



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees November 12, 2013

Board of Trustees President Kathy Green called the meeting to order. Following the presentation of the colors by the La Porte High School JROTC and pledges to the American and Texas flags, Baker Sixth Grade Campus principal Camilla Whitlock gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized the La Porte High School Mighty Bulldog Marching Band for earning straight first division superior ratings at the University Interscholastic League marching contest held on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. The band also attended the U.S. Bands Festival in Cypress on Saturday, Oct. 12, earning first place in its 5-A class. In addition, the band earned awards in the categories of Best 5-A Guard, Best 5-A Visual, Best 5-A General Effect, Best 5-A Music and Best 5-A Percussion. The band is under the direction of head band director Mark Nichols and assistant directors Kevin Ford and Mark Fennell.

The Board also recognized La Porte High School cross country runner Arielle Price, who qualified for the state cross country competition on Nov. 9 after placing seventh overall at the Region III Cross Country Championships on Nov. 2. She is coached by Carolina Rodriguez and Mike Richburg.

In other action, the Board:

- heard from Kevin Sanford with Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, regarding the annual financial report for the year ending June 30, 2013.
- held public hearings on the annual financial report and the district's Financial Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating for the 2011-2012 school year.
- approved the annual financial report for the year ending June 30, 2013.
- approved the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2013, and Oct. 8, 2013, regular Board meetings and the Oct. 22 special workshop meeting.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including Kimberly La Rive, teacher at Lomax Elementary School.
- received the financial reports for October 2013.
- approved budget amendments for November 2013 as presented.
- approved Board Resolution #2013-32, amending TexPool Authorized Representatives.
- approved amending the First Public Authorized Representatives as presented.
- voted for a nominee for Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors and approved Board Resolution #2013-33 regarding the same.
- approved the first reading of TASB Policy Update 98 affecting local policies BBE, DBA, DFFA, DFFB, DGBA, DH, DNA, EC, EIA, FEA, and FEC.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses and heard comments from Board members regarding facilities needs.
- approved the Memorandum of Understanding between La Porte ISD and the La Porte Education Foundation.
- approved the application and set the fee of \$75,000 for a property value limitation pursuant to the Texas Economic Development Act Chapter 313 Tax Code by Lub-Line Corp. and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate with and engage necessary consultants and legal counsel and execute any necessary applications and agreements with Lub-Line Corp. relating to Chapter 313 of the Tax Code, subject to final ratification by the Board of Trustees.

- conducted a public hearing on the creation of the Linde Gas North America LLC reinvestment Zone and the application of Linde Gas North America LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
- adopted Board Resolution #2013-31 to create the Linde Gas North America LLC Reinvestment Zone pursuant to the Texas Tax Code in order to implement Application of Linde Gas North America for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- Approved the findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property submitted by Linde Gas North America LLC.
- Approved the agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Linde Gas North America LLC.