

entitled to information, but whether perhaps they are making several small requests instead of a large one to avoid

cost.

Foster also suggested that citizens do not take complete advantage of information available on the district website. He suggested that perhaps the response could be to direct the individual online.

Brofft also pointed out that all information discussed during a meeting is made available immediately after the meeting. Until a subject is discussed during a public meeting, it is not considered a public document. Pfoff agreed with this point.

Clawson offered to contact those who make frequent requests. Magerko offered to help to determine what it is that the individuals are seeking.

Brofft said that she was not convinced that a formal policy was necessary but was concerned that such requests are taking up a lot of Foster's time.

**Long-range planning update**

Brofft reported on progress with the development of a 10-year plan for the district. Elements to be considered are:

- Assessment of the condition, utilization, and capacity of buildings
- Analysis of student population
- Review of physical security and energy efficiency

The board budgeted \$81,000 for this process at its May meeting. RTA Architects has been provided with floor plans of the buildings and will investigate demographics of the district. It is estimated that the study will take about six months and will involve students, parents, staff, and community. RTA will also talk to local developers to learn of future plans for the area.

Among the goals are to improve communication, explore joint use opportunities, and evaluate future needs regarding security and energy efficiency.

The board approved a motion to proceed.

**Citizens' comments**

Jackie Burhans commented that she was pleased the district had consulted an outside firm regarding breaches in

the district's Google app security. She would like to see such a consultant engaged on a regular basis.

James Howald commented that when he saw that the board was reconsidering the use of CORA requests, he had found the district to be responsive and easy to work with, whereas the Monument Academy administration frequently charged him for information or referred him to the district for answers.

Susan Pappas, founder of the Ryan Pappas Memorial Foundation, said that her son was killed in an accident on the way home from a party in 2014 and she and her family had dedicated themselves to finding safe and sober activities for teens so that they did not feel the need to party for entertainment. Seniors Brandon Pappas, Jasmine Sanders, Regan Mukpik, Joel Krause and A J Krause of Palmer Ridge High School spoke of their efforts to provide such activities during 2015 and now.

There had been a pre-existing group at Palmer Ridge High School called KOM (Kids of Monument), and the group worked with the organization to approach the Y in April 2015 to have a Y night. Since then there have been 13 other events. Students were invited to participate and offer ideas.

Joel Krause said that he and his brother are new to the area and that there are a lot of kids committed to the cause of staying safe. A goal will be to offer activities on a regular basis.

The group publicizes its activities via social media, posters and fliers, and on Infinite Campus. The new group is called RAD—Real Alternatives to Drinking and Drugs.

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The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer D-38 meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting will be on Sept. 15.

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See photo of the Monument Academy board on page 23.

**Academy School District 20, Aug. 18**

**\$230 million bond ballot wording approved; video recordings discussed**

By Lisa Hatfield

The Aug. 18 Academy School District (ASD) Board meeting included many topics including approval of three resolutions regarding a \$230 million bond levy ballot measure for this November. And a district resident announced he would post his own video recordings of ASD meetings on a new website called ASD20.info so that more people could stay informed about the board's deliberations.

**Resolutions approved regarding 2016 bond question**

District 20 is experiencing population growth on the east side of the district, causing school crowding. Assistant Superintendent Tom Gregory presented the Growth and Capital Needs Committee (GCNC) Summary Review and reviewed the rationale for the specific recommendations made by the board using the GCNC report, a separate facilities audit, and board input from workshops over the summer.

Then the directors unanimously approved three resolutions related to the request that will be asked of voters

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