

sites. Sites used for educational purposes must meet specific criteria.

Visits to short-term and long-term sites are being scheduled. A visit to a steel building is also being scheduled to determine its potential.

**Fiscal stewardship presentation**

Director of Finance Ron Sprinz spoke of results from the Employee Experience Survey regarding whether staff feel that organization-level resources are allocated to maximum effectiveness.

Current action plans include engagement with

**MA (Cont. from 1)**

Vinchattle said they had been planning for 15 students in the first year of MAHP and were currently at 35 and looking to grow next year. He said MA had adjusted so it could accommodate 108 students at the K-5 grade levels. MA has been marketing at events like the school choice fair and was looking to create relationships to offer classes at small businesses. Graham said he had the opportunity to meet with Program Manager Janyse Skalla to catch up.

For more information on MA's homeschool enrichment program, see <https://www.monumentacademy.net/homeschool/>.

**Proposed aerospace program**

Vinchattle introduced the Falcon Aerolab Program for preliminary discussion, saying that he hoped to bring a contract to the board in March. He said the program focuses on flying and aeronautical offerings such as drones, mechanics, and understanding flight. MA is looking to bring the program to high school students. More information on the program can be found at <https://www.falconaerolab.org/>.

**Additional modulars approved**

Vinchattle reviewed the opportunity to acquire up to three modular units from D20, noting they could be used for High Performance Program (HPP) students or other new or existing programs and storage for athletic or drama equipment.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Glenn Gustafson said the cost for each modular would be \$1, but they would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to move and would need carpet, paint, ramps, and electricity. Vinchattle said that it had cost \$120,000 to \$150,000 for the infrastructure for the existing modulars but that it should be a little less for this new set.

Gustafson said portables provide schools with flexibility and that it was critical that MA could expand as it builds programs for the school. This would give new program capacity and provide temporary space during capital construction. He said that if MA refinances its bond and starts construction in summer 2025, it would take one year to 15 months to complete. MA would need space to accommodate kids since it would need additional students to pay for the debt on the bond refinancing.

Vinchattle said the work would start in the next fiscal year, and he would designate Operations Manager Jake Dicus to take the lead on the project and secure bids.

The board unanimously approved the budget to acquire and set up three modular units.

**Highlights**

Board meeting highlights include:

- Board member Craig Carle spotlighted MA's preschool team, including preschool teachers and assistants Anaya Hagger, Asha Nada, Sydney Heher, Stephanie Pontius, Brittany Robertson, Jeanette Tanguma, and Dyann Wenckus. Carle said a fellow staff member nominated the group, noting that the preschool had just completed its annual Colorado Department of Edu-

the Financial Transparency Committee, the Staff Collaboration Committee, and the District Leadership Team to improve accuracy in payroll and processing. A new payroll specialist has been hired and plans are being made to cross-train staff in Finance and Human Resources to perform roles where staff are absent due to illness or vacation.

The goal of the entire process is to operate within a window of spending 98-100% of budget allotments. To that end, school and department leaders will be educated to understand and manage their

budgets and monthly reporting will be required. \*\*\*\*\*  
 The Lewis-Palmer D 38 Board of Education usually meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the learning center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting is on March 17. For further information, contact [vwood@lewispalmer.org](mailto:vwood@lewispalmer.org)  
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- Vinchattle said that MA was starting to run low on snow days, with only 2.5 left at secondary school. His first choice would be to transition to full days on Fridays, then to e-learning days.
- Finance Director Laura Polen reported that net income was positive at elementary, middle, and high school.
- Board member Jilinda Dygert reported for the East Campus School Accountability and Advisory Committee (SAAC) that MA had hosted Dr. Michael Brom, the D38 assessment coordinator, for a presentation on student assessments. Parents reported feeling more prepared to help their students prepare for a college career. She said SAAC East hopes to offer more informational nights.
- Vice President Lindsay Clinton reported that the Resources and Development Committee was focused on the upcoming gala event, which would raise funds for a field for athletes, field day, and community events.

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