

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

April 19th, 2006

Spotlight on the Board is a collection of notes taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Pleasant Hill PTAs' School Board 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. These Notes are not endorsed by District 15 or the Board of Education. Below are the highlights from the April "Committee of the Whole" meeting, which included some voting.

1. Start Times Change voted down 5:2

a. Start Times for schools will remain the same in 2006-2007

- b. 14 parents addressed the Board, including parents from Thomas Jefferson, Willow Bend, Whiteley, Central Road, Pleasant Hill, Lincoln and Sanborn
- c. Administration will review the busing situation and will make a proposal to the Board of Ed in January 2007 for start time changes in 2007-2008
 - i. Administration will investigate a "3 tier" system where all D15 elementary schools will have the same start time, and bring back cost estimates to the Board.

2. 5 Year Technology Plan presented

- a. 2006-2007 equipment budget will increase 75% over 2005-2006
- b. Upgraded software and hardware planned, including planned "refreshes" of equipment over the 5 year plan (see detailed handouts at www.phpta.org)
- c. By 2007-2008 Technology Enrichment Labs will be available to all Jr. High students

Full April 19th meeting notes, as well as previous *Spotlight on the Board* meeting notes, can be found at www.phpta.org. Next Board meeting is Wednesday, May 10th, 2006, 7 pm at Sundling Jr. High – this is a "Regular" meeting.