

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

April 5th, 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 "Regular" meeting, intended primarily for recognitions and voting.

1. **Possible** Change in Start Times for Some Schools Discussed
 - a. Most Tier 4 (9:10 am start) schools would switch with Tier 3 (8:30 am start) schools
 - b. Board will take public comment on change in start times at the April 19th BOE mtg, possibly voting on change in start times at the May 10th BOE mtg
 - c. See suggested start time changes handout at www.phpta.org
2. School Nutrition Services and Transportation Budgets presented to Board
3. Board approves official Last Day of School: Friday June 9th (June 8th for Kindergarten)
4. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of New Bonds Approved 5:2
 - a. A maximum of \$7M in bonds authorized, down from previously authorized maximum of \$22M
 - b. The District expects to actually restructure \$5M in bonds to generate \$5M in working cash, for a total of approximately \$10M financed. Keeping under \$10M financed allows the bonds to be "bank qualified", which can receive a better interest rate.
5. Board approves \$15 increase in Student Fees, for books and materials
6. Board approved \$50 surcharge for Pay Rider Fees paid after August 1st
7. BOE elections held: Carlson elected President; Silverman elected Vice-President

Full April 5th meeting notes, as well as previous *Spotlight on the Board* meeting notes, can be found at www.phpta.org. Next Board meeting is Wednesday, April 19th, 2006, 7 pm at Sundling Jr. High – this is a "Committee of the Whole" meeting.