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session to discuss specialized security arrangements, returning nearly an hour and a half later. It voted unanimously on a resolution to commence vulnerability assessments and start vetting staff (excluding teachers at this time) to train with AS and ensure MA has armed security personnel at each campus. The full resolution is at: https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/up-loads/2022/07/MA-Ratified-Resolution-Regarding-School-Safety-and-Security.pdf.

For more on MA's discussion on arming staff and teachers, see the articles in previous OCN issues: https://www.ocn.me/v22n4.htm#ma and https://www.ocn.me/v22n7.htm#ma.

Uniform policy modified along gender lines

The board reviewed suggested changes to the middle school uniform policy 1501MS and the high school dress code 1501HS. Changes included specifying that only girls could wear skirts and makeup while only boys could wear ties. The middle school policy added that it applies at school and for school-spon-

sored activities and that "students must comply with the dress code for their gender." The middle school policy also now prohibits multi-colored hair, radical hairstyles, and partially shaved hair. The high school policy added the same gender distinctions and a rule banning "crossdressing." While acknowledging Colorado's CROWN Act (HB20-1048) and saying its expectations do not restrict ethnic or religious expression, the high school policy also prohibits dreadlocks.

In teacher comments, Karl Brown, a science teacher, said his goal is to develop lifelong learners by accepting students for who, where, and what they are but not allowing unacceptable behavior. He said he was disappointed in gender-specific rules that do not accept students for who they are, saying he loses that opportunity. Cristin Patterson, a music teacher, noted that the policies do not specify whether it applies to gender at birth versus gender identity and that language like radical, excessive, and modesty are open to interpretation by each teacher.

Parent Heather Yuen said these were "shocking changes" that should not be enacted if they did not directly impact learning. MA should teach kids to be accepting and loving of everyone







