



## *La Porte ISD Board of Trustees*

# *Board Meeting Highlights*

### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Green, president of the Board of Trustees. Following the pledges to the American and Texas flags, Vicki Defee, principal of College Park Elementary School, gave the invocation.

#### ***Recognitions***

The Board recognized La Porte High School senior Danielle Allen, who was recently named a Dell Scholar. Danielle, the daughter of Jeanah and Jeffrey Allen, received a \$20,000 scholarship. She plans to attend Lamar University next year to major in social work.

In addition, the Board honored Laura Lynch, De Walt School nurse and lead nurse for the district, who was named as one of the top 100 nurses in the Houston area as part of the *Houston Chronicle's* Salute to Nurses.

Campus Teachers of the Year, District Teachers of the Year and the Rookie Teacher of the Year were also recognized at the meeting. At the elementary level, campus teacher honorees included Sony Rodriguez-Fernandez, Bayshore; Vanessa Martin, College Park; Luisa Nieto, Heritage; Ali Carrizal, La Porte; Donna Whitmore, Lomax; and Yesenia Stadler, Rizzuto. Secondary honorees were Hollie Williamson, Baker; Andrea Broussard, La Porte Junior High; Kevin Poe, Lomax Junior High; Robert Wiederhold, De Walt; and Mark Bailey, La Porte High School (non-core subject areas). Chandra Rodriguez of Jennie Reid and Robyn Holloway of La Porte High School (core subject areas) were recognized as Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, respectively, and Mark Fennell of La Porte High School was recognized as District Rookie Teacher of the Year.

#### ***In other action, the Board:***

- authorized the filing of an expedited declaratory judgment action to validate the \$260 million bond issue approved by voters at the May 10, 2014, bond election.
- approved the minutes of the April 8, 2014, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for April 2014.
- approved budget amendments for May 2014 as presented.
- approved the second reading and adoption of TASB Policy Update 99 affecting local policies BDD, BP, CFEA, CK, DAC, EHDC, FFF and FFH.
- approved the first reading of the updates to EIC (Local).
- approved Board Resolution 2014-05 for LPISD and Communities in Schools, Southeast Harris County collaborative grant application #2550903 to the Office of the Governor.
- approved Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) expenditures for instructional materials under Proclamation 2014.
- approved the Option 3 agreement for the purchase of attendance credits.
- approved the disposal of damaged instructional materials.
- approved probationary, term and non-certified contract recommendations for certified teachers and administrator/professional pay grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 and employment of

professional staff members for 2014-15, which include Jennifer Callahan and Kelly Young, teachers at Baker Sixth Grade Campus; Devin Zemanek, teacher at La Porte Elementary; and Stacey Pope, teacher at La Porte High School.

- approved the sale of property described as Tract 19E, Abstract 35.
- adopted Resolution #2014-06 to ratify an agreement to grant an extension of time for the approval or disapproval of a pending application for a property tax limitation, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025.
- conducted a public hearing on the creation of the Lub-Line Corp. Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025 and § 312.201.
- conducted a public hearing on the application of Lub-Line Corp. for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
- approved findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property submitted by Lub-Line Corp.
- adopted Resolution #2014-07 to create the Lub-Line Corp. Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025 in order to implement application of Lub-Line Corp. for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- approved the agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Lub-Line Corp.
- heard a report from Superintendent Lloyd W. Graham on the May 10 bond election.
- denied two requests to waive penalty and interest for delinquent payments of 2013 property taxes on HCAD accounts.