

Nov. 8 to approve "creating general obligation indebtedness in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$230 million to finance the Project."

"The Project" would include constructing two new elementary schools, one new middle school, and a "center for innovative learning." It would also include adding or removing modular classrooms from Discovery Canyon Campus, Liberty High School, Pine Creek High School, and School in the Woods, remodeling Air Academy High School, Challenger Middle School, and Rampart High School, updating technology infrastructure at all schools, and providing improvements to all existing schools and facilities.

The monies requested do not include \$91 million it would take to also build a new high school, even though the district wishes it could. It plans to use other solutions to absorb the population growth in the high schools, Gregory said.

If the bond is approved by voters, the construction and upgrades would be done in a series of capital project "issuances" with a few years in between each batch. The order of those projects will be determined using a "fairness formula" after updated growth numbers are collected in September, Gregory said. See www.asd20.org for many pages of details.

The current district mill levy of 60.216 mills would not change if voters approve the bond. The cost of the election will be about \$93,000, and Gregory is the Designated Election Official.

Videotaping school board meetings discussed

During public comments, several constituents requested that, in the interest of transparency, it would help to have videos of the twice-monthly school board meetings made available online in addition to official audio recordings re-

quired by state law. They said this would allow people to watch the meetings when and where it is more convenient than attending in person.

In order to listen to an audio recording now, members of the public must submit a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request and pay a small fee, said constituent Melanie Knapp. (However, it is not evident to this reporter, even after searching the ASD20.org website, where that information is shared with constituents. For information, call (719) 234-1200.)

Adding video recordings could cost \$3,000 to \$25,000, according to a past board meeting referenced by constituent Jackie Bell. During this evening's board discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of making video recordings available in addition to audio recordings, the directors did not agree on how to proceed. Finally they came to a consensus to have a "Linkage," or a meeting with the public where board members are present, before the Nov. 8 election, to find out if people would use this feature. After the bond measure election, the board could then spend more time on this question.

Constituent Michael Esty said he would make his own videos of the board meetings in the meantime, and he encouraged District 20 residents to view them on a website he created, ASD20.info.

Academy School District 20 Board of Education meetings are usually held at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in the Education and Administration Center,

1110 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs. See <https://asd20.org> or call 719-234-1200.

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Initiative authors make their case

Responding to criticisms of the initiative from the audience, Melissa Woodward, one of the authors of the initiatives, pointed out that a majority in Palmer Lake had voted in favor of Amendment 64, which legalized the use of marijuana, that the proposed initiative would not make use by minors legal, and that separation of church and state made biblical arguments irrelevant. She went on to cite the experience of Manitou Springs, which has legalized sales of recreational marijuana and has used the taxes generated to fund flood mitigation efforts, has not seen more police calls due to legalization, and has not seen an increase in use by schoolchildren.

Brenda Woodward, the other author of the initiatives, said that the decision to include an initiative to impose a sales tax had doubled their legal fees. Asked by Trustee Glant Havenar if they might consider another ballot initiative should the current one fail, Woodward answered that they might consider doing that.

The Woodwards are owners of Premiere Organics LLC, a marijuana cultivation business in Palmer Lake.

Following the discussion, the board voted to send the initiative to the voters on the November ballot.

Town joins project to manage watershed

Larry Small, executive director of the Fountain Creek Flood Control Project, thanked the board for its past support of the project's efforts to better manage the Monument Creek watershed. The project was in response to the problems caused by the Waldo Canyon Fire, Small said.

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