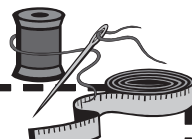


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able to view at the administration building. The board will vote on whether to adopt the use of the resources at its September meeting.

Financial planning and analysis

Ridgway explained the format for his upcoming financial presentations.

When asked whether he could correct issues from the previous audit, he responded that he arrived after the past fiscal year but he will review the issue.

Colorado Association of School Boards update

Board Secretary Tiffiney Upchurch reported that the Colorado Association of School Boards will hold its del-

egate assembly in September. She proposed submitting three proposals: the first is to eliminate the Budget Stabilization Act and pay the state's districts the \$370 million still owed them. Two other proposals referenced the guarantee of local control in the Colorado constitution and forbid the state from requiring districts to use specific curricula or meet conditions to receive funding.

The board approved submission of the proposals.

The Lewis-Palmer D38 Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the district's learning center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting will be on Sept. 19.

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Monument Academy School Board, Aug. 1 and 11

Board approves student handbook changes

By Jackie Burhans

The Monument Academy (MA) School Board held its regular meeting on Aug. 11 to discuss changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks and to announce a board vacancy. They also had a special meeting on Aug. 1 to go into executive session to discuss the

chief operation officer's (COO) performance. The meeting on Aug. 11 ended with an executive session also considering the COO's performance and other issues.

Student handbooks reviewed

COO Merlin Holmes sent a draft of proposed changes and incorporated the board's responses. The administration of each campus initiated most of the changes, Holmes said, to align the handbook with policy.

For the secondary handbook, Middle School Principal Colin Vinchattle said some areas still had an elementary aspect they wanted to eliminate. Other changes reflected the expansion of the High School, which would include student drivers this year. He said the administration refined the discipline section to talk about philosophy generally rather than containing specifics. Kurt Walker, the elementary principal, said there were fewer changes to the elementary student handbook.

Board Vice President Lindsay Clinton asked if it was possible to provide a narrowed version with the

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