

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meeting

January 24th, 2007

Spotlight on the Board is a collection of notes taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Frank C. Whiteley PTA's newsletter editor, Jennifer Mondy. 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 January Committee of the Whole meeting.

Web Site Policy

Policy was brought back for further discussion due to Board members concern for student privacy/identification. Two release form options were presented for Board consideration. Parents would be required to return the form in order for information to be printed in District publications or on its Web site. Release form would be sent along with registration materials in the summer. Parents will be informed when the policy is completed and procedures are in place.

Transportation Efficiency Study/Proposed Permanent Bell Schedule

District's transportation department provided information on the history of this issue, criteria used to select schools for the two tiers and scope of the project. Board members concerns ranged from receiving a recommendation early enough to make a final decision in February to postponing a decision for further study. Board discussed various communication methods to inform parents and community members. Vote is expected to be taken sometime in late February.

Citizens Address the Board – Nine citizens addressed the Board. Eight parents spoke opposing the proposed 7:45 a.m. start time for Paddock School in Palatine.

Authorization to Waive Attorney/Client Privilege - Rejected 4:3
(Carlson, Boucher, Mikula, Silverman voting "no"; Keenan, Millar, Rowden voting "yes")

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The next scheduled Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, February 14th, 2007, 7 p.m. at Sundling Jr. High in Palatine.