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This resolution will be taken to the CASB Fall Regional Convention and Fall Delegate Convention in October and proposed to be added to CASB's legislative proposals for the 2020 legislative session.

On Sept. 10 and 16, the board discussed five strategic goals for the coming school year: academic achievement and growth, district culture of collaboration and core values of community, financial well-being to include a long-term facilities master plan, enhancing staff recognition and appreciation, and extension of community relations.

The board discussed the timeline and manner of superintendent evaluation. Superintendent K.C. Somers commented that, with a new board to be seated in November, this subject will need to be revisited. He suggested having staff and student input in the process.

Clawson said that he favors a quarterly report for the board's review.

Somers said that not all ratings will be made public.

The board agreed on a schedule for work sessions, regular meetings, and peripheral events such as CASB events. They discussed work sessions and regular meetings and what should be involved in each, with board Secretary Chris Taylor suggesting that a report from the work session could be delivered at the regular meeting.

The board briefly discussed the placement of members' comments on the agenda. At present, the comments follow the public comments, before other business.

Taylor suggested that an opportunity for comment later in the agenda would be welcome. He said this could offer the opportunity to interact with the public.

Director Mark Pfoff said the comments are an opportunity for board members to report on their activities since the previous meeting and to report primarily to other members of the board.

At its regular meeting on Sept. 16, Pfoff and Taylor urged the public to attend town hall meetings regarding the bond. These meetings, held at the Monument Town Hall, were independently planned and run by

Pfoff and Taylor and would involve the architects and engineers for the new elementary school in addition to financial experts.

Board Secretary Theresa Phillips said that she had visited the bus barn and was impressed with the professionalism of the Transportation Department. She also encouraged the public to invite board members to home gatherings and other venues to discuss the bond.

Upchurch reported that the state had approved 60 preschool slots for the district this year, up from 45 last year. These are the students who are required to be offered preschool free of charge because of a number of factors such as qualifying for special education services due to identification through Child Find.

In his enrollment dashboard report, Somers said that, as of Sept. 3, enrollment is 120 less than last year due to a large graduating class. He reminded the board that the October student count affects funding the most.

The board considered a report on hiring and termination of staff for this year. There was about 12% in turnover between individuals leaving the district, moving away, and retiring. Of the new hires, there were 70 teachers from many districts including D20, D11, and Falcon and many from out of state.

Somers reported that the district was once again Accredited with Distinction, the highest level within the Colorado Department of Education.

The board recognized the Palmer Lake Art Group, represented by Vice President Bonnie Sands, for its support through scholarships, and the Ascent Church, represented by Pastor Dr. Rusty Hayes, for its annual Run 4 Hope to support Sources of Strength and other programs to fight teen suicide.

The Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting will be on Oct. 28 due to a conflict with the CASB conference date.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Sept. 16**Home Place Ranch a nonstarter**

By Allison Robenstein

The Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) had a packed house Sept. 16 when the Home Place Ranch development ordinance failed due to lack of a motion. The board did approve new platting in Sanctuary Pointe and architectural designs for an eventual Public Works building.

Home Place Ranch development hits a wall
 Senior Planner Jennifer Jones began the presentation

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of Home Place Ranch's preliminary/final PD site plan and was followed by the developer's representatives. Phase 1 of the development was proposed to encompass 130 acres with a total of 300 single-family homes. The first filing includes 64 clustered villas targeted to the 55-and-older community.

Most of the seven BOT members had questions relating to emergency access points for homeowners. Drainage issues were also troublesome with regard to the slope of the property and the methods used to move water, possibly funneling it into the Homestead at Jackson Creek development to the south and west.

During a four-hour special Planning Commission meeting the PD site plan was passed, but with a number of emergency access requirements signed by Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. See <https://www.ocn.me/v19n8.htm#mpc>.

Trustee Jeffrey Bornstein said he had heard a lot about traffic and access points, but not once was safety mentioned. "What is the game plan?" he asked, expressing concern that people couldn't get out of the development if there was an emergency.

Trustee Greg Coopman asked about the large number of cul-de-sacs in the development, all connecting to two main thoroughfares. Although Phil Stuepfert, HR Green planner, said the 110 feet of fall through the development requires grading the cul-de-sacs, Coopman considered them one of the primary concerns for safety and evacuation. There is currently no formal evacuation plan, but HR Green engineer Gregory Panza said, "this is something we can take a look at."

Panza said they had created an emergency ac-

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