

The board discussed its desire to bring in a third party to review the county plans before signing an MOU. At the Jan. 21 special meeting, the board discussed the search for a civil engineering firm to look over the recirculation plans, check for conformance with county design standards, perform an onsite review, meet with MA, and provide a memorandum outlining its findings. Several firms were considered with cost

estimates of \$10,000 to \$30,000. Buczkowski asked that the firms be instructed to answer more broadly if this is the right plan and if the cost estimate is correct.

The board discussed the possibility of the cost being reimbursable from the county or the Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority (PPRTA). Board President Ryan Graham noted that the county might have a revision to the plan on Feb. 4 and that the board would want to review it quickly. The board unanimously approved the allocation of up to \$10,000 to the Highway 105 Committee for further review of civil engineering firms and the authority to engage one for services.

Spotlight

MA spotlighted three staff members: Catherine Edwards, sixth-grade middle school science teacher and, jointly, Sandra Wood and Kim Cavanaugh, reading specialists. Edwards was noted for being caring, genuine, and authentic with a passion for teaching. Wood and Cavanaugh were nominated together as a



**Above:** (L to R) Board President Ryan Graham watches as MA spotlights three staff members from left to right: Catherine Edwards, sixth grade middle school science teacher; and, jointly, Sandra Wood and Kim Cavanaugh, Reading Specialists. Misty McCuen, board member, presents them with certificates of appreciation. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

powerhouse team going above and beyond as reading interventionists who help teachers in a variety of ways.

Highlights

The following items were high-

lighted at the board meeting:

- Holmes announced that Angela Duca had been hired as the East Campus middle school assistant principal. Duca was formerly an assistant principal at Vista Ridge High School in Falcon District 49.
- East Campus had to close for a couple of days due to staff being out and a lack of substitute teachers. She noted that parents were reluctant to volunteer. Holmes suggested competitive pay and training were needed and said he had discussed the matter with the finance and administrative committees.
- Graham moved to direct the board to complete the training required for its Colorado Charter School Program grant by Jan. 31 ahead of an expected site visit in February. Modules were assigned to each board member, and board members were asked to report back on what was learned.
- The board unanimously approved a motion to create a Threat Assessment Team in response to a recent school threat that was communicated to East Campus parents and staff. The team will look at weaknesses and lessons learned, develop processes to deal with threats, review policies, and manage communications. The team will leverage resources from D38, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Secret Service.
- The board approved the 2022-23 school calendar.
- The board approved the addition of a ¼ Zip Collar Sweatshirt to the uniform policy, to be worn over an approved shirt. This will alleviate delays in jacket orders.

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The next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the East Campus band room in person only. The MA School Board usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/ma-boe>.

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