



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees February 12, 2013

Kathy Green, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. The La Porte High School JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. La Porte High School principal Todd Schoppe gave the invocation.

Recognitions

February is Career and Technical Education Month, and 19 La Porte High School CTE students and teachers were honored for achievements at recent competitions. Debbie Seibert, career and technical education facilitator at La Porte High School, acknowledged all students who competed at the district contests and individually introduced the following SkillsUSA and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competitors who will advance to the state level:

SkillsUSA:

- Devin Davis and Matthew Klink, Auto Refinishing, students of Valentin Trevino
- Graciela Salazar, Aime Orozco, Austin Thompson, Jorge Perez, Devin Davis and Autumn Holloway, Quiz Bowl, students of Danny Seibert
- Joshua Martinez, Automotive Job Exhibit and Automotive Tool ID, student of Daryl Leonard
- Sarah Carroll and Andrew Vasquez, Automotive Tool ID, student of Daryl Leonard
- Rileigh Lowrey and Dominique Becknel, 3D Animation, students of Kathleen Scharchburg
- Mason Rushing, Advertising Design, student of Kathleen Scharchburg
- Clyde Mueller and Mohamed Elabdallah, Web Design, students of Kathleen Scharchburg

DECA:

- Jocelyn (Jade) Guzman, Sports and Entertainment, individual series
- Shakeria Woods and Aime Orozco, Buying and Business Ethics, team event
- Andrew Day and Bryan Guice, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, team event

The SkillsUSA participants will advance to state contest in Corpus Christi April 1 through 6. The five DECA winners, who are students of Nekeba George, will advance to state Feb. 28 through March 2, also in Corpus Christi.

Superintendent's Reports

- Mike Clausen, assistant superintendent, presented a report on the rental of the former Maintenance facility.
- Dr. Vonn Murray, executive director of state/federal programs, gave a mid-year update on the Communities in Schools (CIS) program with the help of CIS representatives Lavinia Carbajal of La Porte High School and Judy Obermeier of Lomax Junior High.

In other action, the Board:

- upheld the Administration's recommendation following a student discipline hearing.
- approved the minutes of the Jan. 15, 2013, regular meeting and the Jan. 23, 2013, special workshop.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- approved budget amendments for February 2013 as presented.
- approved the employment of professional staff members Anthony Cozzitorto, teacher at La Porte Junior High School, and Jordan Hall, teacher at La Porte High School.
- approved Board designees other than the superintendent to accept resignation from contract employees who submit resignations before the acceptable and/or penalty-free resignation date (during the school year).
- approved the response to the Charter School Statement of Impact Amendment for several charter schools.
- received notice of Affordable Rental Housing Application.
- approved the 2013-14 school calendars.
- approved Credit Change Order No. 1 for the Rizzuto Elementary gym re-roof project.
- approved Final Payment Application No. 3 from PRC Roofing Co., Inc., for the Rizzuto Elementary Gym re-roof project.
- approved Board Resolution 2012-13 for the LPISD grant application #2550902 to the Office of the Governor.
- approved the proposal and purchase for E-Rate Internal Connection (network switching/cabling installation).
- approved the proposal and purchase for E-Rate Analog Lines, Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) and Primary Rate Interface (PRI) services.
- approved the proposal and purchase for E-Rate Primary and Secondary Internet Service.
- approved the proposal and purchase for E-Rate Wireless Cellular Phone Service.
- received financial reports for January 2013 and heard from Superintendent Graham regarding the school finance lawsuit.
- approved Board Resolution 2013-14 calling on the Texas Legislature to reject all attempts to divert public funds from public schools.
- approved contract recommendations for administrators in pay grades 6 through 9 as presented.