

expects to discuss this in more detail at its April board retreat. Graham invited Duca to attend the retreat as a representative of MA's threat assessment team, which will ultimately implement any approved program.

**Board sets term limits**

Graham read the proposed language updating MA's by-laws in Article III, Section 3.2, paragraph (d) Election and Tenure. In accordance with Colorado State statute, term limits for MA directors are two consecutive terms. Directors appointed to vacancies and serving 18 months or less are not considered to have served a term. Anyone meeting the 3.2 (a) qualifications are eligible for re-

election to two three-year terms after a four-year hiatus between terms. Graham read the entire section 3.2 and moved that the board approve the language read, which it voted to do unanimously.

**Highlights**

Board meeting highlights include:

- MA spotlighted teacher Suzy Benz, an elementary school teacher, and Daniel Tucker, a parent who volunteers for the Watch Dogs program.
- Citizen comments included support for the board, its consideration of the FASTER program, CRT resolution, and a proclamation against

LGBTQ and gender identity discrimination.

- Marc Brocklehurst, chief financial officer, said he would have a proposed budget to present to the board in April.
- Board member Chris Dole said that charter schools' pay is 20% below district pay and that a mill levy override will increase all salaries rather than close the gap. He said fundraising would be key, and everybody could help at different levels.
- Josh and Wendy Brethauer spoke about the MA Safety Solution group they started three years ago and the event on

April 5 at Boot Barn Hall to raise more funds for security and more. They mentioned adding an ongoing pledge program and bringing back the grandparents' day event.

- The board unanimously approved a special meeting on March 28 to sign an MOU with the county regarding the recirculation plan required by the Highway 105 widening project. The MOU will be signed by board members of the Monument Academy Building Corp. (MABC), which oversees building financing for the West Campus, and the Monument Academy Foundation (MAF),

which oversees building finances for the East Campus. Both MABC and MAF must sign to secure funding for reimbursement from Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA).

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The MA School Board usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, Apr. 14, at 6 p.m. in the East campus band room. See more information at see <https://bit.ly/ma-boe>.

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*Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education, March 14*

**Board recognizes student achievements, discusses grants and budget timeline**



**Above:** Palmer Ridge High School business/marketing/computer science teacher Courtney Bushnell, left, introduced some of the student participants in the recent state DECA conference at the Broadmoor. Also pictured is board member Matt Clawson in the middle and Lewis-Palmer High School business teacher Byron Tropp on the right. DECA encourages students to pursue careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Students from Palmer Ridge and Lewis-Palmer High Schools participated. Fifteen national qualifiers will go to Atlanta in April. The state participants are Grace Carlander, McKenzie Culver, James Baumert, Danielle and Nicole Day, Mattie Compton, Clare Deeds, and Jillian Gallagher, all of whom will continue to the international level in Atlanta, and John Clawson who is serving on the state level leadership team. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*



**Above:** Sixth-grade students who participated in the Pikes Peak Regional Science/Engineering Fair were honored at the board meeting. The students received a total of 20 awards for their efforts, which involved working after school for many weeks. The student participants are Rielyn Surma, Isabella Castro, Anna Quijano, Alyssa Vogt, Emmett Webber, Abigail Meggett, Clarissa Lindemann, Sydney Mauro, Charlie DeLello, Nixon Bilbrey, Grant Bain, and Caitlin Kerns. Rielyn Suma, who participated in Biochemistry/Chemistry and Physics, will attend the state science fair in April. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

*By Harriet Halbig*

The Lewis-Palmer D 38 Board of Education recognized many students for their achievements at the Pikes Peak Regional Science/Engineering Fair, the Health Occupation Students of

America (HOSA) state conference, and the February Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competition.

Sixth-grade science teacher Valerie DeLello presented 12 sixth-grade stu-

dents who participated in the Pikes Peak Regional Science/Engineering Fair. The students received a total of 20 awards for their efforts, which involved working after school for many weeks. Projects underwent eight rounds of judging.

The student participants were Rielyn Surma, Isabella Castro, Anna Quijano, Alyssa Vogt, Emmett Webber, Abigail Meggett, Clarissa Lindemann, Sydney Mauro, Charlie DeLello, Nixon Bilbrey, Grant Bain, and Cait-

lin Kerns. Rielyn Suma, who participated in Biochemistry/Chemistry and Physics, will be attending the state science fair in April.

Palmer Ridge High School business/marketing/computer science teacher Courtney Bushnell introduced student participants in the DECA conference. DECA encourages students to pursue careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Each student presents a project in a specific field to a panel of judges.

Students from Palmer Ridge and Lewis-Palmer High Schools participated. There were 2,250 participants at the state competition. Fifteen national qualifiers will go to Atlanta in April. Also in attendance was Lewis-Palmer High School business teacher Byron Tropp. The state participants are Grace Carlander, McKenzie Culver, James Baumert, Danielle and Nicole Day, Madeline Cump, Clare Deeds, and Jillian Gallagher, all of whom will con-

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