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- Well A-4 equipment is being repaired.
- Water operators will assist with streets and parks maintenance work until a new full-time landscaping staff starts this spring.
- Contractors and water operators are on standby to assist with plowing when the district accumulates 4 or more inches of snow.

At 8:38 p.m., the meeting went into executive session to confer with the district’s attorneys. Remington told OCN that no announcements were made after the executive session.

Renewable water and bond refinancing announcements, Dec. 16

On Dec. 16, Remington sent out a press release notifying the public that Triview acquired 500 shares of renewable water in the Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co. (FMIC) for \$6.5 million. FMIC owns eight water rights, with the most senior one originating in 1861. FMIC is run by an elected Board of Directors and overseen by all FMIC shareholders. “This water purchase is part of our ongoing strategy to ensure long-term water needs are

met for our residents. We are especially pleased to find renewable water resources as the wells in the Denver Aquifer have a finite life,” said Triview Board President Reid Bolander.

This is the third major water purchase for Triview in the last two years, Remington said. The two previous purchases were for ground water.

Remington also announced that the district process of refinancing its general obligation (GO) bonds closed on Dec. 16. “This will save the district over \$800,000 in 2017 alone and approximately \$3 million over the next five years. It was a big week for Triview with a lot of positive news,” Remington told OCN.

The next Triview meeting will be held Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn, Mt. Herman Conference Room, 15275 Struthers Road, Colorado Springs. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868 or see www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro. See also “Triview Metropolitan District” on Facebook, or [Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro).

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Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Dec. 15

Pfoff resigns as president, remains on board; board discusses long-range planning, information security

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education discussed

long-range planning and information security among other issues at its Dec. 15 meeting. Board President Mark Pfoff said he was resigning as president but will remain on the board. Also, several individuals and groups were recognized for their achievements.

Long-range planning discussion

Doug Abernethy of RTA presented a long-range planning update to include the steps the firm will take to formulate an action plan.

The group is analyzing the demographics of the district and the rate of development and population growth. Other concerns are cost estimates if the number or use of school buildings changes, a district-wide security assessment considering school environments such as sight lines and lighting, and a policy as to who has access to which areas of schools.

Abernethy predicted that the district will have an enrollment challenge in the next two or three years if the present rate of growth continues. The planning steering committee will meet three times to discuss these issues.

There will be community input by way of a survey regarding goals and preferences and meetings throughout the district. Abernethy stressed that the district is demographically diverse and he wishes to ensure that such outlying schools as Kilmer Elementary have equal input in the process. When possible, the community meetings may piggyback on another district event at the same location.

The committee includes representatives from all parts of the community, leadership from schools, students, and community members with a historical perspective on the district. He said, however, that he would prefer to keep the membership to 20 or fewer individuals.

The ultimate goal is to develop a master plan that would accommodate a variance in enrollment.

Public meetings will be announced on the website, but the dates will not be determined until after the winter break.

Pfoff resigns as president; roles of board members discussed

The board conducted a lengthy discussion of the roles of board members and the necessity to listen to one another and work together. Some suggested solutions were to attend conferences together or meet in pairs to get to know one another.

Pfoff stressed that it is inappropriate for an individual board member to express opinions outside of meetings because the public may assume that the opinion is that of the whole board. Once the board votes on an issue, that must be the only opinion expressed.

Pfoff also said that when he first joined the board he made a point of asking questions and keeping the kids of the district as his only focus.

Asked for her opinion, Superintendent Karen Brofft said she has served in many roles in education and found that what often causes problems is the inability to listen. One should seek synergy in a group instead of only

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