

percent of architecture and engineering fees would need to be available prior to November, and 35 percent of design documents should be available for use in selecting the construction manager.

In either case, were the bond to pass in November, construction should be completed by summer 2020.

Details of the alternatives will be presented at the board's April meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman distributed information on architectural firms, saying that the district will have to issue a request for proposals (RFP) and the board would interview the three finalists in the process. She said that the district has already been approached by several firms.

Asked what level of involvement the board would like, board President Matthew Clawson said he would like to be involved in all phases.

Brofft said it would be fine if the board wished to act with the audit committee.

Director Mark Pfoff asked whether the district could benefit from funds from the sale of marijuana in the state, which was intended to support education.

Wangeman responded that the BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grant representative was in town to determine whether grant money could be used at Grace Best or Monument Academy. She said that the district would most likely be able to use such grants for safety and security expenses such as cameras and radios.

Brofft said that some additional decisions must be made. Among these are the amount the district wants to de-

vote to deferred maintenance and safety, and whether to somehow connect the two buildings on the Bear Creek campus, the elementary and middle schools, with a breezeway or other device.

Treasurer Chris Taylor said he would like more detailed explanations on how enrollment figures are forecast and that he would like to build the second school based on data. He encouraged building a model and said that things can change quickly.

Brofft said development is happening quickly, and the district must carefully consider locations and boundaries in its deliberations.

Security discussion

Pfoff said he wanted the board to have an extended conversation about school safety at its next meeting.

Because increased security would most likely involve the hiring of additional security staff, Pfoff suggested that the district might propose a Mill Levy Override (MLO) exclusively to cover salaries of these additional staff. Bond funds can only be used for capital expenses, not salaries.

Brofft suggested a community engagement event on the subject. There will be a public deliberation event on April 16.

Clawson said that District 20 has security personnel at each of its campuses.

Pfoff suggested forming a committee overseen by Safety and Security Chief Dennis Coates.

Brofft said that there is already a committee on this subject and perhaps Pfoff should be the board liaison to that group. She suggested that the committee be configured similar to the

District Accountability Advisory Committee with representatives from all campuses.

Wangeman suggested that the committee should consider actions to be taken before the bond, such as the construction of "man traps" at each campus, whereby any person wishing to enter a building must first be buzzed through by a staff member.

Board goal conversation

Taylor referred to the binder received by all board members, detailing board duties and responsibilities in such areas as community engagement, learning, attention to the whole child, and engagement in planning.

He suggested that the board examine itself in this context and decide how to measure its success. Particularly, he wished to determine how well board members are representing those who elected them. He wants the board, ad-

ministration, and community to share a similar vision.

Taylor also said that he wants to improve communications and the compatibility and unity of the board. If all board members do not want to host board coffees, those who wish to may do so.

Pfoff said that he would prefer to use other ways of interacting with the community, such as via Facebook or by phone.

The board went into executive session at 7:30 to discuss sale or lease of real property and negotiations.

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. This was a special meeting.

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Monument Academy School Board, March 8

Board hears about partnerships, reviews multiple policies

By Jackie Burhans

The Monument Academy (MA) School Board met on March 8 to review partnerships and review and discuss a number of board policies. Board members Matt Dunston and Julie Galusky were absent.

Partnerships

Principal Elizabeth Davis reported on a number of partnerships engaged in by MA. It is hosting a University of Colorado at Colorado Springs psychology master's student as an intern to help with social and emotional development. MA also has an eighth-grade social studies teacher who has an initial teacher's license and regularly meets with a mentor from the Pikes Peak Board of Cooperative Educational Services. There are also three student teachers in the elementary level from the University of Northern Colorado. Davis also said that MA partners

with the community in raising at least \$25,000 for the American Heart Association.

Board policies

Executive Director Don Griffin noted that, as part of best practices, policies should be reviewed every three to four years, though they may not need to be changed. The following policies were discussed and unanimously approved by the board:

- 1513 - Staff File Access Policy - Reviewed, no change.
- 1517 - Internet Use Policy - Note that use of devices not connected to the MA network cannot be filtered.
- 1519 - Advertising Policy - Revised for clarity and noted that the policy applies to gym banners, the yearbook, and Lynx advertising.
- 1520 - Public Comment to the Board - Reviewed, no change.



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