

education experience has ranged from teaching to directing budgets, curriculum, and staff. I have been an engaged collaborative leader in multiple nonprofit

organizations such as Autism Speaks and former HOA president. In addition, I've had 13 years of experience in the business sector as a leader in marketing,

sales, and public relations. I attended public schools in multiple states and countries. ■

Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Sept. 14

## Board receives report on long-term planning process

By Harriet Halbig

Doug Abernathy of contractor RTA presented a lengthy update on the long-term planning process during the Sept. 14 meeting of the Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education.

Of particular interest were in-depth studies on the Monument Academy and Grace Best sites and their buildings.

Abernathy reported that the Monument Academy building is being fully utilized and is in good condition, although the cement board siding covered with stucco may need attention at some point.

Abernathy mentioned several shortcomings of the Monument Academy site. Among these were drainage problems caused in part by a water quality pond in the site's northeastern corner, which causes flooding in the

playground after heavy rain; building limitations due to the presence of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat; the necessity of sharing parking with the adjacent church; and traffic problems along Highway 105.

The shape of the property makes it impossible to use school buses at the site as there is no signal at the property's east end. There are plans to expand Highway 105 nearby, adding a turn lane to limit backups during before-and-after school times. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to playgrounds is also a concern.

The facility planning committee said that this property should not be considered for purchase by the district due to these problems.

Board Secretary Mark Pfoff asked whether the limited access posed a safety concern in the event of evacu-

ation or access by emergency services. Abernathy said that he did not believe this to be the case.

Board Treasurer John Magerko asked whether the land for the school was donated. Abernathy said that it was purchased.

Comparing the traffic issues and bus access at Monument Academy to the Lewis-Palmer Middle School, which is also located on a major thor-

oughfare, Superintendent Karen Broffitt pointed out that the middle school has two parking lots, one of which is only open to buses during peak times.

Regarding Grace Best Education Center, which the district owns, Abernathy enumerated the current uses of the building as the home of the Home School Academy and the rental of the gymnasium to community groups. Some of the property's south end is

**Let us sell for YOU on the WORLD'S LARGEST auction site!**

Professional photographs, descriptions & shipping!

**We do ALL the work so you don't have to!**



**The Blue Sage Merchant**

www.stores.ebay.com/thebluesagemerchant  
Call 488-1822 or visit us at 251 Front St., Monument

Tuesday - Friday 10-5 & Saturday 10-3  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Proudly serving the Front Range for 13 years!

For the first time ever...  
All 21 Joseph Bohler limited edition fine art prints  
**50% OFF!**  
For a limited time, \$20 to \$62.50! (reg. \$40-\$125)  
Available at **Bella Art and Frame**, 183 Washington St.,  
Downtown Monument, (719) 487-7691.

Joe Bohler will be at Bella Art and Frame, Sat., **Nov. 4, 2-4** and Sat., **Dec. 2, 2-4** to personalize prints for you.

**Bohler Arts** (formerly Places in Time)  
For more information, call Alaina at (719) 481-4251

**24-Hour Fitness Center**

**TRILAKES**  
FITNESS & STRENGTH

Open 24 hours a day. No contracts.  
No long-term commitments.  
Now expanded with more equipment.  
**www.Trilakes-Fitness.com**

To schedule a tour and complimentary workout,  
call our 24-hour cell phone: **(719) 232-0685**  
**1728 Lake Woodmoor Drive, Monument 80132**

**Isn't it time you gave your portfolio a checkup?**  
Unbiased, independent advice.

In a global economy, our finances at home can easily be affected by stock performance across the world. As your hometown advisor, *Lang Investment Services* is dedicated to helping protect and grow your assets in all market conditions. If it's been a while since you've had a portfolio review or just want an objective opinion of your current strategy, give us a call.

Get your complimentary portfolio check-up.  
**Call Matthew Lang at (719) 481-0887.**

Strategic Asset Management • Tax Advantaged Investing • Retirement Planning  
Insurance • Investment Guidance • Consulting

236 North Washington St., Monument, CO 80132 • [langinvestmentservices.com](http://langinvestmentservices.com)

Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products and services offered through CES Insurance Agency.