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Strawn became superintendent in 1990. The student population of the district doubled between his arrival in 1984 and his departure in 1998. This growth presented challenges in providing sufficient facilities and staff to ensure that the Lewis-Palmer culture could be consistently maintained through all the changes involved.

Strawn presided as Palmer Lake Elementary was renovated and reopened, as Lewis-Palmer Middle School became Grace Best Elementary, and as Kilmer Elementary was opened. The new middle school was built and Lewis-Palmer High School received two new additions.

Strawn contributed to the creation of the district's core values and oversaw the development of special education programs, making it possible for students to receive services in their neighborhood schools.

#### **Dolores "Dodi" Whitelaw**

Dolores "Dodi" Whitelaw served on the Board of Education between 1981 and 1990. With a background in public relations, her philosophy was that frequent communication was the key to solutions of many problems. As president of the Board of Education during six of her years in office, this communication served to help the board arrive at decisions more effectively.

The Colorado Department of Education inspected district schools in 1988 and commended Whitelaw and the board for great vision in dealing with "a community, an economy, and a school district that is changing in many ways" and for "giving administrators freedom to grow and reach out for excellence."

Whitelaw sought to bring technology to the district, telling her colleagues that "computers are here, they're going to be everywhere, we just don't know it yet." The first computer purchased by the district was used for maintaining student records with networking capability for six work stations.

The gifted and talented education program was initiated during Whitelaw's tenure.

The ceremony was moderated by former Lewis-Palmer High School Principal and former Superintendent John Borman and former teacher and Principal Caryn Collette. Borman's interest in the history of the district and preservation of artifacts and records contributed to the founding of the Hall of Fame.

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Lewis-Palmer District 38 Board of Education, Sept. 17

# Board updates drug and alcohol policy, discusses changes in assessments

By Harriet Halbig

The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer District 38 announced revisions to the drug and alcohol policy and discussed the ongoing review of its policies and methods of governance during its Sept. 17 meeting.

Superintendent Karen Brofft explained the ongoing review of policies that encompass the board's operating procedures, the manner of election and organization, and the district's communications policy. The policies were distributed to the board and comments solicited.

Secretary Robb Pike recommended that, in reviewing the policies, the board should keep in mind the values of the district and suggested that the policy document be preceded by a preamble stating those values.

#### Drug and alcohol use policy revised

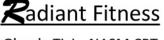
Director of Personnel and Student Services Bob Foster reported on minor revisions to the policy on drug and alcohol use by students to bring it into compliance with

Foster said that the revisions would include possession or procurement of substances on school property. He

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