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oped along the corridor, or state or federal funding for a roadway project comes forward (none has been identified at present).

This session was for informational purposes only. A request to adopt the ACP and incorporate it into the county's master plan will come at a second session during the Jan. 18 Planning Commission

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Superintendent KC Somers then introduced new members to the district's strategic plan, policies, committee structure, and members of the administration.

Departure of

superintendent announced

As part of his board member comment. Schwarz said that Somers had sent an email to staff on Nov. 30 announcing that he has accepted a position in Peoria, Ariz. That district has 36,000 students compared to D38's 6,500 and 4,000 staff in comparison it D38's 800.

Schwarz said that statistics show that a superintendent will generally stay in a position for three to six years. He said D38 was fortunate to have Somers for five years and he wished him the best. Somers will finish the school year at D38.

Four-day week discussion

During the Dec. 11 regular meeting, the board had a lengthy discussion about changing to a four-day week schedule beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

Somers reminded the board that the primary reason for considering the change was to determine

whether it would help with staff retention since efforts to significantly increase compensation have been stymied. A task force was created last summer to consider the issue.

Assistant Superintendent Amber Whetstine and Human Resources Director Alice Welch presented results of surveys and private conversations with staff on the subject. To view this presentation, please see boarddocs under the Board of Education tab on the lewispalmer. org website.

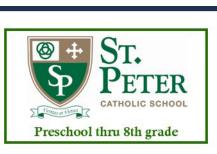
When asked whether families had been consulted, Somers responded that unless results of the surveys showed overwhelming support from staff, families would not be consulted.

Whetstine said that advantages of a four-day week could include:

- Time for staff to attend personal appointments.
- Improved morale.
- Potential financial benefits if staff desired a second job.
- More consistency in calendar since we already have several four-day weeks.

Negative impacts could include:

Interference with athletic programs due to later dismissal times. Athletes potentially



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