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Secretary Mike Smaldino summarized the consensus of the board when he said it would be a good up-front investment, and the directors approved a contract with George K. Baum for consulting purposes to provide guidance on a possible 2016 mill levy vote for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

#### Fire on I-25

Fire Marshal John Vincent described the afternoon's fire sparked by an aviation tanker

truck on I-25. TLMFPD firefighters fought the truck fire and assisted other agencies fighting the grass fire in 20-25 mph sustained winds. See related photo on page

#### Chief's report

Truty and Deputy Chief Randy Trost's report included:

- Vincent will coordinate a community open house next year.
- Three TLMFPD firefighters deployed to California have moved to Washington.

The Station 1 training room is available to groups and clubs again.

Office Administrator Jennifer Martin reported on recent community events including the Relay for Life (Fundraiser for Cancer), Safety Day at US Taekwondo Center, car seat checks, fire mitigations, and CPR

- Upcoming district calendar: Sept. 11—Jog A Thon at Lewis-Palmer Elementary
- Sept. 23—2015 amendments, 2016 budget

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Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Aug. 20

# Board introduces new member, discusses policy and class materials

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education discussed new instructional materials, introduced a new member, and discussed plans for the coming year at its Aug. 20 meeting.

Board President Mark Pfoff introduced Matthew Clawson as the new member of the board from District 5. Clawson is an attorney and father of four students in the district. It was determined that Julie Jadomski, the formerly appointed director, did not live within District 5. Clawson's position and three others will be involved in the November election.

#### **Instructional materials** discussion

Two members of the public expressed concerns about textbooks that were offered for parental review.

The first individual commented on the social studies textbook for high school use, saying that it misrepresented the Muslim religion as one of peace and one that does not seek to convert others. She also objected that the text refers to the Islamic world as a geographical location, ignoring the fact that Judaism and Christianity were also founded in that area.

The second individual commented that she was unable to view the materials when she first appeared at the office. She commented that publicizing the review of the materials only through Facebook and Twitter does not reach all parents. She was notified that in the future the review would be publicized through Infinite Campus. She also commented that, once she was able to review a new sociology text, it appeared to have an intolerance of Christianity and view the presence of man as a scourge on the planet.

#### **Board members'** comments

Board Vice President John Mann commented on the high student Advanced Placement (AP) test scores, saying that students make a personal decision to undertake such studies. The district's participation figures and scores prove that Lewis-Palmer students are exceptional, as are their parents and the district's

Director Sherri Hawkins commented that she had read an article about a student who had previously been homeschooled and how well she was received

on her first day at Lewis-Palmer High School. Hawkins commented that this was another example of the good qualities of our students, not only academically but socially.



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- Sept. 26—Zombie Run at Fox Run Park (Emergency Preparedness event)
- Oct. 28—station tours open to the public
- Nov. 17—public hearing for 2016 budget

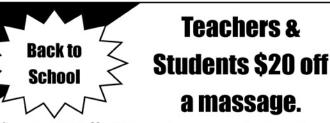
The meeting adjourned at 8:13

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 23 in the Monument Town Hall at 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of each month. For information, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

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