

Press Clippings 06/03/2019

---Daily Herald---06/01/2019

Alisa "Lee" Beattie appointed trustee of Hanover Township

Daily Herald report



Hanover Township Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer, left, swears in new trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie at Thursday's meeting.

Bartlett resident Alisa "Lee" Beattie was appointed to the Hanover Township board of trustees at the board meeting Thursday, replacing Mary Alice Benoit, who stepped down earlier in the month to take a position at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood.

"Lee currently serves as the president of the Hanover Township Foundation and is already very familiar with our mission," said township Supervisor Brian McGuire. "We appreciate her eagerness to serve and look forward to her contributions on the board."

Beattie works in the athletics office at **Streamwood High School** and is a 20-year employee of Elgin Area **School District U-46**. She is also an active member of the Bartlett Lions Club and serves on the board of several foundations.

"Hanover Township has a strong reputation as a community-oriented organization, putting the needs of the residents at the forefront in all that they do," said Beattie. "I believe my background and experience will allow me to contribute in furthering these efforts, whether it be with seniors, youth, veterans or the disabled."

The appointment completes the unexpired term that concludes in May 2021.

---The Courier-News---06/02/2019

U46 to tackle stadium, library over summer

By: Rafael Guerrero

School District U46 plans to renovate the stadiums at South Elgin and Larkin high schools, add new libraries at three high schools, and install new intercom systems at four schools this summer.

Sheila Downs, plant operations director, said most of the projects will be done in time for the start of the 2019-20 school year in mid-August. The summer break provides school districts like U46 the largest window to do work inside or outside a school without interfering with classes.

Last winter, U46 board members approved a \$1.5-million project to add lights, a new track, and press box at South Elgin High School's outdoor stadium. The stadium lacked lighting and a permanent press box before the years-long effort to get the project funded turned successful this year.

"They've been very limited in the past when they have activities due to their limitations," she said. "But now that they have these lights, they can have events at night."

The South Elgin stadium is expected to be ready for its first night football game in September.

Larkin High School will get a new track this summer, at a cost of \$730,000. The track's asphalt base and rubber surfacing will be replaced, with its rubber surface last done in 2006. The asphalt base dates back to the 1990s, according to school board documents. The long jump/pole vault pits, meanwhile, will be relocated to the east end of the stadium as part of this project.

The district has budgeted about \$2.6 million to modernize and remodel the high school libraries and the library furniture at Larkin, South Elgin and Bartlett high schools. Downs said the remodeling mirrors the work done at the libraries of Elgin and Streamwood in recent years. The projects are expected to be completed in July.

"The goal there is to increase collaborative spaces (within the schools)," Downs said. "We will add a lot of flexible seating, immerse them with technology."

The intercoms and clock systems will be replaced at Elgin High, Abbott Middle School, and Clinton and Willard elementary schools. All these schools excluding Elgin will also replace their fire alarm systems this summer. The combined cost of the work is \$4.2 million.

The systems at the four schools require an overhaul because they are inconsistent and potentially disruptive in the event of an emergency, according to Downs and school board documents.

Other projects underway this summer at U46 schools include, but are not limited to:

The sanding and refinishing of gymnasium floors at Kenyon Woods Middle School, Bartlett and South Elgin high schools.

New playgrounds at Hillcrest, Coleman, and Sycamore Trails elementary schools.

Interior painting of Washington Elementary School, Hanover Countryside Elementary in Streamwood, and the third floor of Streamwood High School.

The installation of a new HVAC system at Centennial Elementary School, a new boiler at Clinton Elementary School in South Elgin, and new chillers at Kenyon Woods and Tefft middle schools.