

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings

May 5th, 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 May 5th Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Election of Board of Education President and Vice President

Gerald Chapman was elected President for a second year by a majority vote. Mark Bloom was unanimously elected as Vice President.

Bids Awarded for Life Safety Items

Over \$2.7M of the administration's recommendations were unanimously approved by the new Board. These included the majority of mechanical and plumbing items at multiple schools as well as roof replacements at Paddock and Pleasant Hill Schools this summer. Members debated the merits of several other items and most of those were approved either by a 5:2 or 6:1 vote.

Bid Award – Natural Gas

There were differing opinions on whether the Board should approve a new two year contract with a subsidiary of NICOR or continue with their current supplier. A Board member raised a concern that the managed programs of the two firms were not compared in the district's bid process and whether money would be saved. The contract was approved with a 5:2 vote.

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