



## *La Porte ISD Board of Trustees*

# *Board Meeting Highlights*

### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees December 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Green, president of the Board of Trustees. Following the presentation of the colors by the La Porte High School JROTC and pledges to the American and Texas flags, Rizzuto Elementary School principal Deanna Narcisse gave the invocation.

#### ***Recognitions***

The Board recognized La Porte High School sophomore Natalie Hoots for breaking a long-standing record in the backstroke on Nov. 19. This was the first LPHS swimming record to be broken in over 10 years. Natalie beat the previous backstroke record of 1:06:92, which was set in 1997, with a time of 1:06:29. She is coached by Jesse Loudermilk.

The Board also recognized Kaylee Sanderson, fifth grader at Heritage Elementary School, and Nancy Sanchez, eighth grader at Lomax Junior High School, whose artwork was chosen for the 2014 calendar of PBK Architects. Nancy is the art student of Joshua Gary, and Becky is in the fifth grade class of Becky Mead.

#### ***Superintendent's Reports***

Tom Sage of Andrews Kurth, LLP, presented information about bond elections. Dr. Vonn Murray, executive director of state and federal programs and assessments, presented state and federal required reports on the following subjects: Highly Qualified, Performance-Based Monitoring and Accountability System (PBMAS) and Data Validation Monitoring. He also presented a report on student assessment results from the TAKS October 2013 retest.

#### ***Board Officers Report***

President Green presented a report on the continuing education training hours earned by members of the Board of Trustees.

#### ***In other action, the Board:***

- approved the minutes of the Nov. 12, 2013, regular Board meeting and the Nov. 19, 2013, special workshop meeting.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for November 2013.
- approved budget amendments for December 2013 as presented.
- approved the second reading and adoption of TASB Policy Update 98 affecting local policies BBE, DBA, DFFA, DFFB, DGBA, DH, DNA, EC, EIA, FEA, and FEC.
- approved Board Resolution #2013-34 regarding Unclaimed Property.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including the hiring of Charlotte Pennye as executive director of the La Porte Education Foundation and James Farley as part-time teacher for career and technology /maritime at La Porte High School and reclassification of Debbie Seibert's position to coordinator of career and technology education.
- approved the purchase/encumbrance over \$50,000 for the City of La Porte's new commercial solid waste collection provider.