

thin with committee requirements and construction projects. He suggested the board vote to add a seventh seat and ensure that there are at least three seats filled by parents at each campus. He said the by-laws allow the seat to be filled by election or appointment. Strop said that five to six seats had worked, and she felt the optics looked like they were trying to fill a person into the board rather than filling a seat. St. Aubyn said this should be discussed and voted on at a regular meeting and that any election should happen after school starts.

#### Highlights

The following items were highlighted at the board meeting:

- Strop directed speak-

ers that, since their reports were in the board packet, would not present but only answer questions. The board packet is not available online but can be obtained via a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request per board policy 1512 at <https://bit.ly/ma-bp1512>.

- St. Aubyn reported that MA made an offer and it was accepted by Merlin Holmes to be the new COO. St. Aubyn thanked the committee. Graham noted that Holmes will start on July 1 for his one-year contract.
- Herrera reported on two learning plans for next

year. One is parent-directed with added tutoring and access to teacher-of-record support using options that take a classical approach. The online option covers core classes and electives and has a quarter commitment. MA has found programs with a mix of live and recorded options that match their programs as closely as possible, removing the burden from classroom teachers.

- The board unanimously voted to hire Herrera as an independent contractor acting as a transition consultant for the chief operating officer position starting on July 1 and ending no later than Sept. 30, 2021.

Chief Financial Officer Marc Brocklehurst discussed the budget including decreased projected enrollment, updated per-pupil operating revenue from the state, decreased mill levy override funds

due decreased ratio of students served, loss of Title II and Title IV funds, updated state capital grant fund, new federal funding to help schools provide internet access for students who qualify for free and reduced lunches, and a purchase card rebate of 1%. Expenses were

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