The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 19, 2015, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.

Board Members Present: Donna Thomas, Lynn Kirkpatrick, Ryan Taylor, Rhonda Lowe, Ken Donnell, Lee Giddens, and Jason Morris


Others Present: Heidi White, Caleb White, Natalie White, David White, Amanda White, Bobby White, Misty White, Joshua White, Shelba Lauritzen, Donna Henson, Taylor Henson, Evan White, Hannah White, Paige Lay, Coy Lay, Dusty Lay, Emily Day, Josh Day, Stephen Travis, Elva Gonzales, Ana Mercado, George Watanabe, Scott Davis, and others who did not sign the register.

President Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by Students from Deepwater Junior High School. Lydia Munoz gave the invocation. Sebastian Martinez and Michael Robles led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

President Lowe opened the floor for audience participation. No one signed the register to speak.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, to approve the minutes of the combined workshop and regular meeting of December 15, 2014 and the workshop meeting of December 9, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly reports given include: Enrollment, Financial Statements, and Calendar of Events

Workshop Discussion: Program of Studies; Mid-Cycle Review of the District Instructional Plan for 2014-15; Engagement of Independent Auditors; Application from Lubrizol Corporation for Chapter 313 Status; and Construction Reports

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2015-2016 Program of Studies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees revise policy CE [LOCAL] as recommended by Texas Association of School Boards Policy Service and according to the exhibit provided to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 40 Revise Board Policy CE (LOCAL)

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, that the Board of Trustees approve the engagement of Whitley Penn LLP as the District’s external auditor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 41 Approve Engagement of External Auditor

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve purchases from cooperative vendor Topwater Construction Services LLC in excess of $50,000 for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 42 Approve Cooperatives and Sole Source Vendors

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the Board of Trustees approve awarding RFP # 15-008 for Boiler and Plumbing Parts and Supplies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 43 Bids and Requests for Proposal

President Lowe called for a closed meeting following the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and 551.087.

Closed Meeting 7:16 p.m.

Open meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Open Meeting Resumed

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of 7 people as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 44 Personnel – Employment

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve that a previous resignation from one employee be rescinded so that the employee can continue her employment for this school year. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 45 Personnel – Rescind Resignation

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the temporary leave of absence for one employee as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 46 Personnel - LOA

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees establish an application fee of $75,000 for the Lubrizol Chapter 313 project, payable by The Lubrizol Corporation, for the attorney and advisor fees and any other fees applicable to this project. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 47 Application for Lubrizol Chapter 313 Agreement

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees authorize the District to retain Thompson & Horton and Moak, Casey & Associates as attorneys and financial advisors to the District on this project. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 48 Authorization to Retain Attorney for Project
Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees accept the application for an appraised value limitation on qualified property by The Lubrizol Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Superintendent or his designee to review the final application from Lubrizol for completeness, and to submit to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into any agreement to extend the 150 day deadline subject to Board ratification. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, that Victor White be and is hereby named Superintendent of Deer Park Independent School District for a term contract period beginning September 1, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on ________________, 2015.

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President, Board of Trustees  Secretary, Board of Trustees

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