

# **Spotlight on the Board**

## **Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings**

### **April 15th, 2009**

*Spotlight on the Board* is a synopsis of notes and recordings taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Frank C. Whiteley PTA's school board liaison, Jennifer Mondy. They are meant to help parents and staff who are unable to attend the Board meetings on a regular basis to keep informed about the issues and plans affecting the district. These Notes are not endorsed by District 15 or the Board of Education. Below are the highlights from the April 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Board of Education Meeting.

#### **Committee of the Whole (COW) Agenda Attachments (Website)**

A Board member requested that presentations and other information provided at the public COW meetings be available online for the community to review as is currently done for the district's Regular meetings. The Board agreed to make the request retroactive to include past presentations on full day kindergarten, middle schools and other topics.

#### **Bid Award – Curtain Wall**

Upon further examination of the contract, the Board approved the base bid of \$1.3M to replace exterior walls that included existing windows at Lake Louise, Hunting Ridge and Winston Campus. An alternate proposal to add additional operable windows for a cost of \$142,700 was questioned as to whether it was an appropriate use of the district's reserve funds and subsequently rejected. The administration will provide the rationale and a breakdown of costs of the remaining proposals to the new Board at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### **New District 15 Board of Education**

Newly elected Board members Margaret "Peggy" Babcock, Mark Bloom and Richard Bokor will be seated at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting after recognition of outgoing members Nancy Lee Carlson, Kelly Keenan and Wendy Rowden.

#### **May 27<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda**

Administrators plan to present their ideas and supporting research for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning in the district and Summer Opportunities for students. This is the last of the Committee of the Whole meetings focusing on beginning conversations about expanding educational programs.

#### **Last Day of School – Monday, June 8th**

Due to the district's use of three emergency days (snow/cold) this year, the official last day of school for 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades is Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> which will be a half day. The last day for kindergarten is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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the next Regular Board of Education meeting to be held on **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.** at Sundling Junior High on Smith Street in Palatine.