

their plans. (See the article on Donala Water and Sanitation District's Oct. 15 meeting on page 15 for more details.)

A new cost estimate worksheet for making the required changes to Academy's collection system was discussed, and the new bottom line figure was revised down from \$3.9 million to \$3.1 million. Included in that figure is \$255,600 in up-front engineering costs that must be paid for before other grant monies can even be applied for. The board

is looking into a possible loan through CoBank at 2.2 percent interest to cover those costs. Dave Frisch, of GMS, the district's engineering firm, said the bank is offering no origination fees or closing fees and can approve the loan in two weeks' time.

Residents will be looking at a \$33 increase in wastewater service fees when operations with Donala begin in 2018, so Treasurer Walt Reiss suggested that a gradual rate increase begin by 2016 and those monies set aside

in a separate account. Academy's current service fee of \$40 hasn't been raised in five years. Once operations with Donala begin, Academy will manage the monthly billing of its current customers, not Donala. It will collect all fees and then pay Donala in one lump sum each month.

The board had hoped to pass a separate resolution establishing an enterprise, which the district's engineer has encouraged for the funding opportunities it opens up; the district's auditor has recom-

mended the enterprise be effective Jan. 1 for easier bookkeeping. But a few more questions came up about the enterprise that necessitated putting off a vote for another month. Enterprise status changes the way money flows into the district's treasury to pay for the changes to the wastewater system.

The board plans to present all of this information at a town hall meeting of Pleasant View residents on Oct. 31.

Meeting date is changing
Starting in December, Academy's board meetings will move to the second Tuesday of the month, still at 6 p.m. at the Wescott Fire Station on Gleneagle Drive.

The Academy Water and Sanitation District board currently meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the fire station on Gleneagle and Jessie Drives. The next meeting is Nov. 24.

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Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Oct. 15

Board recognizes staff for statewide honor, receives Adopt D38 update

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education recognized a staff member who received a statewide honor, recognized the founder of Adopt D38, and approved budget adjustments and new teaching materials at its Oct. 15 meeting.

Recognitions

Lewis-Palmer High School Principal Sandi Brandl introduced journalism teacher Carrie Hendrix, who was recognized as the Colorado Student Media Association's Adviser of the Year for 2015. Hendrix was joined by several student members of the staff.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman introduced Georgina Gittins, who is the director of the Adopt D38 program. The program began in 2010 and offers parents and other community members a way to donate funds to the district by adopting a classroom, program, grade level, or school. During the first year, the program was tested at Bear Creek Elementary and since then has grown throughout the district. Gittins reported that 722 teachers have been adopted and nearly \$150,000 in donations has been received.

Budget adjustments approved

Wangeman reported that the student population has grown by 68.8 FTE as of the October count. She said that one contributing factor is that younger families are beginning to move into Woodmoor, accounting for 25 of those students.

Wangeman requested that \$522,909 be transferred to the account for additional staffing for students with special needs and other purposes. Although it appears that assessed valuations of district properties are rising, there is no guarantee that the state will backfill the difference when property tax revenues rise but per pupil funding does not.

Additional uses for these funds include the addition of bus routes to serve the new students, reserves in the event of a rescission later in the year, and purchase of gifted resources.

When asked how much the 50 cent per ride fee for bus use contributes, she responded that



Above: Carrie Hendrix, center, Lewis-Palmer High School journalism teacher, was named Colorado Student Media Association's Adviser of the Year. With her are, from left, Aisha Chugh, Arjun Chugh, Hannah Spivey, Riley Bircham (co-editor in chief), Kimberly Loidolt (co-editor in chief) and Kelsey Archuleta. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*



Above: Georgina Gittins, director of Adopt D38, on the left, was recognized by Superintendent Karen Brofft and Board President Mark Pfoff for her achievements. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

high school and middle school levels. Funding for wireless at the elementary schools was included in the budget as previously approved.

The board approved the adjustments as proposed.

New textbook approved

The board approved the adoption of a new textbook for use in the Palmer Ridge High School Bio-organic Chemistry course. This is an elective course. The title of the book is *Organic Chemistry* by F. Carey and R. Guiliano.

Community Partnership recognitions

Superintendent Karen Brofft recognized a number of community partners, including Penrose Hospital/Centura Health for sponsoring the district's mobile app; Security Services Federal

the fee covers less than 25 percent of the cost.

Wangeman also reported that the district has received a grant to help fund wireless service at the

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Credit Union for offering promotions for staff and Sky Sox tickets; the No Methadone for Monument Committee for supporting the district's efforts to defeat a methadone clinic in downtown Monument; and the Maguire family for its support of district events at Maguireville and contributions from the Overhead Door company.

Representatives of No Methadone in Monument reported that St. Peter Church and school are now also supporting the cause and that the company wishing to open the clinic has never before seen such resistance.

Superintendent update

Brofft thanked outgoing Vice President John Mann for his service of over eight years on the board and as a teacher for several years before.

Brofft commented in re-

sponse to concerns that the use of ZPass to board district buses offers a safety that outweighs concerns about data privacy. She noted an occasion when a child got off the bus in the wrong place and was able to be found quickly due to the use of the pass.

In another area of data concern, Brofft said that the district is seeking a waiver from Teaching Strategies Gold to allow the district not to include videos or photos in its evaluations. The district needs to prove that its kindergarten report cards contain the same information as that developed by TS Gold. The waiver would become active next year.

Brofft reported that she had spoken with the district's attorneys and those of the No Methadone in Monument group to determine the extent to which the district should be involved in the

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