

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

September 27th, 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 September "Committee of the Whole" meeting.

Over 300 people were in attendance at the Board meeting, approximately 170 of whom were associated with the D15 Concerned Parents group.

- 1. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Presented**
 - a. New assessment program to be implemented district wide to help teachers assess students instructional level and guide instruction
 - b. Used previously at Sandburg Jr. High, can be given up to 4 times per year per child
 - c. Should help all students, including struggling learners and academically advanced
- 2. BOE President Carlson's Speech on Contract Negotiations**

Carlson read from a prepared statement that is largely the same as the press release posted on the district's website (see www.ccsd15.net). She commented that there was some momentum generated in the last negotiating session (9/26) and she hoped that momentum would continue in the next negotiating sessions (9/28, 10/5, 10/13).

 - a. handout detailing the current positions BOE and CTC
 - b. [guide to alternative childcare resources](#)
- 3. Northwest Suburban Council PTA President Elizabeth Bratkiv addresses the Board**
 - a. download Bratkiv's speech at www.phpta.org/DistrictInfo.htm
 - b. Offered public forum for both CTC and BOE to address public questions
 - c. Asked CTC to give 24-36 hours notice in event of strike

You can hear Bratkiv's speech at www.phpta.org/DistrictInfo.htm.
- 4. Citizens Address the Board** – Eleven citizens addressed the Board, including representatives of the D15 Concerned Parents group.

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