer, 75, of Eules, TX., formerly of Fort Madison, passed away peacefully at a hospice care facility in Fort Worth, TX., on Monday, June 11, 2018. He was born on November 8, 1942, in Fort Madison, to Wilford and Lillian (Cramer) Dick.



CRAMER

He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1960, and began an apprenticeship with Sheaffer's in drafting. He worked for Gardner-Denver in Quincy for a number of years and then in their Dallas Texas branch. He went on to create his own business as a patent draftsman.

He married Shirley Ann Holland, of Farmington, IA., on April 29, 1961 in Fort Madison. They had three children during their 57 years of marriage. Les was a devoted father and husband, who was always there to lend a helping hand, whether it was for family, friends, and neighbors. He enjoyed fishing, watching his grandchildren play soccer, and loved music, especially bluegrass.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of Eules, TX.; brother Gene Cramer and wife Ruth Ann of Stevens Point, WI.; sister Lin Cramer of Fort Madison; daughter Lana Jo Kimbrell (Jimmy) of Henderson, TX.; and two sons Greg Cramer (Yolanda) of Watauga, TX and Mike Cramer of Gunter, TX.; three grandchildren, Tara, Whitney, and Michael, Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Brooklynn, and Harper; cousins; and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wilford Cramer and Lillian (Cramer) Dick, step-father Rex Dick, and great-grandson Jaxon Johnson. Cremation services were provided by Brown Owens & Brumley Funeral Home in Fort Worth, TX.

The family will hold a memorial service for family and friends at 3:00 PM, June 29, 2018, at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home, 5725 Colleyville Blvd., Colleyville, TX.

Flowers will be accepted at the funeral home. A memorial guestbook may be signed online [atwww.bluebonnethills.com](http://atwww.bluebonnethills.com).

## Council could seek 3rd ward candidates for appointment

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ber 2019 city election. The council would have to decide, but I'm leaning toward the appointment."

Williams said Tuesday afternoon the city doesn't have to look at an Aug. 1 or March 1 date for a special election unless that election would also include a public measure such as a city bond issue. After the 32 days had passed, Williams said the election would have to be held at the earliest practical date that didn't coincide with other general elections or measures.

Fort Madison City Clerk Melinda Blind said discussion on the steps to be taken to appoint a councilman will be in front of the City Council at the July 3 regular meeting. She said since 2011 seven vacancies have been created on the council and typically a letter of intent is obtained from interested candidates along with a list of qualifications.

Randolph said that would be the best course of action for the city going forward. "Assuming the council approves that on Tuesday, we would then start preparing things people would need to send in declaring their intent to be appointed to that seat," Randolph said.

"They need to think about the commitment involved. I know there have been people who've already expressed an interest and that's promising. I hope we get a slough of people who are willing to step up."

The one wrinkle would be if someone in the third ward were to be unhappy with the appointee and file a petition for a special election. In that case, Williams said citizens would have 14 days from the notice of the appointment, or the appointment itself, to file a petition for a special election. If that petition were validated by the Lee County Auditor's office, Fraise would then set a special election for the seat according to the 32-day rule from the validation of the petition. Williams also said if the city were to schedule a public measure election prior to the November 2019 general election, the seat would then go on that ballot.

Randolph said he would hope the council would give residents until July 31 to submit letters and qualifications and then deliberate and hopefully have someone to fill the position on Aug. 7. The regular city council meeting following that would be on Aug. 21 which would be outside the 60-day window from Seidel's June 15th resignation.

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## OBITUARIES

### CONNIE KAY JOBE

Connie Kay Jobe, 71 of Keokuk, IA died Saturday, June 23, 2018 at her home. She was born February 26, 1947 in Mt. Pleasant, IA the daughter of Vernon and Evelyn Allender Conrad. On August 12, 1966 she was united in marriage to Ronald Jobe. They later divorced, and eventually reunited and were partners for life. He preceded her in death on April 23, 2006.

Connie graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in Mt. Pleasant, IA with the Class of 1965. She then attended cosmetology school for one year. Connie had been employed at Keokuk Motor Lodge and Fairfield Inn, both in Keokuk.



JOBE

She was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Keokuk.

Connie enjoyed reading mystery books, listening to pop, rock and country music and talking on the phone to her friends. She loved her cats and enjoyed caring for them. Connie liked to spend time outdoors taking walks, tending to her flower garden and watching the birds eat from the bird feeder.

She is survived by three sons, Brian Jobe (Michele) of Keokuk, Jeff Jobe (Sandra) of Keokuk and Jason Jobe (Amanda) of Quincy, IL, seven grandchildren, Brianna Jobe, Jared Jobe, Robert (Karaline) Eckhoff, Scot Jobe, Kennady Jobe, Celeste Fleming and Timothy McFarland, one great-granddaughter: Sophia Eckhoff, one brother, Merle Conrad (Jane) of Chariton, IA, one sister, Linda Harrison (Russell) of Mt. Pleasant, IA and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one grandson, Jaxon Jobe.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Jason Mott officiating.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## Dodd tapped for FMCH board

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community Hospital Board of Directors consists of seven community members who volunteer their time to guide FMCH in fulfilling their mission and vision. Neal Dodd was approved by the FMCH Board of Directors at their regular meeting on Monday, June 25th to fill the position vacated by the late Bob Bonta.

"It was important to me to continue to give back to my community after retiring. This seemed like a perfect opportunity to stay involved and make a difference," expressed Dodd.

Dodd is a Fort Madison native who owned and operated Dodd Printing & Stationary for forty years in downtown Fort Madison. Dodd recently retired and sold the business. He and his wife Lynn have two grown sons.

The remaining community members on the

FMCH Board of Directors include Ann Menke, President; Dave Poland, Vice-President; Vicki Ste-

phenson; Deanna Barr; John McKillip and Joann Lampe.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED 27 Jun



Partly Cloudy  
High - 78.6° F | Low - 68.9° F

THU 28 Jun



Clear Skies  
High - 87.4° F | Low - 81.5° F

FRI 29 Jun



Clear Skies  
High - 89.4° F | Low - 77.9° F

SAT 30 Jun



Clear Skies  
High - 88.9° F | Low - 80.0° F

SUN 01 Jul



Moderate Rain  
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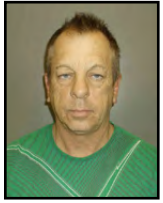
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## Area News/For the Record

# Task force raids Keokuk drug house Keokuk men face meth charges

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force conducted a search warrant resulting in the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa couple.

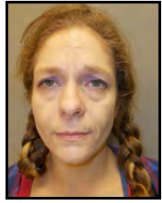


HOWELL

Kenneth Louis Howell, 56, and Sylvia Mary Bittner, 34, of Keokuk were both arrested

on Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 at their residence on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Howell is charged with delivery of more than five grams of methamphetamine second or subsequent offense, a class B felony with an enhancement, delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine

second or subsequent offense, a class C felony with enhancements, and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Howell faces up to 107 years in a state correctional facility.



BITTNER

Bittner is charged with maintaining a drug house and possession of methamphetamine, an aggravated and serious misdemeanor. If convicted, Bittner faces up to 3 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrests of Howell and Bittner stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that they were involved in the use and distribution of

illegal drugs in the Lee County area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

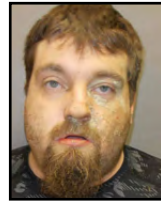
The Lee County Attorney's Office, Keokuk Police Department, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and the 8th Judicial District of Probation and Parole assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of two Keokuk, Iowa man on a separate unrelated felony drug charges.

Joseph Dunne, 32, of Keokuk was arrested on Friday on felony drug charges.



DUNNE

Dunne is charged with two counts of delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, second or subsequent offense, a class C felony with enhancements. If convicted, Dunne faces up to 60 years in a state correctional facility. Dunne also had a warrant for probation violation.

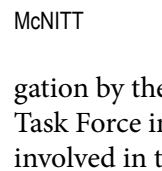
The arrest of Dunne stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

In an unrelated arrest, the Task Force also reported the arrest of another Ke-

okuk man on felony meth charges.

Michael D. McNitt, 26, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested in Keokuk on Saturday on a felony drug warrant. McNitt is charged with delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, within 1000 Feet of a park, a class C felony with an enhancement. If convicted, McNitt faces up to 15 years in a state correctional facility.



McNITT

The arrest of McNitt stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

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### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

6/25/18 - 10:15 p.m - Fort Madison Police cited Jacob L. Danker-Cashman, 24, of Fort Madison on a charge of driving under suspension in the 4000 block of Bluff Road. He was released upon citation.

6/26/18 - 6:05 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Paul Donald Cavitt, 68, of Fort Madison on a charge of public intoxication in the 4000 block of Ave O. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

6/26/18 - 7:12 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4000 block of Avenue J.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

6/25/18 - 3:08 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dustin Bradley Andersen, 35, of Keokuk, at the Iowa/Missouri border at St. Francisville, Mo. on Hwy. 27 on a warrant for driving while barred and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

6/25/18 - 3:58 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisa Marie Johnson, 30, of Fort Madison, at the ADDS facility in Burlington on a warrant for violation of probation She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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**Sports/From the front**

# Six-run sixth not enough for Crusaders

*Team shaken by loss of classmate in ATV accident*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

KEOSAUQUA - Van Buren's Jacob Plecker went 4-for 4 with three doubles and two RBIs to lead Van Buren to 11-7 win over a heartbroken Holy Trinity boys baseball team.

The team was reeling from the death of an HTC classmate in an ATV accident Sunday morning near Pilot Grove.

"Unfortunately we came out tonight cold and we really didn't get into the game until the 4th inning," said head Coach Albert Schinstock.

"The team, as well as our community, suffered a great loss in the passing of a classmate/friend on Sunday. Understandably, we were a little distracted. I'm proud of the team for coming out and not giving up tonight and pushing through in spite of all the mixed emotions they are currently facing."

Jason Thurman would score in the top half of the first for HTC when Collin Thornton hit into a fielder's

choice at third. Thurman had advanced to third after being hit by a pitch and advancing on a Reed Fehseke walk and a wild pitch. Fehseke would be doubled off at third when Kyle Bredemeyer lined out.

Van Buren jumped all over starter Kadin Medland in the bottom of the first inning scoring four runs before the Crusaders could get the first out. The Warriors worked through the lineup and the Medland got Jaxon Thomas to fan to end the inning. Plecker hit a two-RBI double to get the scoring started.

With HTC down 5-1, both teams went scoreless until the bottom of the third when the Warriors chased Medland after racking up four more hits and another run capitalizing on two HTC fielding errors. Cole Thornton came on with two outs and gave up three consecutive singles before Schinstock brought in Vason Thurman to try and stop the rally. Thurman gave up two more runs before getting Tony Davison to fly out to Schneider in center with Van Buren up 11-1.

The bats would come alive in the top of the fourth for HTC. After Bredemeyer led off with groundout to short, Adam Rauenbuehler drew a walk and Vason Thurman singled to right scoring Rauenbuehler. Medland drew a walk and Zander Schweiss singled to left moving Thurman and Medland up a base.

Quentin Schneider then doubled to right center scoring Thurman and Medland and leaving Schweiss at third who then came around to score on Jason Thurman's single to left. Fehseke got plunked by a pitch and then Collin Thornton hit a single to the opposite field in right to score Schneider from third. Bredemeyer grounded out again to short, but scored Thurman. Rauenbuehler followed with a strike out to end the rally with two men on and the Crusaders down 11-7.

Niether team would score again the rest of the way out. Van Buren's Davison would get the win going 3 1/3 allowing four runs all earned on one hit and struck out three. Mason McDonough came on in relief in the fourth and surrendered three runs on five hits and also struck out three.

For HTC, Medland gave up four runs, two earned on six hits and fanned one. Vason Thurman allowed two runs, both unearned on six hits and no strikeouts. Cole Thornton took the loss for HTC finishing the game allowing three runs, one earned on one hit and a walk.

The Crusaders who had one three of the last four, fall to 7-12 on the night and played host to West Burlington tonight, and then host Fort Madison on Wednesday night and Highland at South Park on Thursday to wrap up the regular season.

## Current forecasts show Fort Madison should be safe from flooding

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to recede. "For instance, the Mississippi River in Wabasha, Minn., has crested and was headed down. Right around LaCrosse, Wisconsin is where the crest is now. But again, we're still looking at a crest next Monday, about a week out," he said. "But the issue becomes how much rain do we see over the next week. Right now

we're not supposed to get anything until Saturday but in the Midwest that can change." He also said there's the possibility of some precipitation on Thursday, with a 40% chance Saturday, and a 30% chance on Sunday and Monday. "We're not supposed to have any rain for the next few days and allow water to get down and out of

the system. Any rain down south would slow it down a little bit, but we're kind of paying closer attention to it because we're on the rise, here." The river stage according to the National Weather Service as of 7 p.m. Tuesday night was 15.92 feet. Cirinna said another changing dynamic is that decades ago, flood-

ing was a concern after spring thaws, but he said the area isn't seeing that so much anymore. The floods of 1993 were in July and the flooding in 2008 was in June. "We're kind of looking at the time frame shifting to more of a heavy repeated rain cycle that causes flooding more than the heavy snow melt. Not that that

couldn't happen again, but it just seems to be how things are evolving right now." With the ground still having some storage capacity, Cirinna said the area can absorb some more rain, but anything that comes down heavy could cause quick runoff which leads to flash flooding. He said as of June 19th the area was

still in a moderate-to-severe drought condition. But the recent rains have been good but not enough to get out of the drought condition so there is capacity for ground storage of water. "But if that ground were to get saturated any time soon we would then turn our attentions to flash flooding, especially if we get hard rain."

## Two heads are better than one.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 18, 2018

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:04 p.m. Directors Troxel, Ross, Hope and Young were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Directors Hotop and DiPrima were absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.

B. District Presentations. There were none.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Young and seconded by Troxel to approve the

consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the May 21, 2018 regular meeting, June 4, 2018 work session; financial reports for the monthly balance sheet, revenue summary sheet, expenditure report and activity report, accounts payable Board Bills for approval for May General fund, June General fund, Student activity fund and Nutrition fund; resignations from Sue McHugh, associate at Lincoln Elementary, Kim Herren, associate at Lincoln Elementary, Mercedes White, food service at the High School, Rob Radosovich, assistant varsity baseball coach, Shalisse Johnstun, key club advisor, Justin (Charlie) Munford, Industrial Arts teacher at the High School, Amy Doherty, 7th/8th Social Studies teacher at the Middle School, Emily Settles, Principal at Richardson Elementary,

Todd McGhghy, 7th and 8th grade boys basketball coach; employment of Cazi Chapman, Social Worker at Lincoln Elementary, Stephanie Howard, first grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary, Adrian McKay, Principal at Richardson Elementary, Todd McGhghy, head varsity girls basketball coach, Adam Darley, assistant baseball coach, and Bobbie Zemlika, associate at Richardson Elementary; contract modifications for Gene Meyers, custodian, change in building (RE to MS), change in salary, Jim Cornelius, custodian, change in building (MS to RE), change in salary. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

#### VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

B. Superintendent.

1. Consider approval of class of 2018 graduate list. The Board reviewed the graduation list. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to approve the class of 2018 graduation list as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

Consider approval of Elementary Handbook. The Board reviewed the Elementary Handbook. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Young to approve the Elementary Handbook as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of Middle School Handbook. The Board reviewed the Middle School Handbook. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Troxel to approve the Middle School Handbook as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of the addendum to the High School Handbook. The Board reviewed the addendum to the High School handbook. Discussion followed. It was moved by Young and seconded by Ross to approve the addendum to the High School handbook as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

5. Consider approval of the 2018-2019 Certified Employee Handbook. The Board reviewed the Certified Employee handbook. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve the Certified Employee handbook as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of policy changes

a. 505.2 – Student Promotion – Retention – Acceleration. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by Ross to approve policy #505.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

b. 505.2-a-R – Student Promotion – Retention – Acceleration. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to delete policy #505.2-a-R as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

c. 505.2-b – Special Promotion Policy. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to delete policy #505.2-b as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

d. 505.2-c – Acceleration. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by Young to delete policy #505.2-c as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

Enter DiPrima via teleconference: 6:34 p.m.

e. 505.4 – Testing Program. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to approve policy #505.4 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

f. 505.5-R – Testing and Proficiency Class Process. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to delete policy #505.5-R as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

505.8 – Title I Parental Involvement. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Troxel to approve policy #505.8 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

h. 505.10 – Assessment System. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by Ross to approve policy #505.10 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

i. 505.10-R – Assessment System Regulation. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Young to delete policy #505.10-R as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

j. 506.1 – Student Records Access. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Young to approve policy #506.1 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

k. 506.1-E-1 – Request of Non-Parent for Examination or Copies of Education Records. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve to adopt IASB's policy #506.1-E-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

l. 506.1-E-2 – Authorization for Release of Educa-

tion Records. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve to adopt IASB's policy #506.1-E-2 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

m. 506.1-E-3 – Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to approve to adopt IASB's policy #506.1-E-3 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

n. 506.1-E-4 – Student Records Checklist. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Young to approve to renumber current policy #506.1-E-1 as policy #506.1-E-4 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of the request for travel from Bonnie Peterson-Slee to attend the FFA Officers retreat. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by DiPrima to approve the request for travel from Bonnie Peterson-Slee for approximately 6 students to attend the annual officer retreat in Eminence, MO June 19-22, 2018. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

7. Consider approval of the request for travel from Jeremy Swink and the girls basketball team to attend a camp in Rolla, MO. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the request for travel for the girls basketball team to travel to University of Missouri-Rolla in Rolla, MO to attend a team camp July 11-14, 2018 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

B. Board Secretary/Business Manager

Consider approval of FMEA Master Contract 2018-2023. The Board reviewed the FMEA Master contract. Discussion followed. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to approve the FMEA Master contract as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the Teamsters Unit 1 Bus Driver Labor Agreement 2018-2021. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Troxel to approve the labor agreement with Teamsters Unit #1- Bus Drivers as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of the Teamsters Unit 2 Custodial/Maintenance Labor Agreement. It was moved

by Hope and seconded by Young to approve the labor agreement with Teamsters Unit #2 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of the AFSCME Labor Agreement. It was moved by Young and seconded by Troxel to approve the labor agreement with the AFSCME bargaining unit as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

Exit DiPrima: 6:58 p.m.

5. Consider approval of Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids for Nutrition Services. The Board reviewed the Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Young to accept the Bread bid from Bimbo Bakeries, the Chemical bid from EcoLab and the Dairy bid from Anderson Erickson Dairy as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

6. Consider Special Meeting for June 25, 2018. The Board discussed the need for a Special meeting on June 25, 2018. It was moved by Young and seconded by Ross to hold a Special Meeting on June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Central Office. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items  
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

B. Superintendent.  
1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policy 506.1-E-5 through

506.4. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was accepted as presented.

3. Board member attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the board member attendance report.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. The Board received comments from the audience.

Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements  
July 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board meeting at Central Office

Break: 7:39 p.m.

End break: 7:49 p.m.

XII. Closed session to conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law

codified at Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered because it is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual has requested a closed session. A roll call vote was administered with Directors Hope, Wondra, Troxel, Young and Ross all responding aye.

The Board entered into the closed session at 7:54 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Tim Wondra, President  
June 18, 2018  
Sandra Elmore, Secretary

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The Fort Madison Ambassador Club welcomed Keely Duncan to her new role as the Executive Director at Sunnybrook Assisted Living on Friday, June 22nd.

## Auditor says bids weren't required under policy

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office, which now also shuts down the power to the sheriff's department in Montrose. The sheriff's department lines were connected with the administration office in Fort Madison to eliminate long distance charges from Montrose last year.

The outage did not effect LeeComm's 9-1-1 service as those are dedicated emergency lines with back-up power at the sheriff's building in Montrose.

However, other emergency calls such as LifeAlert and other security and private monitoring services come in on the regular sheriff's line and access to those calls was unavailable for the time the power was down.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said Mohrfeld Electric in Fort Madison was contacted for a cost to install a back-up generator to alleviate the issue under an emergency repair protocol of the county's bid policy, which allows the county to do the work without bidding. Fraise said she thought it was appropriate to go ahead with the work under the emergency services protocol. However, at the workshop, supervisor Gary Folluo said the work should go out to bid. Fraise then put the work out for bids.

However, Mohrfeld's price tag for the work came in at about \$23,500 and that amount was made public as part of an article published in another media outlet on the county board meeting, so other potential bidders had the opportunity to see what Mohrfeld's price would be.

Fraise told the board Tuesday that she didn't

think that was fair to Mohrfelds since bidders had access to the Mohrfeld bid. On Tuesday at 8 a.m. Fraise said the county received a bid from Frank Millard Co. for \$19,979.

"It's not fair to Mohrfeld's, I don't think, because you put that in the paper and then got bids after the fact. I don't know if (other companies) looked at it or not, but they sure had the chance to," said the county's north maintenance supervisor Kirk Nafziger. "Protocol was we probably shouldn't have bid it in the first place, we should have just gone ahead and done it."

Folluo said the county then went back and put out for bids and Millard came in lower so he motioned to approve Millard's bid. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Matt Pflug seconded the motion.

"Mohrfeld didn't rebid it when we went out for bids, so I'd move we take Millard's bid," Folluo said.

Fraise and Nafziger both said that it still wasn't a fair bid because Millard's had the opportunity to see a competitor's bid.

"All I would like to say is that I don't think this was handled very well and it was very unfair to Mohrfeld," Fedler said. "I can't support this motion."

Fraise said they could go back and bid it again and the board agreed to have her rebid the work.

"I think that's crazy," Folluo said. "Kirk did exactly what the board asked him to do and that was to go out and get bids and let the chips fall where they may. It was unfortunate circumstances that happened, but this was a

formal bid process when the board said go out for bids."

Fedler and Supervisor Rick Larkin voted against the measure leaving it up to Chairman Don Hunold who voted against the measure saying, "I would rather give these folks another opportunity to bid, but I will say when they made that original bid, I hope that was their best bid. But it doesn't always happen that way," Hunold said. The measure failed 2-3.

Fraise said the county needs to take another look at the bidding policy because county staff thought they were doing the right thing. She said her main concern is that now if the power goes down again before the work is done, those services are in jeopardy again.

"My main concern is that the people of this county are safe," Fraise said after the meeting. "This is on the supervisors' shoulders not ours. They need to start trusting the department heads to do what's best for the county."

County bidding policy on emergency services follows Iowa code and reads:

"EMERGENCY REPAIRS. When emergency repair or replacement is necessary and the delay of advertising and a public letting might cause serious loss or injury to the County, the County shall by resolution make a finding of the necessity to institute emergency proceedings under Iowa Code §3 84.1 03. The Board of Supervisors will determine if outside professional services are required for the emergency repairs."