Highlights

The following items were highlighted at the board meeting:

- Teachers Joy Maddox and Cristin Patterson were elected to be teachers' representatives to the board.
- New school resource officer Josie Haag was introduced to attendees. She will begin at the school in October after recovering from shoulder surgery and looks forward to being a mentor to the kids.
- The board unanimously approved appointing Melanie Strop in place of Nancy Tive on the Monument Academy Foundation, which holds the bond note for the new secondary school.
- The Colorado Measure of Academic Results findings have been released. Dean Charlie Richardson asked that people reserve judgment and noted that the school received a performance rating
- Auditor Kevin Kimball summarized the report as having a clean audit opinion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the

Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education, Sept. 10, 12 and 16

Board passes resolution regarding local control, designates strategic goals

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education passed two resolutions to forward to the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) legislative session, designated five strategic goals for the year, and recognized two community groups for their contributions to the district at its meetings in September.

Following its resolution in August objecting to HB-1032, which detailed a curriculum in human sexuality to be taught in Colorado schools (see www. ocn.me/v19n9.htm#d38), the board passed a new resolution asking CASB to oppose the legislative requirements in HB-1032 and any current or future legislation that required local school boards or their districts "to follow or adopt specific instructional text or content in violation of the fundamental principle of local control embodied in the Colorado Constitution"

Board President Matthew Clawson said that he would prefer not to involve the judicial branch in the process because that would require a lawsuit. He said that he requested names of all members of CASB to seek support from other districts but was denied that information.

Due to a short deadline for submission, Clawson recommended creating a draft resolution with the district's counsel and having a special meeting on Sept. 12 to pass it.

Board Vice President and CASB Liaison Tiffiney Upchurch suggested having two resolutions, one of which would advocate lobbying.

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