

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings

August 13th, 2008

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 August 13th Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Transportation Update – Opening of School

Under the leadership of a new transportation director, the district is prepared to run 145 bus routes within the guidelines established by the Board. Initial route issues have been problem solved and the department is confident that any existing situations will be resolved before the start of school. Major road construction is taking place near Plum Grove Junior High causing the closure of Old Plum Grove Road until mid-January. Arrangements have been made to allow bus access in the afternoon in order to expedite the dismissal process and avoid delays at the second tier schools.

Board Policy 7:100 – Students: Health, Eye and Dental Examinations & Exclusion of Students

A new State law requires eye exams for children entering school for the first time. However districts may not exclude children from attending school if either the vision or dental exams have not been completed.

New Business - Town Hall Meetings

The Board discussed a member's proposal to hold a series of structured, topic specific meetings with the public regarding the future of education in the district. A suggestion was made to wait until data from the Facilities Study can be reviewed by both the Board and the public. Further discussion and possible action will take place at the September Board meeting.

Full detailed notes for this meeting and all past meetings can be found at www.fcwpta.org/board_notes.htm
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