

Deborah Goth said that she was disappointed that the MLO did not pass but felt Directions 38 was not the cause of the failure. She said that Directions 38 is a very small group of individuals who seem to be primarily anti-tax and don't mention the welfare of students in many of their statements. She suggested that the board stop listening to them.

Board Secretary Robb Pike commented that, since the board voted to refinance the administration building, members have discussed and intended early repayment of the debt. He said that there has been a great deal of tension and anger in recent meetings. In determining his duty as a public servant, he says that he will always read emails from constituents and respect their right to speak, but he believes in approaching issues in a positive way and would like the criticism to stop.

Pfaff commented that Anthony had not said that he was a vendor when he first made contact and that Pfaff refused to circumvent the district's purchasing policies. He also said that he requested frequent review of the district's debt service in order to make early repayment of the building's lease.

Pfaff also read a prepared statement saying that he is responsible to the entire community and that it is not an effective use of his time to concentrate on the grievances of a small group of individuals.

He said that he chooses not to engage in dialog with anyone who participates in personal attacks on staff, administrators, and board members. He asked that all

members of the community acknowledge that the goal of the district is to concentrate on the students and work together to make the district as good as it can be.

Pfaff also read a statement from Mann to the employees of the district saying that comments at a board meeting will not result in personnel action. He said that personnel policies are based on legal statute and advice from legal counsel.

Mann stated that it would be harmful to the district if those who consider applying for employment would feel that the board would ignore its own policies and not treat its employees with fairness. He said that those criticizing Wangeman's performance are not informed regarding her work record under three superintendents.

Mann assured the district staff that the board values its employees and is committed to supporting them.

The Board of Education of the Lewis-Palmer School District meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting will be on Jan. 16.

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D-38 District Accountability Advisory Committee, Dec. 10

Committee learns of its responsibilities in assessing school performance

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) learned of its responsibilities in assessing school performance at its Dec. 10 meeting. Board of Education liaison John Magerko was unable to attend the meeting.

Director of Assessment and Gifted Education Lori Benton explained the district performance framework to the committee at its November meeting (see page 3 of the December issue of OCN). The framework is now acces-



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