



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 21, 2014

Lee Wallace, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. The La Porte High School Army JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Patricia Herrera-Johnson, principal of Jennie Reid Elementary School, gave the invocation.

Board Recognitions

La Porte High School senior Sarah Pilkinton was honored for being selected as a National Merit Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Commended Students are those who have placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Sarah is the daughter of Mike and Kelly Pilkinton of La Porte.

Ray Nolen, Chief of Emergency Medical Services for the City of La Porte, also was present to recognize Corey Marlar, director of maintenance, transportation and operations, with a City of La Porte Life-saving Award. Mr. Marlar was recognized for his leadership and quick action in performing CPR on an employee who collapsed during a training session earlier this fall.

October has been proclaimed as Principals Month in Texas by Governor Rick Perry, and LPISD principals and assistant principals were recognized for their outstanding leadership. Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, read the proclamation from Governor Perry, and principals were presented with a "principals' survival kit" filled with candy as a token of appreciation.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Graham reported that La Porte ISD has received the 2014 Platinum Leadership Circle Award for financial transparency from the State Comptroller's Office. For the past two years, the district's Business Office has earned the highest recognition awarded by Comptroller Susan Combs for local governments striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online.

Superintendent Graham also gave a construction planning update, explaining that the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Lomax Elementary is now expected to be presented to the Board for approval at its November meeting, with the GMP for Baker Sixth Grade Campus expected for the December meeting.

Public Hearing

Rhonda Cumbie, chief financial officer, presented information on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and a public hearing was conducted. This is the 12th year that La Porte ISD has received the Superior Achievement rating in the FIRST program, and the district earned the highest numerical score possible.

In other action, the Board:

- conducted a public hearing on the creation of the Enterprise Products Operating LLC Reinvestment Zone, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025 and 312.201.
- adopted Resolution No. 2014-23 to create the Enterprise Products Operating LLPC Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025, in order to implement the application of Enterprise Products Operating LLC for an appraised value limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- adopted Resolution No. 2014-24 to grant an extension of time for the approval or disapproval of a pending application for a property tax limitation, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313.025.
- approved the request for qualifications from Comex for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for renovations to Lomax Junior High and additions and renovations to College Park Elementary.
- approved the request for qualifications from Tellepsen for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for renovations to La Porte Elementary School and additions and renovations to La Porte Junior High School.
- approved the minutes of the Aug. 26, 2014, Board training meeting; the Sept. 9, 2014, regular Board meeting; and the Sept. 23, 2014, called Board meeting.
- received principals' reports for October 2014.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including teachers Vanessa Bethel, Lomax Elementary; Laurie Danas and Haley Emery, College Park Elementary; and Tiffany Washington, Lomax Junior High School.
- received financial reports for September 2014.
- received the 2014-2015 District Improvement Plan and Campus Accountability and Improvement Plans.
- approved first reading of TASB Policy Update 100 affecting Local Policies CKE, CPC, CDR, DCB, DCC, DCD, DCE, FL, and GKB.
- approved second reading and adoption of the updates to CPC (Local).
- approved the purchase of professional staff laptops.
- approved the purchase of student laptops.
- approved the interlocal contract for music therapy services.
- approved Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program Data Usage Agreement (DUA) and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA) Amendment.
- authorized additional brokers and dealers to provide investment services.
- approved the budget amendments for October 2014 as presented.
- authorized individual choice for trustee participation in the 75th National School Boards Association Conference.