

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

October 11th, 2005

Spotlight on the Board is a collection of notes taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Pleasant Hill PTAs' District 15 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. Below are the highlights from the October meeting:

- 2005 Annual Achievement Report (available on-line at www.phpta.org) showed reading and math scores relatively constant, with District 15 meeting No Child Left Behind standards.
- 10 year life/safety study shows \$33M in infrastructure costs over the next 10 years, with \$5M in the next two years
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) impact expected to be:
 - Teachers required to take elementary school state test by end of school year
 - Increased training to use Early Response Model to identify special needs kids
- Video Production to be made District wide club
- CTC (Classroom Teacher's Council) willing to negotiate parent involvement in clubs with teacher-stipend position during this year's contract negotiation
- Energy Conservation measures being considered to reduce district energy costs this winter
- Contentious debate about the availability of district financial, and other, documents on the district webpage – Millar/Rowden/Keenan in favor of posting documents on webpage, Boucher/Mikula/Carlson concerned about too much access, want to keep FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests required

Full October 11th meeting notes, as well as previous *Spotlight on the Board* meeting notes, can be found at Pleasant Hill PTA's web site: www.phpta.org Next Board meeting is Wednesday, November 9th, 2005, 7 pm at Sundling Jr. High. Email questions directly to Board members (see www.phpta.org for email addresses) or to Superintendent McKanna (McKannaR@ccsd15.net).