

Burns.

Director Bo McAllister and Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich were excused from the meeting.

**Calls down slightly from year ago**

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Ridings reported a fewer number of calls in June and July than last year. There were 173 calls in June and 181 calls in July this year compared to 190 calls in June and 186 calls in July 2013. The majority of calls for June and July 2014 were for emergency medical services.

**Financial report**

Director Joyce Hartung, Burns, Ridings, and the board clarified that the district has two distinct pension funds—one for volunteer firefighters and the other for paid employees. The volunteer firefighter pension board is

expected to reconvene when the board is notified it has the requested information concerning comparative contribution amounts. No votes or motions were made concerning either pension fund at this meeting.

Burns said the reimbursement from the self-contained breathing apparatus units Wescott sold to Black Forest Fire Protection District will reduce the total expense for this equipment and should bring the district within this year's budgeted amount for this line item.

Directors Fredell and Baker asked for clarification on a budgeted line item for miscellaneous income containing a negative amount. The board tabled the question for possible discussion until the next board meeting.

The board is in the process of hiring legal counsel. Gent

adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Donald Wescott Fire Protection District board meetings are normally held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month, located at 15415 Gleneagle Dr. and are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 16. Please call 488-8680 a non-emergency number for more information, or visit [www.wescottfire.org](http://www.wescottfire.org)

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*Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Aug. 21*  
**Roof, playground projects progress**

*By Harriet Halbig*

The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer D-38 learned the status of various projects and discussed some new policies during its Aug. 21 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman reported that the new roof at Lewis-Palmer High School has been completed, and work is underway on a new roof for Grace Best. The parking lot and playground at Lewis-Palmer Elementary School have been resurfaced. Kilmer Elementary has a new playground, funded by a grant. Replacement windows for the library and sun room at Palmer Lake Elementary have been postponed.

**Policy discussion regarding marijuana use**

Director of Personnel and Student Services Bob Foster reported on an addition to an existing policy regarding working under the influence of illicit substances. The previous policy included alcohol and illegal drugs. Foster said that school employees are working under federal law and therefore may not work under the influence of marijuana.

Any employee suspected of being under the influence of any illegal substance will be tested immediately. The same rule also applies to students.

Board President Mark Pfoff confirmed that there is zero tolerance for any illegal substance.

**Superintendent update**

Superintendent Karen Brofft reported that the enrollment numbers on the first day of school were the same as last year, but said that some students may still be on vacation and reminded the board that the official count is not taken until Oct. 1.

Brofft said that a few large classes resulted in the hiring of additional teachers.

Brofft also said that the Administrative Council (consisting of all principals, herself, Wangeman, four directors and the Community Relations manager) will meet three times during the year, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., before board meetings. These meetings will ensure that the AdCo and

board are in touch on a regular basis.

Brofft reported that the new class of the Lewis-Palmer Hall of Fame has been selected and that the induction will take place on Sept. 20. The public is invited to the ceremony at 1 p.m. at Lewis-Palmer High School.

**Colorado Association of School Boards project**

Brofft reported that the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) offers a service to review a district's policies and align them with state statutes. The policies would be presented to CASB in November and recommendations would be delivered in the spring, divided into subject areas.

Brofft said that she, Wangeman, and Foster will review the recommendations before presenting them to the board.

Pfoff confirmed that the district would be in a position of liability were this review not performed. The district would have continuing access to CASB were further refinements necessary.

The board approved the project.

**Monitoring effectiveness of resource allocations**

Brofft proposed a process of evaluations of the effectiveness of any significant resource allocation within the district. The goal of the allocation must be measurable and related to the strategic vision of the district, and results of any allocation in excess of \$25,000 would be shared with the board.

**Review of contracted services**

Wangeman reported on a district procedure involving annual review of contracted services. She proposed that the list of services be reviewed each October. In cases where performance was unacceptable, a request for proposals could be issued for the following year.

Examples of services involved are energy management and insurance—both health and liability.

**Certificates of participation paid off**

Brofft reported that the certificates of participation used to finance the administration building have been paid off. Vice President John Mann commented that the district is now financed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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