

# **Spotlight on the Board**

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

### **December 10th, 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 December 10th Regular Board of Education Meeting.

#### **Capital Improvement Plan – Summer 2009**

A vote on \$2M+ of capital improvement projects was delayed until January so that the Board could review the recently submitted list of additions to the administration's original proposal. The Superintendent would not give his recommendation to the new list due to discrepancies and lack of upper management discussion of several proposed items. In response to Board inquiries, maintenance officials indicated that the highest priority Life Safety Study items, with the exception of roofs, would be done by July. A schedule for the balance of the work to be completed in the district and its cost will be presented to the Board in January.

#### **Transportation Study Update**

Although multiple efficiencies have been incorporated into the current transportation system, administrators feel that in order to further improve and reduce costs a change to a three tier start time would be required. The majority of Board members agreed to keep start times the same for 2009/10 and revisit the issue after completion of the Facilities Study which may result in major changes for the 2010/11 school year.

#### **School/Community Relations – Gifts to the District**

All fundraising projects resulting in donations made to the district and/or individual schools, including those by PTA, will now require pre-approval by the Board of Education. The revised policy protects the district from unexpected financial obligations that may come from a donation as in the case of technology related items needing installation, wiring and additional electrical costs.

Full detailed notes for this meeting and all past meetings can be found at [www.fcwpta.org/board\\_notes.htm](http://www.fcwpta.org/board_notes.htm)  
Subscribe to the *Spotlight on the Board* notes and have the highlights emailed to you whenever a Board meeting occurs. The next scheduled Regular Board of Education meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 14th, 7 p.m.** at Sundling Junior High on Smith Street in Palatine. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.** at the same location.

#### **Board Meeting DVDs Available to the Public**

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