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

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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 recommenda-

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

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.

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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(DAAC), the state chartering authority (CSI), and district administrators have reviewed it.

Davis said that the application is in a constant state of improvement as a result of input from other

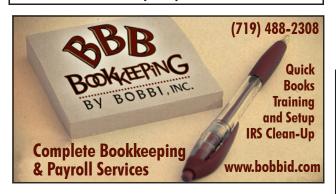
Board Treasurer John Magerko said that he had attended the recent meeting of the DAAC and took seriously the committee's suggestions (for further information, see the DAAC article on page 1 of this is-



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In public comments, Jackie Burhans noted that the academy was partnering with three colleges for concurrent enrollment opportunities, one of which is Grand Canyon University, a religious institution.

Davis responded that negotiations with Grand Canyon University are still in progress. The university was interested in collaboration due to the academy's stress on leadership.

District Superintendent Karen Brofft commented that there are no legal limitations against such a col-

The board approved the following resolution: "To conditionally approve the expansion of Monument Academy Charter School for the addition of grades 9 through 12, conditionally granted for a term commensurate with the existing charter (through June 30, 2026) beginning in the fall of 2019, subject to and pending successful negotiation of the terms and conditions - including those required by law - as noted in detail in the resolution presented and attached to the minutes of this meeting."

The minutes may be found on the district website lewispalmer.org under Board of Education.

Long Term Facilities Planning update

Doug Abernethy of RTA Architects reported on recent developments in the planning process. He said that the district decided many years ago to keep the elementary schools small, but now such a policy is too expensive to retain.

Previous discussions had recommended the construction of an elementary school on the site of Bear Creek Elementary and the reconversion of the present elementary school to a middle school (see article about public deliberation on page 8 of this issue).

Asked whether this new elementary school would be one or two stories, Abernethy responded that it would have to be two to accommodate the number





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