

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

August 9th, 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 August "Regular" meeting.

1. **School Report Cards – test scores still not in, waiting for corrections to sub-categories, possibly available at the end of September**
2. **2006-07 Tentative Budget presented**
 - a. **\$3.3M deficit on \$148M budget**
 - b. Expenses up 3.42%, Revenues up 5.2% (compared to 2005-06 budget)
 - c. Expenses up 6.94%, Revenues down 0.13% (compare to actual expenses and revenues in 2005-06)
 - d. Revenues in 2005-06 were 5% higher than estimated
 - e. Expenses in 2005-06 were 3.3% less than estimated
 - f. Nohelty expects to balance budget by Sept. 13th BOE meeting, for approval
3. **Board approves 2.5 additional teachers, lowering class sizes, meeting targets**
 - a. **New teachers: Lincoln (3rd), Pleasant Hill (1st), Jane Addams (0.5 FTE in 6th)**
 - b. Average Class Sizes (across district) meet targets

Grades	Estimated Avg Class Size	Target Avg Class Size
1,2,3	24.2	24
4,5,6	26.0	26
7,8	28.07	28
4. **Millar requests clarification on Bid Process**
 - a. Millar wants to know which contracts must be bid, which have exceptions, including services and commodities contracts
 - b. Carlson, Boucher think bid process works well, want to negotiate prices without bidding on some contracts
 - c. District will bring list of contracts, whether they are bid out or not, and rationale for why, to October Board meeting

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