



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 8, 2013

Kathy Green, president of the Board of Trustees, 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, Lomax Junior High School principal Danette Tilley gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized Brandon Zupan and Jocelynn Ramirez, students at Lomax Junior High School, who were recently selected for the Houston Youth Symphony.

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Linda Wadleigh, deputy superintendent, presented an update on the TEKS Resource System.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the extension of 60 days to the time period for Board action on the application of Linde Gas North America LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes and Board Resolution #2013-28 regarding the same.
- conducted a public hearing on the creation of the Celanese Ltd. Reinvestment Zone Number Two pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025 and § 312.201.
- conducted a public hearing on the application of Celanese Ltd. for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
- adopted Board Resolution #2013-29 to create the Celanese Ltd. Reinvestment Zone Number Two pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025 in order to implement the application of Celanese Ltd. for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- approved findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property submitted by Celanese Ltd.
- approved the agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Celanese Ltd.
- approved Board Resolution #2013-27, opposing as written the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act.
- approved the boundary line agreement and special warranty deed to resolve the question as to the location of the common boundary line between property owned by La Porte ISD and an individual.
- received principals' reports.
- approved employment of professional staff, including Sergio Gallardo-Ordaz, teacher at Heritage Elementary School, and Kimberly Parsneau, teacher at Bayshore Elementary.
- received financial reports for September 2013.
- approved the budget amendments for October 2013 as presented.
- received the 2013-2014 District Improvement Plan.
- received the 2013-2014 Campus Improvement Plans.
- approved the response to the Charter School Statement of Impact Amendments submitted by The Beta Foundation dba Beta Academy and Casa Gracia dba Trinity Charter School
- approved the proposal and purchase for cafeteria serving lines, equipment and turn-key installation.

- approved participation in the Region 5 Food Service Cooperative Purchasing for Commodity Processing and Board Resolution #2013-30, regarding the same.
- approved the payment for Communities in Schools Partnership Agreement.
- approved the tax collection agreement with the City of La Porte.
- heard the La Porte High School principal's report given by Todd Schoppe, who discussed the campus and district response to the Oct. 2 bomb threat and the initial implementation of the random drug testing program on Oct.7.
- reviewed election agreements with City of La Porte, City of Shoreacres, City of Morgan's Point and San Jacinto College.
- received notice of a called Board meeting on Oct. 22, 2013.
- participated in preliminary discussion and consideration of a bond proposal.
- heard updates from the elementary school and Baker Sixth Grade Campus assistant principals.