Students are monitored through graduation even though they may be rated as proficient. This is partly because the vocabulary required becomes more difficult in middle and high school.

The program provides tutoring, summer school, and programs for parents. Students younger than third grade are not permitted to exit the system.

Students are assessed on an annual basis. Even those students whose parents declined to receive services are required by law to be assessed.

The board voted to approve the program as presented.

Palmer Ridge High School post-

graduate survey

Palmer Ridge High School sent surveys to graduates of the classes of 2011-13 regarding their preparedness for college or the workforce.

The responses from 30 to 35 percent of the graduates indicated that the majority (60 percent) stayed within the state for college. Of these, 8 to 12 percent required remediation (classes to bring them up to grade level before beginning college level classes) and 27 to 36 percent required tutoring (help with college-level courses).

Students reported that they wished to have had better library research and time management skills, and experience in a lab, with a diverse population, with such software as Excel, and with midterm

exams.

They felt they were well prepared in writing skills, Advanced Placement classes, working in groups, and advanced math classes. They would have liked to have had more instruction in life skills such as budgeting, balancing a checkbook, leasing an apartment, and writing resumes.

Members of the board encouraged continuing the pro-

Final adjustments to 2013-14 budget

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman requested that remaining funds in the 2013-14 budget be used to purchase three

new school buses, to complete the roof projects at Kilmer and Lewis Palmer Elementary schools, and to use \$105,000 to replace food service equipment.

The board approved the adjustments as presented.

First presentation of 2014-15 budget

Wangeman presented the 2014-15 budget for the board's review. She said that early repayment of certificates of participation and adjustment of food service in the high schools to offset a decline in federal funding for free/reduced lunches will make a difference. Some goals for the coming year are to create a stronger technol-





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