



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees September 8, 2015

Lee Wallace, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. The La Porte High School Army JROTC Color Guard presented the colors and led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Patricia Herrera-Johnson, principal of Jennie Reid Elementary School, gave the invocation.

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, presented a report on the start of school for the 2015-16 year. She was assisted by the La Porte ISD elementary and secondary principals; Matt Burke, director of performing and visual arts; Corey Marlar, director of maintenance, transportation and operations; Yvonne Bennett, director of school nutrition; and Eddie Hill, executive director of technology. Dr. Wadleigh also updated the Board on the district's 2015 state accountability ratings.

David Knowles, executive director of secondary education, presented a report on the Accelerated College Education (ACE) program for La Porte High School students made possible through an agreement with San Jacinto College. Mike Clausen, deputy superintendent, followed with a presentation on the Center for Safe and Secure Schools security audit reports.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Aug. 11, 2015, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports for all LPISD campuses.
- received 2015-2016 campus handbooks.
- received financial reports for August 2015.
- approved budget amendments for September 2015.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including teachers Emma Allison, David DuVall and Yobani Lopez, La Porte High School; Debi Anderson, Heritage Elementary; and Kevin Davis, Lomax Junior High School.
- approved Board Resolution No. 2015-16 declaring extracurricular status of 4-H.
- approved the maximum class size waiver request.
- approved second reading and adoption of TASB Policy Update 102 affecting Local Policies DBB, DEA, DEAA, DEAB, DFFA, FNC and FO.
- approved the purchase of a sound system for the new Fine Arts Building.
- approved contracts/services for material testing services for various bond projects.
- authorized the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and enter into agreements for windstorm certification services for various bond projects.
- adopted a 2015 property tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 of assessed valuation, Board Resolution No. 2015-19.
- approved the purchase of the Istation reading instruction and intervention program.

- approved the purchase of music storage and practice rooms for the new Baker Sixth Grade Campus and La Porte High School fine arts department.
- approved the purchase of seats for the new Multi-Purpose Center.
- adopted Resolution No. 2015-17 as amended to grant an extension of time for the approval or disapproval of a pending application with Enterprise Products Operating LLC for a property tax limitation, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313.025.
- nominated David Janda as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District.