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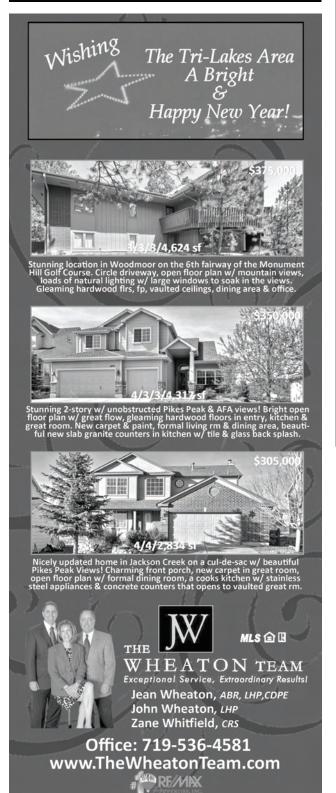
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There are two homework clubs and twice-weekly adult literacy classes.

Eight-grader Nick Lee spoke to the board about his experiences over the past year.

Director of Exceptional Student Services Mary Anne Fleury reported that the special education department continues to meet all state requirements.

She goes to each school and discusses each student and how to help them to advance. The purchase of netbooks has helped with writing ability, and students scored above the state average in growth.

The department has recently purchased the Hands on Equations program to help in visualizing math.

Fleury said that the emphasis in her department is on fixing the curriculum to help students rather than determining what is wrong with students.

Assessment update

Director of Assessment, Gifted Education and Technology Lori Benton offered a brief update on the district's performance framework (DPF). She said that the DPF is now available on schoolview.org. The framework is based on four indicators: academic achievement, academic growth, academic growth gaps, and postsecondary and workforce readiness.

The district continues to be accredited with distinc-

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German exchange program

Students from Palmer Ridge High School reported on their participation in the German American Partnership Program in which German students shadowed Americans for two weeks in September and October.

American students will travel to Germany during the summer.

The board congratulated the Lewis-Palmer High School girls volleyball team on their state championship. Coach Susan Odenbaugh said that many other teams complimented the Lewis-Palmer girls on their sportsmanship and personalities in addition to their athletic skill.

Citizens' comments

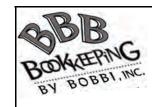
Pfoff opened the comment period with a statement that while board members respect the right of citizens to comment, they discourage comments critical of district employees and prefer that such comments be submitted in writing.

Ivan Anthony commented that he had watched the previous month's meeting online and didn't recall a mention of the possibility of prepaying debt on the lease of the Big Red administration building prior to the election. He also said that he felt that businesspeople were not well informed about the ramifications of a mill levy override (MLO). He said that he had approached Pfoff and Wangeman with a way to save the district money and was rebuffed.

Becky Yoder spoke briefly about her service on several audit committees and her support of Wangeman and her leadership in the district.

Russ Broshous said that he has a letter with many signatures in support of Wangeman.

Gordon Reichal commented on board Vice President John Mann's use of the term "off-budget sheet" debt. He said that perhaps "off-balance sheet" would be more accurate. He said that he could not find in the contract the option to repay the administration building debt ahead of the 2020 expiration.



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