



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees *Board Meeting Highlights*

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 9, 2018

Dee Anne Thomson, president of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. La Porte High School JROTC cadets presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Deanna Narcisse, principal of Leo A. Rizzuto Elementary School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized La Porte High School students who recently earned honors for academic achievement through the Advanced Placement program. They are among 29 students and recent graduates to receive this recognition. Senior Elaine Leslie was recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction for receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, with scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams. Waleed Chatta and Margi Rathod, both seniors, are AP Scholars with Honor, having an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on four or more exams. Earning recognition as AP Scholars, with scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams, are junior Anahi Montes and seniors Ian Baird, Martha Cantu, Cassidy Farmacka, Abigail Kampen, McKenna Phillips, Emma Staes and Martin Wolfe.

The Board also recognized the Special Programs Department for being honored at the 3rd annual conference of the Center for School Behavioral Health and Mental Health America of Greater Houston. LPISD was awarded the "Emotional Backpack" Project Grant and was one of only six districts that attained the bronze level of involvement in its School Behavioral Health implementation. Representing the department at the meeting were Cynthia Anderson, executive director of special programs; Laura Lynch, coordinator of nurses; James Odom, interventionist; and Jennifer Upshaw, coordinator of behavioral services.

District principals and assistant principals were also honored in recognition of National Principals Month

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Vonn Murray, executive director of federal and state programs and assessments, presented information on a \$410,310 grant the district applied for and received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to help prevent school violence.

Corey Marlar, executive director of support services, gave a report on the rental of La Porte ISD facilities.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Sept. 11, 2018, Board meeting.
- received principals' reports for all La Porte ISD campuses.
- received financial reports for September 2018.
- received the 2018-19 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans.
- received a Human Resources report.
- approved a budget amendment.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including Crystal Armstrong, JROTC senior instructor, La Porte High School, and Luz Chavez, second-grade bilingual teacher, Bayshore Elementary.
- approved the Harris County Public Health Interlocal Agreement.
- approved second reading and adoption of TASB Local Policy DEA (LOCAL).
- approved second reading and adoption of TASB Local Policy DHE (LOCAL).
- approved second reading and adoption of TASB Policy Update 111 affecting Local Policies BBD (LOCAL), CAA (LOCAL), CJA (LOCAL), DI (LOCAL) and FEA (LOCAL).
- approved amended 2018-19 T-TESS List of Teacher Appraisers.
- approved support of Holdsworth Center partnership.
- approved an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT Agreement) with HRUS Underwood LLC and HRUS Underwood Land LLC (together, HRUS) and authorized the execution of a letter of non-objection to HRUS's application seeking designation and activation of a foreign-trade zone site (FTZ Site) within the district.
- adopted Resolution No. 2018-17 to sell property owned by La Porte ISD, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreements of purchase and sale related to such properties, specifically described as Lots 1-32, Block 102 and Lots 1-32, Block 103, La Porte, Texas.