

Foremost is that we must adhere to county public health guidelines, which are always in flux, he said.

At present, it appears that school can start for students on Aug. 19 and meet five days a week with up to 25 students in each classroom. It is unknown whether

masks will be required. Online learning programs for K-5 will be developed.

In the event that an option for part-time in-person and part-time online attendance is offered, there will be separate teachers for the online portion.

If a family is uncomfortable returning its student

to school, they could begin the semester online and change over to in-person, Somers said.

The district might survey families about in-person vs. online options during late June.

Somers encouraged individuals to monitor the district website for further developments.

#### Special meeting June 29

During a brief special meeting on June 29, the board passed a resolution to spend general fund 10 monies in the amount of \$250,000 for the adoption of an updated K-5 literacy curriculum and related resources in the 2020-21 fiscal year. The board instructed that if such monies cannot be funded by increases in per-pupil operating funds, reserves will be used.

Somers said the district will use its traditional adoption process, allowing the public to review the materials before adoption sometime in the spring. The board also passed a resolution to enter an intergovernmental agreement with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for the provision of two school resource officers.

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The Lewis-Palmer District 38 Board of Education meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. At present, all meetings are online and can be viewed on the website.

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