

La Porte ISD Board of Trustees Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees November 15, 2016

Dee Anne Thomson, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. Members of the La Porte High School JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Mindy Evans, principal of the James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

La Porte High School senior Kelsey Ramirez and freshman Ryan Schoppe were recognized for qualifying for the state cross country meet, which was held on Nov. 12 in Round Rock.

Ten La Porte High School seniors were honored for their achievements as Advanced Placement Scholars. Rebecca Salinas earned recognition as an AP Scholar with Honors for receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and a score of higher on four or more exams as a high school junior. Nine other seniors were named AP Scholars for receiving a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams during their junior year. They include Casey Boriskie, Emma Bradstreet, Adriana Garcia, Anthony Green, Savannah Hart, Kyle Lare, Soul Schillaci, Rebecca Terrell and Kendal Zemanek. Their photos will be displayed on the AP Scholars Wall in the Commons of La Porte High School. Twenty-one students who graduated in 2016 were also named as AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honors or AP Scholars with Distinction.

Superintendent's Reports

David Knowles, director of safe and secure schools, and Todd Schoppe, La Porte High School principal, presented a report on the current random drug-testing program for students in grades nine through 12.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2016, and held a public hearing on the report.
- held a public hearing on the district's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
- approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of Oct. 11, 2016; the called Board meeting of Nov. 1, 2016; and the training Board meeting of Nov. 10, 2016.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for October 2016.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved 2016-17 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans.

- approved first reading of TASB Local Policy Update FFA (LOCAL): Student Welfare--Wellness and Health Services.
- approved purchase of new vehicles for the Maintenance department.
- approved purchase of a storage area network (SAN).
- authorized the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into agreements for windstorm certification services for various bond projects.
- approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2016.
- approved 2017 Legislative Priorities as developed by the Bay Area Schools Consortium (BASC).
- approved Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 15-002 for the La Porte Junior High School project.
- adopted Resolution 2016-19 authorizing a permanent water line easement and approval of a permanent water line easement for land situated in the William M. Jones Survey.
- adopted Resolution 2016-20 authorizing a permanent water line easement and approval of a permanent water line easement for the tract of land situated in the Enoch Brinson Survey.
- adopted Resolution 2016-21 authorizing a permanent water line easement and approval of a permanent water line easement for land situated in the J. Hunter Survey, A-35.
- ratified the contract and approved future services for material testing for various bond projects.