



**Above:** On November 16th, ahead of the regular Board of Education Meeting the Lewis-Palmer School District hosted a farewell reception for outgoing board members Dr. John Magerko and Mrs. Sherri Hawkins seen here second from left and 3rd from the right respectively. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

**Policy discussion**

Director of Personnel and Student Services Bob Foster moderated discussion of Policy JICDD regarding violent and aggressive behavior, and JICDE regarding bullying.

Director Sarah Sampayo said that policy JICDD should require notification of parents of the perpetrator and victim of any act of violence. Currently it is only required that the principal and school resource officer be notified. Following discussion, it was agreed that the parents should be notified within a reasonable period of time.

The board also heard the first reading of policy JLCD regarding the administration of medication. A change was added to require that permission forms be renewed and submitted each year.

The board declined to approve the change pending changes in board personnel.

**Community recognitions**

Pastor Scott Campbell of the Ascent Church was recognized for the fund-raising run in September that raised \$15,000 for suicide prevention. Lewis-Palmer High School, Palmer Ridge High School, and Discovery Canyon were each rewarded \$5,000.

Becky Yoder was recognized for 10 years of service on the audit committee.

**Public comments**

Music teacher Tom Chapman thanked Magerko and board President Sherri Hawkins for their service and expressed anxiety about the results of the recent election, being concerned that priorities might change.

Lewis-Palmer Middle School student Makenzie Garcia spoke of Operation PJ, a program she founded to provide new pajamas to children in need. The collection period this year is throughout November, and she hopes to provide pajamas to children in Texas who survived the hurricane and chil-

dren in California who survived fires.

Bridget O'Connor and Phyllis Robbinette thanked Magerko and Hawkins for their service.

Burhans thanked the district for sponsoring public deliberation sessions on district issues.

The board went into executive session to discuss leased or sale of real property, negotiations regarding the geothermal system at Palmer Ridge High School, and the evaluation of the superintendent.

No further business was conducted following the executive session.

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The Board of Education of the Lewis-Palmer D-38 schools meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson

St., Monument. The next meeting will be on Dec. 21.

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