



La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees February 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Dee Anne Thomson, Board of Trustees president. La Porte High School JROTC cadets presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Carlin Grammer, principal of La Porte High School, gave the invocation.

Recognitions

The Board recognized La Porte High School seniors Waleed Chatta and Emma Staes, who were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Class of 2019.

La Porte ISD also paid tribute to members of the district's counseling team in observance of National School Counseling Week. Cynthia Anderson, executive director of special programs, led the presentation and thanked them for their hard work and leadership. La Porte ISD elementary counselors and the schools they represent include Cindy Martin, Bayshore; Joshua Rutherford, College Park; Debbie Herrera, Heritage; Teresa McKenzie, La Porte; Amber Zigler, Lomax; Crystal English, Jennie Reid; and Melissa Mansfield, Leo A. Rizzuto. At the secondary level, Jennifer Cummings is the counselor at the James H. Baker Sixth Grade Campus; Jenifer Muschweck, La Porte Junior High School; Jill Howells, Lomax Junior High School; and Esther Norton, The La Porte ISD Academy of Viola DeWalt High School. La Porte High School counselors include Jasmine Hypolite, lead counselor; and Felicia Becnel, LaGreta Arrington, Brenda Sadler, April Hawthorne and Michelle Kwapick. Jaime Cunningham and Sherrita Rachal are the Community Youth Services specialists, and James Odom is an interventionist at La Porte High School.

Board Action

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Jan. 22, 2019, regular Board meeting.
- received principals' reports from all district campuses.
- received the human resources report.
- received financial reports for January 2019.
- received TASB Local Policy Update 112, affecting Policies BJA (LOCAL), CCG (LOCAL), CCGA (LOCAL), CH (LOCAL), CQ (LOCAL), CV (LOCAL), DCB (LOCAL), DH (LOCAL), DIA (LOCAL), FMA (LOCAL), FNG (LOCAL), GF (LOCAL), GKA (LOCAL) and GKB (LOCAL).
- adopted Resolution No. 2019-03 calling the May 4, 2019, trustee election for the purpose of electing two trustees to the Board for regular terms in Position Nos. 6 and 7.
- adopted Resolution No. 2019-04 for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2019-2020.

- approved a budget amendment.
- approved the employment of professional staff, including Roger Majano, teacher at La Porte Junior High; Jennifer Upshaw, assistant principal at La Porte High School; and Anthony Renfro, head football coach and district football coordinator.
- approved the response and signed the Statement of Impact amendments for the Harmony School of Science and IDEA Public Schools.
- approved the purchase of box trucks for the fine arts and maintenance departments.
- approved the proposals and purchases of E-Rate wireless access points, E-Rate wireless controller and E-Rate firewall with licenses for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- approved the purchase of property and casualty insurance coverage.
- voted to propose the termination of the probationary contract of a certified classroom teacher and authorized the Superintendent or his designee to notify the teacher.