

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

February 14th, 2007

Spotlight on the Board is a collection of notes taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Frank C. Whiteley PTA's newsletter editor, 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 February Regular meeting.

Superintendent's Reports

Approximately 3,500 transportation surveys were received from parents across the District. A one-page summary by school will be provided to the Board. Detailed report from the transportation consultants is expected next week. Vote on the study will take place on February 28th.

Citizens Address the Board – Thirteen citizens addressed the Board. Subjects included the change in school start times, responsibilities and positions of Board members, retirement of the Board secretary and attorney fees.

Board Member E-mail Addresses on District Web site

Discussion revolved around whether Board members should post personal e-mail addresses rather than use district e-mail. Issues over Board transparency, District control, legal requirements for subpoenas and constituent privacy were debated. Action will be taken at the February 28th meeting.

Procedure for Board Members Requesting Legal Services

Concerns over Board member requests for attorney services requiring additional costs prompted this discussion item. Proposed form would require reason and date of the request as well as feedback received. Information would be shared with entire Board.

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The next scheduled Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, February 21st, 2007, 7 p.m. at Sundling Jr. High in Palatine. This is a Special meeting.