



Above: Superintendent KC Somers recognized a number of first responders for their support of the school district. They are, from left, Chief Kevin Nielsen of Woodmoor Public Safety; Deputy Chad Wheat of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and a Lewis-Palmer High School Resource Officer; Dennis Coates, D38 Chief of Safety and Security; Chief Christopher McCarthy of the Palmer Lake Fire Department; Commander Jon Hudson of the Monument Police Department, and Superintendent KC Somers. *Photo courtesy of District 38.*

- Chief Kevin Nielsen of Woodmoor Public Safety for his help in directing traffic around the schools during high volume times and guarding the buildings at night.
- Deputy Chad Wheat, a school resource officer at Lewis-Palmer High School.
- Dennis Coates, District 38 chief of Safety and Security, who has been with the district for over 20 years as a coach and school resource officer before taking on his current role.

Chief Chris Truty of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District was unable to attend.

The board also recognized Caroline Bushnell, a senior at Palmer Ridge High School, who was elected vice president of Key Club International. Bushnell has participated in activities related to the Key Club, sponsored by Kiwanis International, for over eight years. She raised money for Australian Relief and Trick or Treat for UNICEF and was active in supporting clean water initiatives.

Audit review

John Paul LeChevallier of auditing firm CliftonLarsonAllen reviewed the draft audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. He declared it a clean document, meaning the board can assume all numbers can be relied on. The report includes long-term and short-term reviews of the financial condition of the district.

He said that the district has strengthened its financial condition since last year.

Information about Monument Academy is also included in the audit.

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Refinancing of bonds
The board approved the refinancing of bonds that will mature in 2029. Taylor stressed that the only change in the bonds will be the interest rate, not the maturity date. For details on this transaction, see <https://www.ocn.me/v20n11.htm#d38>.

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