



Above: From left, Lewis-Palmer High School Principal Tony Karr, board President Matthew Clawson, former Colorado Teacher of the Year Kathy Thirkell, and Assistant Principal Bridget O'Connor listen as Brofft recognizes the high school for receiving the John Irwin School of Excellence and Inez Lewis Awards. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

The motion passed. Brofft estimated the cost of initiating the study at \$15,000.

Managing growth discussion

Please see the District Accountability Advisory Committee article on page 17 of this issue for details on Wangeman's presentation regarding capacity at the various schools and proposals for accommodating growth over the next few years.

Regarding the elementary schools, Wangeman said that two will have lower student counts next year due to large sixth-grade classes, but a solution to capacity issues at others would be to consolidate preschool services into a central location, freeing up classrooms for older students. Also, some rooms in schools could be subdivided or repurposed to alleviate crowding.

Brofft said that the consolidation of preschool services likely wouldn't happen until 2020.

Board Vice President Tiffiney Upchurch offered to serve on a committee to study this consolidation process.

Monument Academy contract

The board passed a resolution to accept a new contract with Monument Academy for a period of 10 years beginning July 1, 2018.

The previous contract, which went into effect on 2016, did not include the expansion of the academy to include a high school.

To view the contract in full, please see Boarddocs on the district website (lewispalmer.org), the Board of Education, meetings, and meeting agendas.

Policy actions

The board approved policies on meeting and conferring (GCBDA), suspension, and expulsion (JKD, JKE).

There was a first reading on a policy involving students in foster care, and proposed revisions to several policies as recommended by the Colorado As-

sociation of School Boards.

Curriculum

Executive Director of Learning Services Lori Benton proposed the following curricula at the February meeting of the board and requested the purchase of materials for them: first- and second-grade science, kindergarten social studies, sixth- and eighth-grade social studies, AP calculus, personal financial literacy (a free, web-based program), and commonsense media citizenship. The board approved the purchase of the materials.

Homeschool

Enrichment Academy

Administrator Chuck Stovall gave a presentation on the offerings of the Home School Enrichment Academy, located at Grace Best.

The academy currently serves 89 students in grades K through eight and offers standardized testing and field trips in addition to academic subjects, art, theater, and science. Classes are held on Thursdays and funded by the state.

Stovall said that many students of the academy later attend D-38 schools and that those enrolled live in and outside the district.

Public comments

Board President Clawson suggested that, in future meetings, citizens should not be required to state their address, but just to state whether they live with-

in district boundaries.

A number of citizens commented on the value of the public deliberation process, the value of Superintendent Brofft to the district as an excellent administrator and coach, the urgency of educating the public about a bond proposal for the November ballot, and inconsistent special education services for students transitioning from one school to another.

Michelle Glover of Bear Creek Elementary School read a letter from the secretaries of the Navy, Air Force, and Army to the National Governors Association asking that the quality of local schools should be a major consideration in decisions on locating military facilities. The letter said that this is particularly important because students often must relocate during a school year.

The letter also suggested that military spouses in careers requiring licensure would benefit from reciprocity from one state to another.

The board went into executive session at 8:45 to discuss lease or sale of real property.

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

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Monument Board of Trustees, March 5

Triview reports on status; service plan for Village Center Metro District discussed

By Allison Robenstein and Lisa Hatfield
During the March 5 meeting, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) heard a report by Triview Metropolitan District, listened to public comments on the Village Center Metro District service plan, and approved an ordinance adopting new regional building codes.

Mayor Jeffrey Kaiser was absent.

Triview presentation on district project status

Triview Metropolitan District Interim Manager Jim McGrady and board President Reid Bolander discussed five updates on projects happening within Triview's territory, which is inside the Monument town limits, mostly east of I-25. Bolander said he looked forward to telling the BOT about the work going on in the district, "continuing on the foundation that (former District Manager) Valerie Remington laid for us."

February 2017 was the last time Triview presented to the BOT, when Remington and Bolander visited. See www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot0117. McGrady said he did not realize that Triview was supposed to be a standing agenda item at the BOT, and the consensus was that he would come back on a quarterly basis.

Note: Triview's monthly public board meetings provide detailed updates on all their projects, and OCN covers them regularly. See this month's related Triview article on page 9.

First, McGrady talked about 2017 and 2018 road maintenance projects. Last year, three streets, including all of Jackson Creek Parkway, were overlaid with mastic to plug cracks. This year, 18 roads, including 142,944 square yards of asphalt in the older, southern part of the district, totaling \$1.2 million, should be complete by the end of June. See www.ocn.me/v17n12.htm#tvmd.

Triview paid for a \$55,000 pavement conditions study after residents complained in 2016. See www.ocn.me/v17n8.htm#tvmd and www.ocn.me/v16n10.htm#tvmd.

Next, McGrady said the Western Interceptor—a water and sewer link for the western and northern part of the district, in the area of Jackson Creek Parkway—has been bid for 2018 construction. The \$2.5 million project is a joint effort of five or six project participants that are finalizing the cost-sharing agreement now, and construction should begin in June.

Development plans including the new senior center and future residential and commercial projects south of Higby Road required Triview to extend a wastewater line across and under the interstate and along the Santa Fe Trail to the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. This includes a significant bore under I-25, which will now be enlarged to include a drinking water connection in addition to the waste line. Trustee Dennis Murphy applauded this news because the town has been searching for a way to build an emergency water interconnection with other water providers. Triview and the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District also have an emergency water connection at another site near the Valero station. See www.ocn.me/v18n3.htm?zoom_highlight=%22western+interceptor%22 and www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#tvmd.

McGrady also discussed the new irrigation control system being installed to quell issues they have had previously with leaks and poorly irrigated and maintained open spaces. The \$116,000 irrigation control system has been purchased, and parts, such as clocks and pedestals, are being ordered now for 2018 installation.

Note: In December 2017, an audit revealed 75 percent to 90 percent of Triview's water consumption comes from landscaping irrigation. At that time, the district also realized 58 percent of the clocks that ran the district's irrigation were malfunctioning, and a cloud-based smart irrigation system was approved this winter. See www.ocn.me/v17n12.htm#tvmd.

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