



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Board of Trustees President Dee Anne Thomson. La Porte High School JROTC cadets led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Dr. Alicia Upchurch, principal at James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized 12 La Porte High School seniors who were named Advanced Placement Scholars for their academic achievements on AP testing. They are among 34 LPHS students or recent graduates who earned this honor. LPHS senior Noah Ashworth was named an AP Scholar with Distinction for receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams. Seniors Robert Bland and Brandon Zupan were recognized as AP Scholars with Honor for receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on four or more exams. Recognized as AP Scholars for receiving a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams were Allison Alvarez-Garcia, Paisley Fernandez, Virginia Hinds, Sophia Hootman, Joseph Jarrell, Kirbie Linthicum, Alexis Maddox, Tony Munoz and Kevin Serrano.

The LPHS girls cross country team was recognized for winning the district championship for the seventh year in a row. The team is coached by Carolina Rodriguez and Mike Richburg. The boys cross country team also was recognized for advancing to the regional tournament for the past seven years, and sophomore Ryan Schoppe was honored for advancing to the state track meet again this year. The boys team is coached by Zach Johnson and Miles Herbst.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent Lloyd Graham provided a state funding update related to Hurricane Harvey.

Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, presented an update on the Distinguished Alumni/Citizens Awards Program.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- heard from an LPHS alumnus regarding a posthumous award.
- received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2017, which was presented by Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, representative Laura Lambert.
- conducted a public hearing on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- approved the minutes of the Oct. 10, 2017, regular Board meeting and the Oct. 24, 2017, called Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for October 2017.

- received TASB Policy Update 109 affecting Local Policies BBE, CDA, CKC, CNA, CO, DF, DH, EHBAF, EJ, FEA, FFAA, FFF, FFI, GBAA, GKA, GKC and GKE.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved the 2017-18 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans.
- approved Amendment No. 1 to the Foreign Trade Zone Agreement for payment in lieu of ad valorem taxes between the district and Port Crossing Land, L.P.
- approved the regular Board meeting schedule.
- adopted Resolution No. 2017-27 amending the amount for Committed Fund Balance for the Year Ended June 30, 2017.
- adopted Resolution No. 2017-28 that identifies the construction delivery method of Competitive Sealed Proposal as providing the best value for the district for La Porte High School's gymnasium flooring project and authorizes the Administration to work with the district's architect and legal counsel and take all other action necessary to advertise and assist the Board in selecting a contractor for the construction under Texas Government Code Chapter 2269.
- adopted Resolution No. 2017-24 of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees casting its ballot for the election of Pete Pape to the Board of Directors to the Harris County Appraisal District.
- adopted Resolution No. 2017-25 determining the eligibility of Fairway Methanol, LLC, for tax credit.
- adopted Resolution No. 2017-26 determining the eligibility of Linde Gas North America, LLC, for tax credit.
- approved Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2017.
- approved the resale of tax foreclosure property.
- moved to terminate a certified classroom teacher.
- discussed the identification and nomenclature and/or names of various La Porte ISD facilities and locations.