



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees August 13, 2019

La Porte ISD Board of Trustees President Kathy Green called the meeting to order and led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Grisel Wallace, principal of Heritage Elementary School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

La Porte High School's Ryan Schoppe was recognized for becoming the state champion in the 3,200-meter run for the second consecutive year at the May 11 UIL State Track Meet. Ryan went on to earn the silver in the 1,600-meter run later that evening. On June 16, Ryan also won the Adidas High School Dream Mile, an invitation-only race in Boston featuring some of the nation's fastest runners. As one of the top 10 male distance runners in the country, he also was invited to participate in the Nike Elite Camp at Nike Headquarters. He was named among VYPE Houston's Top 10 Male Athletes of the Year, and City of La Porte Mayor Louis Rigby proclaimed June 10 as Ryan Schoppe Day in recognition of his successes.

La Porte High School teacher Eowyn Johnson was named the 2019 recipient of the Eugene Chiappetta Chemistry and the Environment Teaching Award from the Harris County Department of Education. This award recognized one outstanding classroom teacher in grades 5 through 12 who has had a positive impact on students, school, and/or the community through exemplary science teaching about chemicals and the environment. Mrs. Johnson recently transitioned into a new role as LPISD instructional technology specialist.

Trustee David Janda was also recognized by his colleagues on the Board for earning distinction as a Master Trustee from the Texas Association of School Boards. Mr. Janda, the immediate past vice president of the Board, completed Leadership TASB, a nationally recognized advanced leadership program for school district trustees, during the 2018-19 school year.

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, presented a report on the preliminary accountability ratings. The Texas Education Agency's 2019 preliminary accountability ratings show that La Porte ISD received an overall rating of "B," with a score of 85.

Danette Tilley, executive director of secondary education, also presented the 2019-20 Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the June 18, 2019, regular Board meeting and the minutes of the Aug. 16, 2019, called Board meeting.
- received notice of the employment of professional staff.
- received the 2019-2020 La Porte ISD Student Handbook.
- received notice of termination of the Election Interlocal Agreement from San Jacinto Community College District.
- received financial reports for July 2019.
- received the Quarterly Investment Report for June 2019.
- received the Report for Cooperative Fees Paid for by La Porte ISD.
- received the 2018-19 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Report.
- approved the regular School Board Meeting Schedule for the first semester.
- approved the proposed amended 2019-20 Instructional School Calendar.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved payment to Thompson and Horton, LLP for the Local Option Homestead Exemption and Recapture matter.
- approved 2019-20 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) appraisal calendar and T-TESS list of teacher appraisers.
- approved an interlocal agreement with Harris County Department of Education STOP School Violence and Mental Health training sessions.
- approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Harris County Public Health for public health emergency medical supplies.
- approved partnership agreement for Communities in Schools Model/Traditional Programs.
- approved first reading of TASB Local Policy Update 113, affecting BBE(LOCAL), BDD(LOCAL), BJCD(LOCAL), CI(LOCAL), CO(LOCAL), COA(LOCAL), COB(LOCAL), CRB(LOCAL), EFD(LOCAL), EHBAF(LOCAL), FNF(LOCAL).
- adopted Resolution No. 2019-15 to declare the extracurricular status of 4-H and the appointment of Harris County extension agents as adjunct faculty for the purpose of supervising LPISD students participating in designated 4-H activities.
- approved the 2019-20 Student Code of Conduct, incorporating changes as discussed in the review of the draft.