

Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Feb. 19

Board discusses technology strategy, budget projections, parental concerns

By Harriet Halbig

The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer D-38 discussed changes in its technology resources, a new position to concentrate on that aspect of the district, a first look at the 2015-16 budget, and some parent concerns at its Feb. 19 meeting.

Instructional technology update
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and

Professional Development Sheila Beving said that teachers have noticed that students seem more engaged when working with computers and are more likely to finish their assignments. She showed the board some items created by students with 3D printers and said that she had consulted administrators from neighboring districts on their treatment of this challenge.

Beving said that she had concluded that the district needs to acquire many more devices for student use, and that evaluating the alternatives, creating and implementing a procurement process, and addressing budgeting for this purpose would require time and expertise not now available within the district.

Beving said that, in six months, she would like to have a director of Instructional and Informational Technology. In a year, she would like to see an action plan in place to address budgeting, communications, the district website, and classroom needs.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman said that her office has developed a request for information that will be sent to systems providers.

Director of Personnel and Student Services Bob Foster told the board that a description of the position of director of Instructional and Informational Technology had been prepared. The board approved



Above: Trophy winners from the chess tournament are, from left, Mike Britton, Max Britton, Peter Wise (teacher from Prairie Winds Elementary), Caleb Mooberry, Ryan Locke, Josh Huntzinger, Henry Taylor, Blake Nelson, Annie Qin, Brett Barton, Bryce Elliott, and Keiran Berry. Steve Waldmann, D-38 parent and chess team coach, is in the middle of the back row. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

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the position and directed that it be posted on the D-38 Personnel Services website, soliciting applications through March 13.


Budget projections

Wangeman reported that, year to date, the district has added 80 students, will graduate 525 seniors, and add 246 kindergarteners.

She said that district representatives

are continuing to meet with developers to learn of their plans for building in the area, the number of homes, and the price points of those homes, in an effort to anticipate growth in student population.

Wangeman said that the governor would like to increase the per-student funding by \$220 in the coming year, but that in ation alone would require an in-



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