



Above: Monument Academy (MA) school board candidates Patrick Hall and Matthew Dunston (pictured left to right at the table) answered questions at a candidate forum May 17 ahead of the school board meeting. Not present was current board member Mario Ciabarra, who ran for another term. Hall, who owns a local insurance agency, has one child in kindergarten and one who will be in pre-K at MA. Hall is a current member of the MA Finance Committee. Matt Dunston, who has three children in MA and one who is at Palmer Ridge High School, has a background in construction, real estate, and land development. MA school board elections were open to parents of MA students and were held May 19-20. Hall and Dunston were elected to the board. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

to compare the results of the survey next year based on these changes, Brown said.

The school board thanked the SAAC for the detailed report and said that a number of the metrics were much improved from previous surveys.

Board report highlights

- The consent agenda was approved along with the meeting agenda and included approval of April and May board meeting minutes, the 2016-17 school calendar, and an administrative action concerning school discipline resulting in an expulsion.
- The candidate forum was held on May 17 just before

the school board meeting, with Patrick Hall and Matt Dunston attending. Candidate Mario Ciabarra was absent. Voting was held on May 19-20. The winners of the school board election are Dunston and Hall.

- The board went into executive session for about 90 minutes to discuss positions relative to negotiations to receive legal advice regarding the District 38 contract negotiations per CRS-24-6-402(4)(3). After the closed session, the board unanimously voted to extend contract negotiations until June 16.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 9 at the

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of the southern terminus of Synthes Avenue and between the “future Willow Springs residential development and the future Wagons West residential development,” both of which are also currently in unincorporated El Paso County. The property is southwest of the Trails End Monument Filing No. 2 subdivision, zoned Planned Residential Development. It is south of the undeveloped portion of Ashton Industrial Park zoned Planned Industrial District located east of the Synthes complex, Manning’s report said. **Note:** Although the board had approved annexation and separate town Planned Development zoning for the entire Willow Springs Ranch parcel, including the Dominguez parcel, on Feb. 4, 2008, as well as a controversial PD Sketch Plan on March 3, 2008, the landowner/developer never filed any of these documents with the county clerk and recorder. These prior board approvals for the prior landowner/developer subsequently expired when the property was foreclosed due to the landowner’s bankruptcy. See www.ocn.me/v8n3.htm#bot0204 for details.

The proposed annexation agreement stated that the Dominguez property could not be subdivided (under

county regulations) prior to annexation. The approved R-1, single-family residential low-density zoning classification will not become final with the adoption of the annexation and filing of the signed annexation agreement with the county clerk and recorder. Future Monument boards of trustees could rezone the property or any part thereof in the future, the agreement stated.

Manning’s report noted that, if approved, both the applicants and the town staff and mayor would sign the annexation agreement for the parcel. Only when the formal town annexation is concluded would the town then provide the one public service of police protection. The property’s owner(s) will pay the additional 6.255-mill Town of Monument property tax for general operation of the town in 2016.

In Manning’s proposed annexation agreement, the re-

Monument Academy library at 1150 Village Ridge Point. The Monument Academy usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Information on the MA School Board, including schedule, minutes, committee and finances, can be found at <http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board>.

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