

training. The first year, the student would be required to reimburse the district 100 percent of the cost of training if they decided to leave BFFRPD, with a 75 percent reimbursement in the second year and 50 percent of the cost in the third year.

The board approved the Paramedic Student Contract, 5-0.

**2019 property inclusions**  
Hinton requested the board approve Resolution 2019-06 to consider a petition of inclusion for three property owners for the provision of fire protec-

tion and emergency services. The board voted 5-0 to include all three properties.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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**Correction**

In OCN's November 2 edition, the BFFRPD article should

have read: "The total compensation (wages and benefits) for employees is 59.75 percent of the entire budget, this is well under the national average of 71 percent of the budget." We apologize for the error.

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Meetings are usually held at 7

p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at BFFRPD Station 1, 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs. However, the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11. See [www.bffire.org](http://www.bffire.org).

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**Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education, Nov. 4**

**Board says farewell to Director Mark Pfoff, Palmer Ridge geothermal field suit settled**



**Above:** The Board recognized retiring member Mark Pfoff for his 12 years of service. Pictured from left are President Matthew Clawson, Pfoff, Secretary Theresa Phillips, Vice President Tiffney Upchurch, and Treasurer Chris Taylor. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

*By Harriet Halbig*

The October 28 board meeting was postponed to Nov. 4 due to weather.

A reception for Director Mark Pfoff was held prior to the meeting. The board thanked Pfoff for his 12 years of service. Treasurer Chris Taylor said he enjoyed working with Pfoff on creating the bond issue on the ballot. Former board President John Mann praised Pfoff for his work on the board despite having been the target of personal attacks. Secretary Theresa Phillips thanked Pfoff for his service and creative solutions. Other board members and Superintendent K.C. Somers also praised Pfoff for his service.

Vice President Tiffney Upchurch urged all citizens to vote in the Nov. 5 election. She also reported that the resolution about local control submitted to the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) by the district has been accepted and made part of the list of proposals for the 2020 legislative session. *For details about the resolution, see [www/ocn.me/v19n9.htm#38](http://www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#38).*

Among other issues approved were the addition of video cameras on school buses and vaping.

Board President Matthew Clawson thanked Upchurch for her leadership on legislative matters and thanked Pfoff for inspiring him to run for reelection. He also thanked other candidates for their willingness to serve. He thanked Taylor and Pfoff for arranging town hall meetings regarding the bond.

Somers said that the district had already used three snow days and thanked the transportation, grounds, and maintenance departments for

their effort. Oct. 28 was to be First Responder Day district-wide, but due to the snow closure, each school will celebrate individually.

**Board recognitions**

The Board recognized individuals who were honored for the Lewis-Palmer Hall of Fame in October. *For information, see p. 27 [www.ocn.me/v19n11.htm#photos](http://www.ocn.me/v19n11.htm#photos).*

The board recognized athletes from Lewis-Palmer Middle School, all of whom enjoyed undefeated seasons.

The Board recognized Monument Hill Kiwanis for their ongoing support of the district and Tri-Lakes Cares for their long-standing partnership with the district.

Finally, the Board thanked Mark Pfoff for his service and awarded him with a brick from the remodeling of the administration building as a keepsake.

**Settlement of civil lawsuit regarding Palmer Ridge geothermal field**

Attorney Doug Stevens re-

ported that the lawsuit regarding the geothermal field at Palmer Ridge High School had been settled in mediation



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