



## *La Porte ISD Board of Trustees Board Meeting Highlights*

### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 10, 2016**

Lee Wallace, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. The La Porte High School Army JROTC Color Guard presented the colors and led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Camilla Whitlock, principal of College Park Elementary, gave the invocation.

#### ***Recognitions***

The Board of Trustees recognized La Porte High School senior Alex Hobbs, who has earned statewide recognition for his basketball achievements. Alex is the second leading scorer in the state with 31 points per game, was chosen as the District 21-6A Most Valuable Player and was selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' All-Region and All-State teams. In addition, he was chosen to play in the TABC All-Star Game, and he will be listed in the Texas High School Hall of Fame's top 25 all-time leading scorers.

La Porte High School culinary arts students Gerald Hubbard and Kayla Waller were recognized as the winners of the 2016 La Porte ISD School Nutrition Department Recipe Competition on April 13.

The La Porte High School Band and Choir presented a United States flag that flew over the USS Missouri to the Board of Trustees for display at the Administration Building. Over spring break, the group traveled to Hawaii, where they performed aboard the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor and were presented with the flag.

La Porte ISD Campus Teachers of the Year for 2016-2017 were also recognized at the meeting. Elementary honorees include Jo Ann Holt, Bayshore; Wendy McCarthy, College Park; Penelope Velasco, Heritage; Atlene Pierce, La Porte; Alisha Sheffield, Lomax; Stephine Vega, Jennie Reid; and Robin Wilkerson, Leo A. Rizzuto. Secondary honorees are Trey Thompson, James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus; Jeannine Watson, La Porte Junior High; Curt Bitterly, Lomax Junior High; Adrian Wiltz, Viola DeWalt High School; Jennifer Humphrey, La Porte High School (core areas); and Kerry Regan, La Porte High School (non-core areas).

In addition, Grisel Wallace of Heritage Elementary School and Mindy Evans of James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus were honored as this year's Principals of the Year, selected by their principal colleagues.

#### ***Swearing-In Ceremony***

Ruth Hoyle, administrative assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees, administered the oath of office to trustees Dee Anne Thomson and Charlcya Wheeler, who were unopposed for Positions 6 and 7 on the Board.

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

The Board heard a report on summer school presented by David Knowles, executive director of secondary education, and Jewel Whitfield, executive director of elementary education. Their presentation was followed by a preliminary budget and tax report provided by Lloyd W. Graham, superintendent of schools, and Rhonda Cumbie, chief financial officer.

## **Board Action**

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the April 12, 2016, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports for all LPISD campuses.
- received financial reports for April 2016.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including teachers Mary Alvarez and Heather Curd, Heritage Elementary; Kelsey Harris and Lydia Montero, Bayshore Elementary; and Johnna Johnston and Lauren Navarre, La Porte High School. Danette Tilley was also announced as the new executive director of secondary education.
- approved the response on the Charter School Statement for Houston Gateway Academy, Inc.
- approved the first reading of TASB Policy Update 104 affecting Local Policies EEH, FB, FD, FEB, FFC and FFH.
- approved the 2016-2017 Highpoint inter-local contract.
- approved the service fee for Tri-County East Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for the 2015-2016 school year.
- approved the renewal of Year Two of the three-year contract for worker's compensation coverage.
- approved the low attendance day waiver.
- approved the disposal of out-of-adoption instructional materials.
- approved the probationary, term and non-certified contract recommendations as amended for certified teachers and administrative/professional pay grades 2, 3 and 4.
- approved the Option 3 agreement for the purchase of attendance credits.
- adopted the name of the recently purchased facility located at 526 San Jacinto Street as the La Porte ISD Special Programs Center.
- adopted Resolution 2016-06 opposing Central Region Alternative #2 of the GCCPRD Storm Suppression Study and supporting Central Region Alternative #1.
- adopted Resolution 2016-07 determining eligibility of Arkema, Inc., for tax credit and approved the request for additional state aid for ad valorem tax credit.
- appointed Phillip Hoot as delegate and Dee Anne Thomson as alternate to represent La Porte ISD at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) 2016 Delegate Assembly on Sept. 24, 2016, in Houston.
- authorized the Superintendent to approve the hiring of contract professionals of principal level or below on the district's pay scale from May 11, 2016, to Aug. 10, 2016.