



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees **April 9, 2019**

La Porte ISD Board of Trustees President Dee Anne Thomson called the meeting to order. La Porte High School JROTC cadets presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Candace Pohl, principal of the La Porte ISD Academy of Viola DeWalt High School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized winners of the Lee College Regional History Fair. Lomax Junior High School seventh-grade students Brooklyn Waller and Lauranh Nguyen will advance to the Texas History Day competition April 27 after winning first place with their junior group exhibit, "The Great Storm." They are students of Andrea Berg. Breanna Lopez, also a Lomax Junior High seventh grader, won third in the individual exhibit category for "The Great Fire of London 1666: The Rebuilding Act of 1667." Lucas Long, student of Yvonne Fisher at the James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus, won fourth place in the individual website category for "Almost Forgotten: Triumphs and Tragedies of the Korean War."

The Board also recognized the La Porte ISD School Nutrition team for winning the Prime Participant Award in the 2018 Texas Department of Agriculture's Farm Fresh Challenge, which recognizes efforts to serve locally grown foods and educate students about local foods and agriculture. The department was represented by Yvonne Bennett, director, and Ralph Wilkins, coordinator. This year, students have enjoyed locally grown peaches, sweet potatoes, strawberries, watermelon, grapefruit, oranges, and brown rice. Educational materials about the local farms were displayed on the serving lines, giving students an opportunity to learn about where their food was grown. In addition, La Porte ISD was the first district to partner with The Common Market, a local non-profit food distributor that delivers food from local sustainable family farms, which led the way for other districts to follow suit.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent of Schools Lloyd W. Graham presented a legislative update.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the March 19, 2019, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all district campuses.
- received financial reports for March 2019.
- received a human resources report.
- approved a budget amendment.

- approved the second reading and adoption 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 employment of professional staff, including Quinton Jones, offensive coordinator and teacher/coach, and Daniel Swaim, defensive coordinator and teacher/coach, La Porte High School.
- approved the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2019-20.
- approved the Instructional Materials Allotment expenditures for instructional materials under Proclamation 2019.
- approved the response and signed the Statement of Impact Amendments for Beta Academy Charter School, KIPP Texas Public Schools and Aristoi Classical Academy.
- approved Resolution No. 2019-06 to establish criteria for accepting electronic bids/proposals.
- approved probationary, term and non-certified contract recommendations for certified teachers and administrators/professionals in Pay Grades 1-6.
- approved the TEA Missed School Days Waiver.
- approved TEA Other Waiver to allow teachers to attend 183 days for 2018-19 school year, waiving the 187-day requirement pursuant to Texas Education Code §21.401.
- adopted Resolution No. 2019-07 providing compensation for staff during the closure related to the ITC Deer Park fire for the period of March 18, 2019, and March 20 through 22, 2019.
- approved the qualifications for financial audit services and authorized the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute a contract.