

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings

June 10th, 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 June 10th Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Public Hearing – 2009/2010 Budget

Two citizens expressed their views on the recent teachers' contract, the district's deficit spending and comments made during the Board of Education candidate forum held in March.

District Lunch Periods

In response to parent concerns, the district evaluated lunch times at all of its schools. It was determined that 20 minutes was an appropriate amount of time and any additional time tends to result in discipline issues. Based on the results of the study, Hunting Ridge and Jane Addams will shorten their lunch times to 20 minutes. Paddock's current 20/20/20 schedule will be extended over a two hour period in order to reduce the number of students each period.

Summer Construction Projects

Construction on the walls of three schools is scheduled to begin in July. Hunting Ridge and Winston Campus are expected to be completed before school resumes in August. However, the Lake Louise project is more extensive and will not be finished until October. Plans have been made to rotate two classrooms at a time to the school's mobile units as the work takes place.

Student Assignment Update

Sections and the number of students assigned to those classrooms have been determined for each school based upon the district's class size averages. Enrollment will be monitored over the summer. If necessary, the administration will request additional staffing in August.

Citizens Address the Board

Four adults and one child addressed the Board regarding the needs of gifted students, the amount of time children need for lunch, unfunded government mandates and full day Transitional Kindergarten.

Full detailed notes for this meeting can be found at www.spotlightontheboard.org/d15_spotlight.htm

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