



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees December 18, 2012

Kathy Green, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. The La Porte High School JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Cynthia Anderson, principal at La Porte Junior High School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

- La Porte High School sophomore Sarah Pilkinton was recognized for creating the pen-and-ink artwork that was used for the district's holiday card. She is the art student of Hope Rutledge.

Superintendent's Reports

- Dr. Vonn Murray, executive director of federal programs and assessment, gave a presentation on state and federal required reports as well as student assessment results.

Board Officer's Report

- President Green presented the trustee continuing education training report.

Board Action

The Board took the following action:

- approved the minutes of the Nov. 13, 2012, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all LPISD campuses.
- received financial reports for November 2012.
- approved the budget amendment for December 2012.
- authorized the submission of an application for Expedited Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver.
- approved the maximum class size waiver request.
- approved first reading of Update 95 affecting Local Policies AB, DFBB, DFE, DGBA, EIE, FNG, and GF.
- approved the amended 2012-2013 Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) appraisal calendar.
- approved the financial advisory agreement.
- approved Board Resolution #2012-14, concerning Texas Education Code 39.023(c) STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) Fifteen Percent Rule.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including Elizabeth Pearsall, teacher, De Walt School; Jacob Schaefer, teacher, La Porte High School; and Kathleen Woodruff, occupational therapist. Superintendent Graham made the announcement that Deanna Narcisse, who has been serving as acting principal at Rizzuto Elementary School, has been named the principal at Rizzuto.

- approved the application for a Property Value Limitation pursuant to the Texas Economic Development Act Chapter 313 Tax Code by Equistar Chemicals, L.P.