



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees February 14, 2017

Dee Anne Thomson, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. Members of the La Porte High School JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Candace Pohl, principal of La Porte Junior High School, presented the invocation.

Recognitions

Izza Chatta and Kallie Juel were recognized as the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the La Porte High School Class of 2017.

Geovanna Pena and Jamie Wood were honored as the second-place winners at the Lee College Regional History Fair in the group project category. The students will advance to the State History Day in Austin in May. Their project is "Ruby Bridges: Taking a Stand Against Segregation."

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent Lloyd W. Graham discussed recent changes to public school finances and provided an update on capital projects. Rhonda Cumbie, chief financial officer, presented the 2017-18 budget calendar. Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, made a presentation on December 2016 end-of-course retest scores.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- heard from a parent regarding an insurance coverage concern.
- held a public hearing regarding the establishment of Praxair Reinvestment Zone, pursuant to Chapters 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- held a public hearing on the application of Praxair, Inc., for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- approved Resolution 2017-08 designating an area within the district and within Harris County as a Reinvestment Zone in anticipation of a Texas Tax Code Chapter 313 Appraised Value Limitation in La Porte ISD, to be known as the Praxair Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof, and providing for an effective date.
- approved the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property of School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Code, with Praxair, Inc.
- approved the minutes of the Jan. 24, 2017, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for January 2017.
- approved a budget amendment.

- approved the employment of district athletic trainer Letticia Zamora.
- approved Addendum No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement for Joint Elections between the City of Shoreacres, La Porte ISD and San Jacinto College.
- approved Resolution 2017-03, calling the May 6, 2017, Trustee Election for the purpose of electing three trustees to the Board for regular terms in Position Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
- approved response to the Charter School Statement for Aristoi Classical Academy.
- approved Board Resolution 2017-04 for District of Innovation designation.
- approved Board Resolution 2017-05 for the La Porte ISD Grant Application #2920801 to the Office of the Governor.
- approved Board Resolution 2017-06 for the La Porte ISD Grant Application #3344301 to the Office of the Governor.
- approved Board Resolution 2017-07 for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2017-2018.
- approved the Annual Financial Audit Engagement for the year ended June 30, 2017.
- approved the purchase of classroom sound systems for new construction at La Porte High School.
- approved the purchase of basketball goals for the new Multi-Purpose Center.
- approved the purchase of classroom interactive projectors for new construction at La Porte High School.
- approved renewal/purchase for property/casualty, boiler and machinery insurance coverage.
- authorized additional broker/dealers.
- held a public hearing on District of Innovation.
- approved the pursuit of District of Innovation designation for La Porte ISD and the appointment of District of Innovation Plan Committee.
- approved the sale of tax foreclosure property.