

decrease in favor of plentiful vegetables, even divided into veggie sub-groups that must all be represented in the lunch room.

Dubois noted that enough food will have to be purchased for everyone to take the full serving of fruit or vegetables required, even if there is no guarantee all the food will be consumed. The board remained unconvinced that 2 ounces of protein for a high school senior will be enough, but agreed that it is prudent to wait for a briefing a few months into the new lunch program to see how it is working. Students may still purchase whatever food they desire a la cart, though Dubois fears it is only a matter of time before the a la cart services become heavily monitored, as well.

Bus advertisement proposition

The board accepted a proposal to fit D-38 buses with advertisements starting this July, as presented by Robin Adair, Community Relations manager. These ads will be of modest size, and there will be no more than three ad pieces per bus. Adair noted that this is an ideal time to introduce bus advertisements to D-38 because advertising sales in the community are picking up and the district has enough buses to generate significant profit if at least most of the ad space manages to sell.

Adair said it has been shown that buses with advertisements are not distracting drivers of other vehicles on the roads. All designs must be approved before being printed on buses. Brilliant Outdoor Media has been chosen to handle sales, building, installation, and the rest. Adair and the board agreed this is a promising opportunity to procure some additional revenue for the district. District 11 and Douglas County have already implemented similar school bus advertisement plans.

Public comments

- David Cloud voiced uncertainties about the budget figures and requested to know where certain chunks of money go. He was directed to the extensive notes on the budget made public to the community.
- Tim Nolan, a D-38 football coach, described the ill

effects the pay freeze has had on his own family and those staff members in similar situations. He advised the board to "take a risk" and use some of the reserve money to compensate staff and ease their living situations. He also expressed gratitude for the promised 2.2 percent raise.

- Beth Claycomb, Lewis-Palmer Middle School language arts teacher, and Jaci Schatz, Lewis-Palmer High School PE teacher, presented themselves as co-chairs for the Lewis-Palmer Education Association.

There will be no board meeting in July. The Lewis-Palmer District 38 Board of Education normally meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument.

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