



Above: National Merit scholars and their principals are, from left, LPHS Principal Sandi Brandl, Curran Chapman (LPHS commended), Kiara Eaddy (LPHS commended), Jared Ecklund (LPHS commended), Jack Icke (LPHS commended), Catherine Best (LPHS semi-finalist), Greger Peterson (LPHS semi-finalist), Erin Peterson (PRHS semi-finalist), Tanner Bobak (PRHS commended), and PRHS Principal Gary Gabel. Not present: LPHS semi-finalists Sofia Kirienko and Andie Turner, LPHS commended scholars Kobe Chan and Wyatt Wear, and PRHS commended scholars Sandra Luksic, Ashlin Gray, Marcus Smith, and Cole Turner. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

onstrate readiness of preschoolers to attend kindergarten. The state has approved the use of TS (Teaching Strategies) Gold for this purpose. The product has caused some concern about data privacy.

The request for a waiver from TS Gold says that the district's preschool report cards are sufficiently detailed to provide the needed information without the risk to data privacy. Teachers, principals, and the District Accountability Advisory Committee have voted to approve the request for a waiver.

The board voted to approve the waiver request as well. There will be a public hearing on Jan. 11 that will be publicized in advance.

The waiver, if approved by the CDE, will be valid until state requirements change.

Wangeman reported that a review of professional services is underway, to include long-term facilities planning and legal services. She requested that a board member participate in the discussion of legal services, since they also involve legal services for the board itself. Clawson offered to serve in this capacity.

Consent agenda

Before a vote to approve the consent agenda, Sampayo re-

quested that the board make the consent agenda available in detail in advance to the public. The board approved this request and passed the consent agenda.

Citizens' comments

Phyllis Robinette of the Lewis-Palmer Education Association congratulated the board on its new election and their dedication to collaboration for the benefit of the kids.

Tom Allen of No Methadone in Monument reported on the progress of his organization in preventing the presence of a methadone clinic on Front Street. He said that a judge had approved including the group along with town and St. Peter Catholic Church and the diocese in the lawsuit

against the group wishing to open the clinic. He thanked the board for its resolution in support of this cause, but expressed concern that less than 1 percent of the community has shown interest in the issue. He asked that the board provide him with contact information. Brofft said that she and Wangeman would be the most appropriate contacts.

Tracy Burnett requested an improvement in the efficiency of soliciting citizen comments, asking that the board's agendas be posted a week in advance along with

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