

# **Spotlight on the Board**

## **Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting**

### **June 8<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

*Spotlight on the Board* is a collection of notes taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Pleasant Hill PTAs' District 15 liaison, Susan Quinn. 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. Below are the highlights from the past two meetings:

- Administration presented new Communication Plan, intends to reach out to all District 15 stakeholders with quarterly mailings, annual reports and a new Parents Advisory Council
- Board unanimously opts out of NSBA (National School Board Association) to cut costs
- 3 new Principals and 5 new Assistant Principals in the district
- Pleasant Hill shares its new Assistant Principal, Matt Palcer, with Jane Adams
- Board votes to freeze wages for 350 nonunion positions
- Food Service employees protest wage freeze
- Board members attend training for contract negotiations
- Special Needs parents protest cuts in teacher's aides and Community Based Training
- Art programs in Elementary schools reduced from 45 min/week to 30 min/week
- Teachers invited to apply for educational mini-grants from D15 Educational Foundation
- Board debates financing for Ela Road property, votes to pay balance due to D211

Full June 8<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting notes, as well as previous *Spotlight on the Board* meeting notes, can be found at Pleasant Hill PTA's web site: [www.phpta.org](http://www.phpta.org). Next Board meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 7 pm at Sundling Jr. High. Email questions directly to Board members (see [www.phpta.org](http://www.phpta.org) for email addresses) or to Superintendent McKanna ([McKannaR@ccsd15.net](mailto:McKannaR@ccsd15.net)).