



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 13, 2015

President Lee Wallace called to order the meeting of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees. The La Porte High School Army JROTC Color Guard presented the colors and led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Mindy Evans, principal of Baker Sixth Grade Campus, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

Oct. 14 was proclaimed as Texas Education Human Resources Day to recognize the important contributions made by school personnel who work in human resources. Members of the La Porte ISD human resources department were honored by the Board of Trustees for their efforts to recruit, select and retain quality staff members in support of providing an excellent education for all students. They include Isela Montes, executive director of human resources; Angie Garza-Viator, director of human resource services; Debbe Free, certification and contract coordinator; Candace Olivares, human resources specialist; and Tina Pettis, AESOP/NCLB specialist.

October 2015 was also proclaimed as Principals Month, and La Porte ISD campus administrators were recognized at the meeting. The district's team of principals and assistant principals includes Vickie Gentile and Diane Weeden, Bayshore Elementary; Camilla Whitlock and Donna Spaugh, College Park Elementary; Grisel Wallace and Tracy Greenwood, Heritage Elementary; Carol Williams and Laura Haug, La Porte Elementary; Alicia Upchurch and Linda Hyde, Lomax Elementary; Patricia Herrera-Johnson and Tami King, Jennie Reid Elementary; Deanna Narcisse and Kimberly Lanham, Rizzuto Elementary; Mindy Evans and Jessica Rose, Baker Sixth Grade Campus; Candace Pohl, Chris Viator and Jennifer Engels, La Porte Junior High; Danette Tilley, Larry Gerhart and Terry Willms, Lomax Junior High; Debbie Stewart and Barbara Farmer, DeWalt School; and Todd Schoppe, Jason McConnell, Flo Adkins, Stephanie Cox, Curtis Daugherty and Kade Griffin, La Porte High School.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent Lloyd Graham reported on recent opportunities for Board of Trustees training.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the district's Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating. For the 2014-15 rating year, the Texas Education Agency converted Schools FIRST to a two-tier rating system of either "P" for "Pass" or "F" for "Substandard Achievement." La Porte ISD achieved the rating of "P" for the 2014-2015 rating year and received ratings of "Superior Achievement" for 12 prior years under the previous rating system.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2015, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports for all LPISD campuses.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including teachers Nancy Rodriguez, Bayshore Elementary, and Robert Scarberry, La Porte High School; and physical therapist Candice Ekpin, special programs.
- received financial reports for September 2015.
- approved budget amendments for October 2015.
- received the 2015-2016 District Accountability and Improvement Plan and Campus Accountability and Improvement Plans.
- approved the purchase of computer workstations for the career and technology education program.
- approved the purchase of spectator and/or athlete seating for La Porte Junior High School.
- approved the purchase of vehicles for the La Porte ISD maintenance department.
- authorized the Superintendent to act on the recommendation of the consulting firm, AEG, to extend the current electricity procurement contract.
- approved first reading of the update to Board Policy EI (LOCAL) Academic Achievement.
- approved the purchase of classroom sound systems for new construction sites (Lomax Elementary, Baker Sixth Grade Campus and La Porte High School)
- approved the purchase of Mimio projectors for Lomax Elementary, Baker Sixth Grade Campus and La Porte High School.
- approved the purchase of access points (APs) for wireless network access (Wi-Fi).
- approved the purchase of security cameras for Lomax Elementary, Baker Sixth Grade Campus and La Porte High School.
- approved the purchase of La Porte High School Marching Band uniforms for the 2016-2017 school year.
- approved Change Order No. 1 for the 2014 Bond Project for the Heritage Elementary re-roof.