

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

February 28th, 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 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2007-2008 Tentative Budget Presentations

- Operations and Maintenance
- Transportation Fund

Citizens Address the Board – Several parents addressed the Board concerning longer bus rides and the shuttling of parochial school students, and the safety of Virginia Lake students at dismissal time.

Board discussion of the Transportation Efficiency Study/Proposed Bell Schedule

Board members discussed costs, bus route times, number of children per bus, setting of parameters for the District's transportation department, shuttling of the parochial school students and the request for additional details. Transportation department will provide additional information working within the parameters of no more than 30 minute average bus rides for the majority of students. Report expected in two months.

Vote to approve a two-tier bell schedule (Plan A – 7:55 a.m./8:45 a.m. start times)

Approved 5:1 (Keenan voting "no"; Carlson absent)

Vote to approve Plan A with no shuttling of parochial school students

Unanimously approved.

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The next scheduled Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, March 14th, 2007, 7 p.m. at Sundling Jr. High in Palatine. This is a Regular meeting.