



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees March 19, 2019

Dee Anne Thomson, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. La Porte High School JROTC cadets presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Dr. Kade Griffin, principal of Lomax Junior High School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized winners of the La Porte ISD Spelling Bee, which was held Feb. 21 at the Administration Building. The top three spelling bee winners from each elementary and junior high school campus advanced to the district bee. Lomax Junior High School seventh grader Amy Du was the Spelling Bee champion. Samuel Quinones, fifth grader at Heritage Elementary School, was the runner-up, and Joseph Sommer, La Porte Junior High School eighth grader, was the second runner-up.

La Porte ISD also acknowledged student artists who have earned numerous honors throughout the year. Six La Porte ISD students advanced to the 2019 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest after winning awards at the district contest. At the elementary level, Raymond Gibbs' artwork, "Antelope on the Desert Plain," earned Best of Show, while Yulissa Perez's "Copper Canyon Stroll" received the Gold Medal. Both are fifth-grade students of Jami Lupold at Heritage Elementary School.

In the junior high Rodeo Art competition, Lomax Junior High School eighth grader Baylee Knight won Best of Show for "Bad Boy Cowboy," and James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus student Breyanna Limon was awarded the Gold Medal for "Hoot." Baylee is the student of Yaravi Barrasa, and Breyanna is the student of Destiny Barr. In the two-dimensional division, La Porte High School junior Fatima Adame earned Best of Show for "Diamondback's Final Warning," while senior Phillip Terry won the Gold Medal for "Big Journey, Small Road." Fatima was also the winner of the La Porte ISD Holiday Card Contest. They are students of Christina Todaro.

In addition, 14 students from La Porte High School earned the highest score and a medal for their artwork at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) held at Dobie High School on Saturday, Feb. 2. Sophomore Julianna Medecigo and senior Mandy Silos won two medals for both pieces of artwork they submitted. Other winners were freshman Mathilda Davis; sophomores Maria Miller, Ali McDaniel and Rosemary Navarro; juniors Kayleigh Bland, Abbygaile Mireles and Virginia Ulloa; and seniors Melissa Hendricks, Allison Kemp, Christina Longoria, Sharlee Shepard and Marlo Schatz. They are students of Christina Todaro and Mary Gagneux.

Superintendent's Reports

Chris Gilbert, La Porte ISD general counsel, provided a report on the Local Option Homestead Exemption lawsuit.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Feb. 12, 2019, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all district campuses.
- received the human resources report.
- received financial reports for February 2019.
- approved certification declaring candidates for the May 2019 General Election unopposed; this includes incumbents Charlcya Wheeler in Position 6 and Dee Anne Thomson in Position 7.
- adopted Resolution No. 2019-05 declaring each unopposed candidate elected to the office for which they filed and canceling the La Porte ISD May 4, 2019, General Trustee Election.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including Monica Martinez, behavioral specialist, and Diana Horelka, counselor.
- approved the first reading of TASB Local Policy Update 112, affecting Policies BJA(LOCAL), CCG(LOCAL), CCGA(LOCAL), CH(LOCAL), CQ(LOCAL), CV(LOCAL), DCB(LOCAL), DH(LOCAL), DIA(LOCAL), FMA(LOCAL), FNG(LOCAL), GF(LOCAL), GKA(LOCAL), and GKB(LOCAL).
- approved the response and signed the Statement of Impact Amendment for Yes Prep Public Schools, Inc.
- considered and approved the termination of a certified classroom teacher for educator misconduct.
- approved the resale of tax foreclosure property described as Lot Seventeen (17) through Twenty-Three (23), both inclusive, in Block Fourteen Hundred Forty-Six (1446), Town of La Porte, Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 72, Page 5, of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas; save and except the east ten (10) feet of Lots Seventeen (17) through Twenty-Three (23) conveyed to the State of Texas by deed recorded in Volume 1000, Page 210 of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas (HCAD Account Number 024-299-046-0001) and authorized the Board President to execute a Resale Deed.