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**Above:** First-graders from Kilmer Elementary signed the lyrics to *God Bless America* at the November board meeting. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

acts of violence in schools.

He also explained Raptor, a program in the elementary schools requiring proper identification of adults entering the building. If it is determined that an adult should not be there, the school resource officer is notified.

There is now a second school resource officer on staff, allowing for improved traffic control and a more visible presence, Coates said.

All radios have been reprogrammed, and there is an agreement on the use of particular channels and language so that response to an emergency is consistent.

Other recent changes include the moving of the Lewis-Palmer High School bus loop from the south to the north side of the school and the closing of one of the Palmer Ridge High School entrances in the morning. Now there is a safety monitor at each entrance.

Every building now has a notebook of emergency procedures. The grounds and maintenance staff has been trained in emergency response, as have the secretaries at each location. Professional development continues through the use of webinars and contacts with law enforcement.

There will be an increased number of drills in response to various potential situations.



**Above:** Ascent Church Elder David Reed, left, and Pastor Scott Campbell, center, received recognition from Superintendent Karen Brofft, right. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*



**Above:** Board Treasurer John Magerko recognizes Becky Yoder, left, for 10 years' service on the Audit Committee. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

Future plans include a reunification drill to emulate a situation where a school is evacuated, and all students are moved to another location. Camera systems in both high schools will be improved. Compliance with the National Incident Management System (part of the Federal Emergency Management Administration) is anticipated in January.

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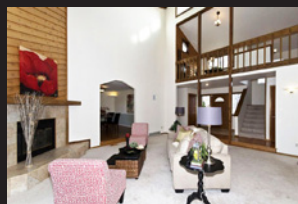


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