

sentations from the four parent candidates: Lindsay Clinton, Daymen Tiffany, Janae Winkelman, and John Buczkowski. Each candidate spoke about their ties to MA and the community and their backgrounds and the skills and values they would bring to the board.

St. Aubyn laid out the next steps in the board election—candidates' headshots and essays were put on the website at www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-members/ along with a link to their answers to a questionnaire. MA held a virtual

candidate forum for the MA community on April 20 and posted a recording at <https://youtu.be/pAgglQ8OgDQ>. Voting will be done electronically, using the My Direct Vote website, and parents will receive an email with an individualized key. If needed, a runoff election will be held on May 3. The two winning candidates will be asked to attend the May 13 meeting as non-voting board members.

Highlights

The following items were highlighted at the board meeting:

- The board reviewed and unanimously approved the 2021-22 budget as presented by Chief Financial Officer Marc Brocklehurst who said he was using a conservative increase of 6% in the per pupil revenue and includes a proposed 5% increase for all staff. The budget will be revised after the October student count.
- The board discussed forming a committee to hire its next COO to include all stakeholders including parents and teachers. Once final

candidates are chosen, the community will have an opportunity to meet them. Board members hope to have someone in place by the end of May.

- Herrera reports that MA had its Colorado Charter School Program (CCSP) visit on April 7 as part of the grant process. She thanked D38 Superintendent K.C. Somers, staff who were part of

the tour, and students who spoke with the Colorado Department of Education representative.

- Herrera spoke about the Education Alliance of Colorado (EAC), a charter advocacy organization, and its meeting with the county Health Department to learn about lines of authority. She said EAC had also been prepared to advocate against

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