



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees March 20, 2018

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. Debbie Stewart, principal of Viola DeWalt High School, presented the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized 14 La Porte ISD students who earned awards at the Lee College Regional History Fair on Feb. 16 and 17. Lomax Junior High students Makenna Pierce, who placed second in the junior individual exhibit category, and Isabella Balboa and Izabella Baez, who placed second in the junior group exhibit category, will advance to the state contest April 28 in Austin.

Other Lomax Junior High students who won awards at the history fair were Cecilia Flores and Geovanna Pena, third, junior group exhibit, and Jeralyn Chaddock, Kaidance Anderson, Hannah Green, Andrea Hernandez and Abigail Marks, fourth, junior group performance. James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus students who placed in the competition were Kera Arrington and Amani Nieves, fourth, junior group exhibit; Morgan Shepherd, fourth, junior individual exhibit, and Ronan Marlar, Veterans Appreciation Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Andrea Berg of Lomax Junior High and Yvonne Fisher of Baker coordinated the history fairs at the campuses.

Eight La Porte Junior High School students were honored for advancing to the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston on Feb. 23 and 24. Eighth grader Sara Adnane placed first in chemistry and will compete in San Antonio at the Texas Science and Engineering Fair on March 23 and 24. Others who participated were Amy Davis, Makayla Flores, Hannah Guzman, Adrianna Hernandez, Tammy Nguyen, Magda Rocha and Anthony Zambrano. They are under the direction of science teacher Shawn Oliphint.

The Board also recognized Tristan Harper of La Porte Junior High School and Taryn Pool of Heritage Elementary for being the winner and runner-up, respectively, of the La Porte ISD Spelling Bee.

The La Porte ISD Communications Department was honored for earning the Bright Idea Award, a Crystal Commendation, and three Gold Star Awards at the Texas School Public Relations Association Conference. Feb. 20 through 22.

Superintendent's Reports

Todd Schoppe, director of athletics and physical education, provided a facilities usage report on the district's new multipurpose center.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Feb. 13, 2018, regular Board meeting.

- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for February 2018.
- received a Human Resources report.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including teacher Robi Lasiter, Jennie Reid Elementary School, and Karen Lawley, assistant principal at Leo A. Rizzuto Elementary School.
- approved the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2018-19.
- approved the 2018-19 Instructional School Calendar.
- approved certification declaring candidates for the May 5, 2018, general election (David Janda, Position 5, and Lee Wallace, Position 4) unopposed.
- Adopted Resolution 2018-04 declaring each unopposed candidate elected to the office for which they filed and canceling the LPISD May 5, 2018, General Trustee Election.
- approved receipt of TASB Policy Update 110 affecting Policy BBB (LOCAL).
- approved receipt, first reading, second reading and adoption of TASB Local Policy Update for Policy DEA (LOCAL).
- approved the response to the Harmony School of Science Charter School Expansion Statement of Impact Amendment.
- approved the low attendance waiver.
- approved the Annual Financial Audit Engagement for the Year Ended June 30, 2018.
- approved the Interlocal Agreement for Commercial Driver License Examination Services.
- adopted Resolution 2018-05 for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2018-19.
- adopted Resolution 2018-06 amending TexPool authorized representatives.
- approved Authorized Representative Add Form amending Lone Star authorized representatives.
- approved the proposal for and purchase of E-Rate Network Switches for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
- ratified the renewal/purchase of property/casualty and flood insurance coverage.
- approved term and non-certified contract recommendations for Administrators/Professionals Pay Grades 3-8.
- approved the school resource sergeant position for La Porte ISD.
- considered dates on the May calendar for the scheduling of 2018-19 Budget Workshop.