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Legislative update

Board of Education liaison John Magerko reported on recent developments in the Legislature. He said that meetings with legislators by members of the Colorado Association of School Boards and letters and emails from concerned individuals

have made an additional \$110 million available for the use of schools. A presentation by Interim superintendent Ted Bauman surprised the state Board of Education that a high-performing district such as D-38 did not have the technology required to administer newly required tests.

Bauman introduced incoming superintendent Karin Brofft, who said that she sees recent legislative initiatives and financial restraints as her primary challenges, and developing better engagement with the community, and especially local businesses, as her primary goal.

The District Accountability Advisory Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month during the school year. The next meeting will be on Sept. 9 in the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument.

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rington advised those interested in seeking funds to have their pre-mitigation assessment done as soon as possible. Contact her

for further details at 719-229-9636. Forms and information relating to the project are available on the Palmer Lake website (www.ci.palmer-lake.co.us).

Laser tag business inquires about site

Mark Smith, owner of Battlefield Colorado, an outdoor laser tag business in Colorado Springs, expressed an interest in leasing land owned by Palmer Lake on Spruce Road. The business needs to move from Colorado Springs by June. Smith described outdoor laser tag as similar to paintball, but without the paint. Laser tag is played using infrared ri es that mimic the sound of a ri e but quieter, measuring 52 decibels at 100 feet. The business would operate seven days a week, by reservation only.

The business would not alter the terrain on the leased land and would use portable toilet facilities. It would require parking for a maximum of 60 cars. The council decided to schedule a viewing of the property within two weeks and then have a special meeting about the lease.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. June 12 in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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Monument Board of Trustees, May 5

Potential county stormwater fee ballot item discussed

By Lisa Hatfield

On May 5, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) discussed Monument's options to deal with a possible county ballot measure on stormwater fees and learned more about the function of the Development Services Department and the quasi-judicial decision-making process legally required when the town makes decisions on development projects.

Town Clerk Cindy Sirochman introduced Rafael Dominguez as the new mayor and Trustee Kelly Elliott as the new board member.

Trustees Stan Gingrich and Jeff Bornstein and Town Manager Pam Smith were absent.

County seeks support for stormwater plan

Sirochman stated that Smith had submitted a detailed 73-page town "Stormwater Update" report to the board by Smith as requested at the April 21 BOT meeting. She noted that the El Paso Board of County Commissioners is considering a November 2014 ballot question for a new stormwater fee or tax. The county commissioners are asking for the BOT's support of this ballot issue and for the town to participate in the Storm Water Mitigation Plan.

The BOT package included a copy of the "White Paper Exploring Potential Solutions to Regional Stormwater Challenges" that was prepared by Summit Economics LLC for the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority and the regional stormwater task force headed up by the county and City of Colorado Springs. (http://www.pikespeakstormwater.org/stormwater-101/presentations/)

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish noted that the package contained several emails between Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach and former

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St Peters Catholic Church - Jefferson St & Lincoln St

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Street Fair - 2nd Street and Washington Street

9:30 am
Children's Parade - Downtown Monument

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Children's Games - Monument Community Presbyterian Church 3rd and Jefferson

2:00 pm
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3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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