

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

March 8th, 2006

Keenan and Silverman were absent for this meeting. This Board of Ed Meeting was a “Regular” meeting, intended for recognitions and voting.

Personnel Report

The Board voted to accept the Personnel report, and release part-time and probationary teachers. All part time teachers are released every year in March/April.

Math Curriculum Adoption – Grades 3-6

Karen Hindman, Ginger Benning (Pleasant Hill) and Monica Sanchez (Sanborn) presented the new Grades 3-6 math curriculum. Last year the K-2 program was adopted, using Everyday Math for some schools within District 15 and Houghton Mifflin for other schools. The Grade 6 math program is part of a Grades 6-8 program and is the same program currently in use in District 15 Jr. High's. The Grades 3-5 curriculum is Houghton Mifflin and the Grade 6 curriculum is McDougal Littell (which is also published by Houghton Mifflin). The 6th grade curriculum is already in use at Sanborn and Lincoln. The new curriculum has online resources that can be used by parents and students, including games and videos that reinforce the lessons and that can be used for absences. The Grades 3-5 on-line materials can be found at www.eduplace.com and the Grade 6 on-line materials can be found at www.classzone.com. Sanchez noted the CD component of the materials could be used to customize lessons and assessments for the students.

Hindman noted that representatives from every school reviewed the materials. Several Board members commended Hindman, Sanchez and Benning for the professionalism of the curriculum committee. Hindman said staff development with the new curriculum would start in Spring and would continue through the Fall. Texts will cost the district \$263,000, with some additional funds from the state text loan program.