

to hire additional staff.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman thanked facilities and other staff for their efforts during the snow emergency earlier in the week.

The board went into executive session from 7:10 until 8:35. During the session, the board directed the negotiating team about the renewal of the Monument Academy Charter School contract and received legal advice from the district's attorney on an unspecified matter, according to BoardDocs.

Academic standards discussion

Pfaff said that the district must follow state standards or make its own if they exceed those of the state. He proposed that the district begin with the present state standards, remove mention of Common Core, and ensure that resulting D-38 standards exceed those of the state.

Sampayo proposed that the board make an effort to learn why people object to Common Core, perhaps by consulting a team of parents, educators, and community members. Perhaps it would be preferable simply to return to the state standards, she said.

Brofft said that Common Core only involves English and math.

Magerko said that he hadn't heard any actionable opinions in opposition to the current standards. He said that the state Board of Education reexamines the standards every six years, and that this review will begin in 2016. Perhaps it would be preferable to involve ourselves in

this process rather than forming our own committee, he said.

Pfaff suggested that, rather than form an outside group, Brofft could analyze the present standards and make a proposal to the board at its next meeting.

Brofft asked whether this would mean starting from scratch or just pre-Common Core. Teachers had to alter their curriculum when Common Core became required and it would be impossible to implement new changes quickly. A new document must be created that would allow teachers to recalibrate their goals.

Sampayo asked whether Brofft could create a team to determine what the public objection is to Common Core. Brofft said that she didn't think much of the public is sufficiently familiar with the standards to contribute to the discussion.

Pfaff suggested tabling the motion and asked the superintendent what the impact of any change would be. Clawson requested that the superintendent

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