

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

June 13th, 2007

Spotlight on the Board is a synopsis 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 June 13th Regular meeting.

2007-08 Student Assignment Plan and Demographic Report

Site-based decision making regarding grade level sectioning was discussed. Concerns were raised over a Board member's request to post the assignment plan online. Board discussion led to the Superintendent recommending an informative executive summary that could be posted on the District's Web site.

Board Committee Assignments

Plans and mission statements for each committee will be developed and brought back for the entire Board's input and approval.

Financial Report Card

The idea of providing an overview to the public of the District's expenditures and revenues as well as a five year forecast was introduced by a Board member. Seen as a communications tool, the Financial Report Card will be refined in committee and a recommendation is expected by August.

Transparency – Board of Education Policy, Bids and Budget

Further details as well as a sample transparency checklist were presented to the Board. Concerns were raised about providing detailed explanations for items, the challenges in editing the Board packet information and the need to discuss this item further in the Policy Committee. Approval was given to provide as much information as possible online before the August Board meeting.

Bids and Consent Calendar

Two bids scheduled to be voted on and several items from the Consent Calendar were discussed in detail prior to Board action being taken.

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The next scheduled Regular Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8th, 2007, 7 p.m. at Sundling Jr. High in Palatine.