

# **Spotlight on the Board**

## **Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting**

### **September 14th, 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 September meeting:

- Board voted to restore CBT's (Community Based Trips) for special needs kids: (5 for primary, 7 for intermediate, 9 for Jr. High)
- Due to budget cuts, this year there are 67 classes with 30+ students in the district
  - One 5/6 split gifted class at Central Road has 41 students and 1 ½ teachers
  - One Algebra I class at Sundling has so many students that students are being denied the ability to take the class, even though they qualify based on merit
  - The Board was supportive of hiring additional staff to address these classes, but a vote was deferred to the next Board meeting because these issues were not on the agenda
- Superintendent proposed making Video Production a District level club
- Transportation is trying to hire 6-7 more drivers to address driver shortages
- Proposal was made to have Jr. High students videotape Board meetings
- Tax Anticipation Warrants may cost the District \$44-\$60k to borrow money at the end of the year to meet payroll (if tax receipts do not come in on time).
- Available on-line ([www.phpta.org](http://www.phpta.org)): updated budget cuts, class sizes by grade and school, guidelines for numbers of aide hours allotted per class

Full September 14th 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](http://www.phpta.org). Next Board meeting is Tuesday October 11th, 2005, 7 pm at Sundling Jr. High. Email questions directly to Board members (see [www.phpta.org](http://www.phpta.org) for email addresses) or to Superintendent McKanna ([McKannaR@ccsd15.net](mailto:McKannaR@ccsd15.net)).