



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees **March 24, 2015**

Lee Wallace, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. La Porte High School JROTC members presented the colors and led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Debbie Stewart, principal at DeWalt School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

La Porte ISD earned the coveted “Super Show” award at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 2015 School Art Program awards presentation. The Super Show award is given to districts that are deemed as having truly outstanding art shows and exhibitions, and LPISD was one of 29 districts in the state that earned this recognition.

The Board also recognized LPISD students who earned Best of Show or Gold Medal honors at the district’s annual Rodeo Art Show and advanced to the Houston contest. Representing LPISD as Best of Show winners were Sarah Pilkinton, senior at La Porte High School; Sharlee Shepard, eighth grader at La Porte Junior High School; and Tyler Saunders, fifth grader at Rizzuto Elementary. Sarah Pilkinton also won a \$2,000 award for her sculpture.

Representing LPISD as gold medalists were Emily Aggers, Haley Edwards and Madeleine Choate, seniors at La Porte High School; Abbygaile Mireles, seventh grader at Lomax Junior High School; and Celeste Cody, fifth grader at Heritage Elementary School.

Superintendent’s Reports

Superintendent of Schools Lloyd W. Graham presented an update on Chapter 313 agreements.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of Feb. 10, 2015, and the called Board meeting of March 10, 2015.
- received principals’ reports from all LPISD campuses.
- approved the 2013-2014 Texas Academic Performance Report as presented at the Feb. 10, 2015, Board meeting.
- received financial reports for February 2015.
- approved budget amendments for March 2015.
- approved the employment of professional staff member Julie Halsey, teacher at La Porte Junior High School.
- approved the response to the Charter School Statement of Impact for Texans Can Academy, Texas College Preparatory Academies, Premier High Schools, KIPP Houston Public Schools, International Leadership of Texas and Life School.
- approved the second reading and adoption of TASB Policy Update 101 affecting Local Policies BE, CH, DGBA, EB, FFG, FMG and GF.
- approved the purchase of computer hard drives.

- approved the interlocal contract with Harris County Department of Education Center for Safe and Secure Schools.
- approved the proposed interlocal agreement for joint elections between the City of Morgan's Point, La Porte ISD and San Jacinto College.
- approved Annual Financial Audit Engagement for the year ended June 30, 2015.
- approved Resolution No. 2015-02 determining eligibility for tax credit pursuant to Texas Tax Code §313.104 for Air Liquide Large Industries US LP.
- approved Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2015-2016.
- approved the state adopted list of instructional materials under Proclamation 2015.
- approved the purchase of additional student laptops.
- approved Amended Resolution No. 2015-1a calling the May 9, 2015, trustee election.
- ratified the renewal of the district's commercial property and windstorm insurance policy.
- adopted Board Resolution No. 2015-03 in support of H.B. No. 1070 relating to a reduction in the cost of attendance credits for certain school districts that purchase windstorm and hail insurance.
- adopted Board Resolution 2015-04 opposing H.B. No. 2746 relating to the treatment for ad valorem tax purposes of pollution control property.