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 a new threat assessment, review staff training and drills, and review the need for additional security systems.  
 The council will con-

sist of one board member, the school resource officer, Wangeman, and 10 to 15 citizens. The citizens should have expertise in certain fields such as:

- Electronic security

systems

- Building contracting
- Government security
- Building security
- Law enforcement

The council will meet each month and members will

serve a term of three years. Members will be given detailed tours of all schools and shown the current materials before beginning their task.

Borman said that applications for the council were being prepared and would be due by Jan. 23.

He said that the district is starting from a strong position but needs ongoing vigilance.

Wangeman commented that there are already crisis teams in place and several safety committees. She said that the grounds and buildings are checked every day before opening.

Board President Jeff Ferguson praised Borman for being proactive on this subject. He nominated board Vice President Mark Pfoff to serve as the board member on the council due to his law enforcement background.

Pfoff said that the pas-

sage of ballot initiative 1A, providing additional funding to the Sheriff's Office, should aid in developing a more aggressive security plan. Presently the district pays about \$85,000 annually for the resource officer, his vehicle, training, and equipment. The new initiative would allow the Sheriff's Office to cover this expense. He said that the school resource officer for the district is a very valuable individual because he interacts with students every day and is in a position to notice developing problems before they reach a tipping point.

Pfoff said that he thought it would be ideal to have a school resource officer in each high school. He also said that one of the most shocking aspects of the Connecticut shooting was that it happened in an elementary school.

The board passed a motion to approve the formation of a Safety and Security Advisory Council.

**Superintendent's update**

Borman expressed pride in the district's excellence in many areas including sports, the arts, and academic achievement.

He said that the district's finance team and grant writers are invaluable in supporting the district's activities and achievements. An example is the grant for \$50,000 that allowed the district to install GPS tracking devices in all buses. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) gave the district a BEST grant of \$40,000 to help pay for a new roof at Lewis-Palmer Middle School. The CDE also praised Wangeman for how well the district's finances are organized and reported on.

Borman noted that a Prairie Winds kindergarten teacher got a grant for a presentation on the effects of trauma on developing brains. The preschool at Bear Creek Elementary has recently received national accreditation for its program.

**End of year reflections**

Ferguson commented on the continuing high performance of the district in terms of being accredited with distinction for three years in a row, having a number of schools designated as Irwin Schools of Excellence, and continuing success in sports on the state level.

He also acknowledged the activities of teaching and support staffs in support of the district and the community during the Waldo Canyon Fire emergency. Staff members worked many long hours in moving materials and school buses away from the administration building across the highway to Bear Creek Elementary and Palmer Ridge High

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