



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees January 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Dee Anne Thomson, president of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees. Members of the La Porte High School JROTC presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. The invocation was presented by Debbie Stewart, principal of Viola DeWalt High School.

Recognitions

January is School Board Recognition Month, and trustees were presented with certificates as well as tokens of appreciation from schools throughout the district. The Board Room was decorated with posters, cards and artwork thanking trustees for their service to students, their families, and the community.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent Graham announced that Jennie Reid Elementary School is one of 26 Texas schools nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School by Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath.

Terri Cook, director of communications, presented a report from the Communications Department.

Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, made a presentation on the 2015-16 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- heard from a member of the Nankai Visit Team regarding the success of the recent visit to La Porte by 33 students and two educators from Tianjin, China.
- held a public hearing on the 2015-16 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).
- approved the minutes of the Dec. 13, 2016, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for December 2016.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including Michael Graham, teacher at La Porte Junior High, and Chad Pruitt, teacher at La Porte High School.
- approved the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Interlocal Agreement and Board Resolution 2017-01.
- approved Resolution 2017-02 concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools.

- approved the response to the Charter School Statement for KIPP Houston Public Schools.
- approved the resale of tax foreclosure property.
- approved the contract addendum for credit to LPISD with PBK Architects, Inc., and Change Order #001 to Contract #15-001 with Tellepsen Builders, L.P.
- approved proposed Change Order #002 to Contract #15-001 with Tellepsen Builders, L.P. for construction of a new planetarium at La Porte High School.
- discussed the District of Innovation process.