

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

October 11th, 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 October "Regular" meeting.

Over 400 people were in attendance at the Board meeting, the majority of who were associated with the D15 Concerned Parents group.

1. Authentic Use of Quality Tools

- a. Administrative Facilitators presented various ways that Quality Tools are being used in the classroom and for data trending of state assessments

2. Transportation

- a. Board approves (6:1) hiring consultant for up to \$24k to do efficiency study for alternative bus schedules
- b. Options and recommendations will be presented in January

3. Negotiations Rumors

- a. McKanna addressed rumors about strike, saying that if a strike occurs it is more likely to occur after a payday (for D15, paydays are 10/15 and 10/31)
- b. McKanna confirmed that no busing will be provided to parochial schools in the event of a strike, but that they will likely still have classes.
- c. Keenan argued that it was a mistake to not update the community, thought that the Board needed to be more transparent about negotiations

4. Citizens Address the Board

– 28 citizens addressed the Board, including representatives of the D15 Concerned Parents group, and the Northwest Coalition for Quality Education. The majority of citizens addressing the board were telling the Board to hold firm in the negotiations; of the remaining citizens addressing the board several said the Board should pay the teachers more and some argued that there should be no negotiating in the public sphere.

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