



Above: The Palmer Ridge High School football team with coach Tom Pulford, left are State 3A champions. The Lewis-Palmer High School volleyball team was also recognized for being 4A state champions, but players were unable to attend the meeting due to a schedule conflict. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

- Developers should contribute more to the cost of schools. Different government entities provide different amounts.
 - Make the urgency of the situation more clear in the ballot language. Say what options were considered.
 - People don't realize that the board did not determine the language in the Blue Book, which gave no opinion whether the bond and MLO should be passed.
 - The board should decide in a more timely manner if placing initiatives on ballot.
- Wangeman reported that the district can now begin work on the Safe Routes to School Trail that will go from Palmer Ridge High School to Lewis-Palmer Elementary. The trail is partially funded through a grant and partially by Woodmoor Improvement Association.

Bond discussion

The board, aided by architects and engineers involved with the design of the proposed elementary school and by members of the audit committee, discussed the amount that should be sought with a new bond issue, recognizing that that cost of construction increases each year.

Also discussed were financing options.

While the proposed cost of the school would be about \$30 million, Brofft cautioned that it would be necessary to include a contingency fund in the case of unexpected increases in the cost of materials or labor.

The board did not vote on a final amount but

was assured by the architect and engineer that the money spent on design was worthwhile and major changes would not be necessary unless there was a change in the building codes.

Superintendent search

Brofft plans to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Randy Black, director of Superintendent Searches, explained the services offered by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) in finding a new superintendent to begin on July 1, 2019.

Board Secretary Mark Pfoff commented that the last two superintendents were found through CASB and that their methods were sound and respectful of the candidates as well as the district.



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Monument Academy

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