

added one kindergarten and one sixth-grade class due to growing class sizes.

She said that there are some vacancies in staff positions due to shortages of teachers available. Some positions are more difficult to fill than others, and the district tries to hire experienced teachers.

Enrollment is 75 students short of projections, resulting in a \$546,000 shortfall in per-student expected revenue from the state.

This is the first year in which budgeting was site-based, where each facility creates its own budget.

Subjects under consideration by the board are teacher compensation, space available, possible new schools, and deferred maintenance.

After discussion within the district and with administrations of nearby districts, Brofft said it is almost impossible to compensate for income lost during past pay freezes.

The waiver application for changing the deadline for application for a new charter school was approved by the state.

Regarding creation of Monument Academy high school, the application has been received. The district has once again been rated as Accredited with Distinction.

Tiffiney and Jason Upchurch offered the only citizen comment of the evening, reading a letter from their son, now at Colorado School of Mines, thanking the district for his education and for the sensitivity of its staff when they noticed he was at a low point during his senior year. He is now doing well.

The Lewis-Palmer Middle School Band, under the direction of Mike Mazingo, performed the National Anthem and the Beatles' Get Back. The middle school Gateway to Technology class, under Ken Motta and Nathan Strycker, explained how the class used teamwork and innovation to design a new wall-ball wall and a weatherproof box in which to store the balls at the school.

The board also approved a list of routine items.

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The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the district's learning center, 146 Jefferson St., Mon-

ument. Due to a scheduling conflict, the board will meet on Oct. 12.

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## Teacher Spotlight: Jordan Clark

Jordan Clark is beginning his fourth year as Lewis-Palmer High School's theater teacher. While growing up in the Castle Rock area, he knew his heart would always be in Colorado. Jordan taught English in China during his junior year of college and returned to the states with a love of teaching. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, he moved to Boulder. After Boulder, he moved to Washington State to serve as a youth pastor, and after ten years there, his desire to teach and return to Colorado came to fruition. He earned his education certification through the BOCES program and loves every minute with his students at LPHS. He believes that it is his job to help prepare his students for a post-high



school life by instilling in them a good work ethic and inspiring them to live with a purpose. Jordan claims that choosing which play to perform is the most difficult part of his job. He had 93 students wanting to participate in last year's show as actors, set designers and builders, technicians, and other support roles. This fall, LPHS' production of the musical "The Addams Family" has positions for 115 students plus ten additional orchestra performers. The play is scheduled earlier than usual this year (October 26-28) for two reasons: thematically, it fits well around Halloween, and in November, he will take a bit of time off to run the Athens Marathon, the original 26.2 miles.

## Announcement of the Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Inductees for 2017

The Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to announce the inductees into the 2017 Hall of Fame:

- Ida Liebert**, former elementary principal
- Tommie Plank**, former classified employee, school board director, community volunteer
- Linda Wilson**, former elementary art and second grade teacher
- Mike Cassidy** (Legacy Award), former high school counselor, coach, athletic director, assistant principal

These people were selected from a sizable number of nominees who made substantial and lasting contributions to District 38. They will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at a ceremony and reception on Saturday, October 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School. The public is invited.

### LPSD Upcoming Events

- October 4:** Kiwanis Empty Bowls Dinner, LPHS, 5-7:30 p.m.
- October 5:** School Board Candidate Forum, Admin Building, 6 p.m.
- October 6:** PRHS Homecoming Game v. Abraham Lincoln, Don Breese Stadium, 7 p.m.
- October 6:** K-6 Grade — No Classes
- October 7:** LPSD Hall of Fame Induction, LPHS, 2 p.m.
- October 11:** 2-Hour Delayed Start/PLC Day
- October 12:** Board of Education Meeting, (includes Public Hearing regarding Monument Academy's high school expansion application) Admin Building, 6 p.m.
- October 19:** pK-8 Grade — No Classes — Conferences
- October 20:** pK-12 Grade — No Classes
- October 26-28:** LPHS Theatre Production "The Addams Family," 7 p.m. (+2 p.m. on Saturday)