

Above: The D38 board meeting Aug. 22 was well attended. *Photo by Jackie Burhans*.

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the safety of the routes travelled by the buses. He thanked her for her dedication and stressed the importance of the position.

Superintendent update

In his monthly update, Somers reported that much work was achieved over the summer, including progress on the Palmer Ridge High School geothermal system, which will welcome students back to a cool atmosphere, improvements on traffic flow at Kilmer Elementary, and a "facelift" at Lewis-Palmer

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High School. He also thanked the district's registrar and the administrator of the district's Infinite Campus communication system.

Regarding hiring, Somers reported that 86 new teachers have been hired and 10 positions remain open. Over 30 classified positions remain open, as do positions in Nutritional Services, custodial positions, and paraprofessionals. Hiring continues, but Somers reported that several individuals who were

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offered jobs declined due to the compensation level.

Soon the board will receive a report on the district's Unified Improvement Plan, begin phase 2 of the Portrait of a Lewis-Palmer Graduate, and bring back the Long Range Planning

Sculpture Park

Sky Hall, president of Tri-Lakes Views, an organization which places art works around the Tri-lakes Region, spoke of the history of his organization. Artists nationwide have submitted works, most of which are on display for a year and, if not sold, returned to the artist.

Since 2011, there has been a sculpture park on the grounds of the district administration building known as Big Red.

Hall proposed that this park



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be named Dr. Betty Konarski Sculpture Park in honor of the founder of Tri-Lakes Views and a former mayor of Monument.

The board approved the proposal.

Character education resources

Assistant Superintendent Amber Whetstine reported that the district must seek input from stakeholders regarding the use of various resources in support of character education. She said

that at the elementary level, responsive classrooms provide an opportunity for students and teachers to interact on a daily basis. At the middle school level, Capturing Kids' Hearts is in use to help build relationships between teachers and students. At the high school level, Sources of Strength provides instruction in self-advocacy and positive outlooks.

Whetstine said that the resource materials will be avail-









