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lations of students succeed," Brofft said. The board voted unanimously to approve a one-year contract for Frampton.



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Brofft also introduced Drew Francis, who will replace Chuck Stovall as principal at Ray Kilmer Elementary School after Stovall retires. Brofft said Francis came to D-38 with over 20 years of experience in education, most recently as principal of an elementary school in Douglas County. The board voted unanimously to approve a oneyear contract for Francis.

Board members comment on funding, **Monument Academy mill levy override** request

Board Treasurer John Magerko commented on two topics: his recent attendance at the Colorado Association of School Boards' (CASB) Winter Legislative Conference and Monument Academy's (MA) recent request to receive a portion of funds from a mill levy override (MLO) ballot initiative passed in 1999.

At the CASB conference Magerko learned that, for the last 20 years, school funding derived from property taxes has not kept up with what schools need. For that reason, the state of Colorado has had to backfill to fund education, and legislators told the conference they had reached the limit on this. The per-pupil revenue provided by the state has returned to what it was before the recession, and schools are struggling to keep up across the state, Magerko said.

Commenting on the charter contract negotiation presently underway between D-38 and MA, Magerko gave some background on the MLO passed by voters in









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