

La Porte ISD Board of Trustees Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees March 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Green, president of the Board of Trustees. The La Porte High School JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Danette Tilley, principal of Lomax Junior High School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized La Porte High School seniors Audrey Ladd and Courtney Beacham, who have been named the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the LPHS Class of 2013.

In addition, winners of the La Porte ISD Rodeo Art Show were honored. Best of Show winners include Sarah Pilkinton, sophomore at La Porte High School; Joana Ledezma, eighth grader at La Porte Junior High School; and Alyssa Powell, fourth grader at Jennie Reid Elementary. District gold medalists were Samantha Vasquez, fifth grader at Bayshore Elementary; Justin Flores, eighth grader at Lomax Junior High; and Krystal Denham and Raiven Vialva, seniors at La Porte High School. Sarah Pilkinton and Taylor Cochran, also of La Porte High School, received awards as 3D Best of Show winners. In addition, La Porte ISD was one of 26 districts to earn a Super Show award at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Program presentation.

Superintendent's Reports

- Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, presented a report on the district's involvement in the Houston Consortium. La Porte ISD is one of nine districts involved in the consortium's effort to address student learning in the area of writing.
- David Knowles, executive director of secondary education, and Jewel Whitfield, executive director of elementary education, gave an update on the district's 2013 summer school plans.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the application for a Property Value Limitation pursuant to the Texas Economic Development Act Chapter 313 Tax Code by Celanese Corporation to include establishing a fee for application.
- approved the minutes of the February 12, 2013, regular meeting and the Feb. 26, 2013, special/workshop meeting.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- approved financial reports for February 2013.
- approved budget amendments for March 2013 as presented.
- approved the Annual Financial Audit Engagement for the year ended June 30, 2013.
- approved the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2013-14.
- received the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Update 96, affecting local policies DEC, EFAA, and FEB.

- opposed the issuance of any license and/or permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the property located at 9901 Fairmont Parkway.
- approved the proposal and purchase of student laptops not to exceed \$575,000.
- ratified the cancellation and re-write of the current Property Insurance Premium Program.
- approved First Reading of FNF (LOCAL): Students Rights and Responsibilities—Interrogations and Searches.
- approved certification declaring that the candidates for the May 2013 general election, Charleya Wheeler and Dee Anne Thomson, are unopposed.
- approved the Election Resolution and Order #2013-07 cancelling the May 11, 2013, General Trustee Election and declaring the unopposed candidates elected.
- approved adjustments for Administrators Pay Grades 6-9/employment contracts.
- approved Board Resolution #2013-06 as part of the nomination of Lloyd Graham for Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year.