

Francis commented that Kilmer presently has a waitlist for its preschool, a problem that could be solved by centralization.

When asked about the difference between private and public preschools, district Preschool Coordinator

Julie Jadomski said that there are few local options for a private preschool, these being a Montessori School and Monument Academy. The former Little Sprouts preschool has closed.

The district preschools provide curriculum that dovetails with kindergarten curriculum, said Jadomski. Also, private preschools are not mandated to provide special education services, while public preschools are required to do so and any tuition is provided by the state.

Regarding the location of a centralized preschool, it may be part of one of the new elementary schools.

The committee made no formal recommendation.

#### Other matters

Magerko reported that there will be an estimated 2 percent increase in funding for next year.

He congratulated Chris Taylor and Tiffiney Up-

church for their election to the Board of Education and thanked Sherri Hawkins for her service on the board.

Magerko urged members of the committee to continue to interact with others in the community, realizing that few answers are black and white, and always going to the source of information rather than believing everything they read on the internet. He urged all to be skeptical but not cynical in their approach.

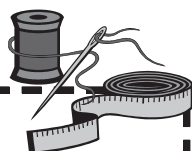
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The Lewis-Palmer D-38 District Accountability Advisory Committee meets five times per year. Locations vary. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 16 at Lewis-Palmer Middle School, 1776 Woodmoor Drive, Monument.

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