

insurance benefits and premiums to those of other districts, pointing out that D-38 offered its employees a range of choices and was the only district offering a plan

for a single employee paid for entirely by the district.  
**Safety and security position approved**  
Brofft and Wangeman presented a proposal for providing safety and

security leadership for the district through the creation of a new position. Brofft said Larry Borland, a former El Paso County sheriff, helped the district develop its security plan, which includes cam-

eras, background checks, upgraded barriers and fencing, and other items. The proposal also calls for the district to hire a security manager to coordinate efforts in this area. The board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of a safety and security manager.

**Citizen comments**

Ten citizens made comments to the board:

- James Howald pointed out that the state of Colorado underfunds education, and asked the community to support an upcoming ballot initiative that will expand state funding for schools.
- Jackie Burhans urged MA and D-38 to work together on improving funding at both district and state levels.
- Derek Araje commented on the growth of enrollment at MA since 2007.
- Annette Araje presented the board with a petition from the community asking the

board to reject policy BAA-R, which addresses violations of the standards of conduct by board members.

- Diana Helffenstein asked that the community move forward together on MA's request for a percentage of revenue from the 1999 MLO.
- Cynthia Fong Smith said that studies had shown parental involvement was important to a child's education.
- Melanie Strop said she felt MA's MLO request was fair.
- Michael O'Hare thanked the community for supporting MA's recent fundraising effort and read excerpts from a letter from Don Griffin, executive director of MA, that MA had not requested funds from the 1999 MLO previously due to "misplaced trust with officials of D-38."
- Bob Linza, former board president at MA, asked the board to "give serious con-



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