

1999. According to district administrators previously on the D-38 board, MA was not included in the MLO request, Magerko said. As evidence, Magerko pointed out that D-38 and MA placed separate initiatives on ballots in 2004, 2006, and 2007. Magerko also mentioned that the charter contract between D-38 and MA had been renegotiated by both boards in 2001, 2006, and 2011, and those contracts did not specify that MA should receive any portion of the 1999 MLO funds.

Magerko pointed out that in the 2011 charter contract renegotiation, D-38 led the way by updating the charter contract to explicitly include MA in any future MLO requests submitted to the voters. The state of Colorado eventually rewrote the law governing charter schools in 2013 to encourage other districts to do the same, Magerko said. The contract negotiations with MA currently underway include a commitment to include MA in future MLO requests, according to Magerko.

Magerko said he is glad that in previous contract negotiations MA has decided to retain its charter from the district and that district families can choose MA if they prefer it. He added that in his opinion the best way forward was for MA to be included in future MLO requests.

Magerko said he expects to have a final contract for the board to review at the meeting in April.

In his comments, board President Pfoff mentioned that he had posted his opinion in detail on his Facebook page, and said he had worked on an MLO initiative in 2013 that would have provided funds for MA. MA's request "boils down to disenfranchising the voters from 1999, and I can't do that," Pfoff said, adding that he supported putting the question to the voters again and letting them decide.

Board Secretary Matt Clawson expressed his hope that both boards could reach a fair and reasonable agreement. Litigating this question would only benefit the lawyers involved, Clawson said, adding that all the students are part of the same community. Clawson also congratulated the Town of Monument on resolving the issue of the proposed methadone clinic.

Board Director Sarah Sampayo covered several topics in her comments. First, she mentioned that she had testified on a bill passed by the state Legislature that would require the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to study the development of a test by the state that would replace the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests. She was also a judge at the recent DECA event, and was inspired by the students and their professionalism, she said.

Sampayo said she attended a meeting of the Colorado Board of Education where it was decided to implement a minimal level of data collection and sharing via the TS Gold software.

Concerning MA's request for MLO funds, Sampayo pointed out that the ballot language included the phrase "all students district-wide," and said she thought all children should be treated equitably.

Board Vice President Sherri Hawkins commended the Lewis-Palmer High School men's basketball team for its good sportsmanship throughout the season. She congratulated Lewis-Palmer High School on its stage production of Great Expectations, MA on its successful Green4Green fundraiser, and the town of Palmer Lake on its efforts to raise money for the Palmer Lake Elementary School library.

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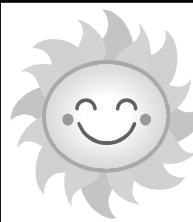
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