

Education and the administration, two student representatives from the high schools, and a community representative.

Bain said the committee offers the opportunity to receive information from the district administration and pass it along to the school level. The committee also advises the district on matters of budget, teacher evaluations, and assessments.

The committee meets at several different schools each year, giving members the opportunity to see how schools approach their responsibilities.

The committee also includes reports from the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Gifted Education Leadership Team and the Wellness Committee.

The committee changed its name this year from the District Accountability Advisory Committee in an effort to increase public attendance.

**Superintendent update**

During his monthly update, Superintendent KC Somers celebrated the achievements of many individuals in sports, academics, and other pursuits.

Some school-level achievements are notable:

- The John Irwin Award rewarding academic achievement was awarded to Bear Creek Elementary, Lewis-Palmer Elementary, and Prairie Winds Elementary.
- Prairie Winds and Lewis-Palmer Elementary also received the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award. D38 was also Accredited with Distinction.
- Brian Hoff of Lewis-Palmer High School received a National Diamond Coach Award for excellence and longevity in speech and debate. This is Hoff's third award.

For a complete list of district achievements, please see boarddocs.

**Transportation discussion**

While not on the board's agenda, there were several public comments regarding a proposed change in transportation availability to students living east of Highway 83.

This subject was discussed at the board's May 2 work session. The proposal is to reduce

the number of routes in that area from four to one and to provide additional service to the area around Palmer Lake Elementary.

Transportation Supervisor Julie Abeyta said that these buses have often returned empty.

The individuals who commented said that their children would need to travel 3 to 8 miles to a centralized stop in order to use the bus service.

The proposed service would also require that a parent or guardian be present at the stop when a student is brought home.

A meeting was scheduled for May 23 to further discuss this issue.

**Correction**

At the request of board Treasurer Ron Schwarz, following is a description of the procedure used to reorganize the board at its April 17 meeting:

- Tiffiney Upchurch and Ron Schwarz were nominated for the position of board president.
- Upchurch was elected via secret ballot.
- Matthew Clawson nominated Schwarz for the role of vice president
- Schwarz declined the nomination and stated that his skill set was better suited to continue in another capacity.
- Clawson immediately nominated Kris Norris for the role of vice president
- Following Norris' appointment, Upchurch asked Theresa Phillips and Schwarz if they would consider serving as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Both parties agreed.

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The Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education usually meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of

the month in its learning center, 146 N. Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting, which will be on Zoom, will be on

June 26.

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**Tuesday 4 July 2023**

7:00am	<b>Palmer Lake Fun Run</b> - Register: <a href="http://www.july4funrun.com">www.july4funrun.com</a> Palmer Lake
7:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> - Tickets at the Door St Peter Catholic Church - Jefferson St & Lincoln Ave
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce</b> <b>Street Fair</b> - 2nd Street and Washington Street
9:45 am	<b>Monument Hill Kiwanis Children's Parade</b> Downtown Monument
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Monument Hill Kiwanis 4th of July Parade</b> Downtown Monument
	10am Air Force Flyby 10:30 AM WWII Aviation Museum Aircraft Flyby Register at <a href="http://mhkiwanis.org">mhkiwanis.org</a> - click on Uncle Sam's hat
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce</b> <b>Family Friendly Beer Garden</b> Limbach Park, Monument
11:30 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Live Music, Limbaugh Park</b> Monument
7:00pm	<b>Bands &amp; Concessions</b> - Palmer Lake
Dusk	<b>Palmer Lake Fireworks</b> (conditions permitting)

**NOTICE:** Parade spectators are encouraged to come early, park at Lewis-Palmer High School, and ride the free bus to and from downtown Monument. **ADA parking at 259 Beacon Lite Road**

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