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 November 17, 2014, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.


Central Office Staff Present: Dr. Arnold Adair, Stephen Harrell, Peaches McCroskey, Victor White, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, Denise Haynes, Jerry Creel, Jim Liggett, Sam Sessions, Michelle Keener, Patricia DeLaCruz, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present: Jason Morris, George Watanabe, Ana Mercado, Louann Taylor, and others who did not sign the register.

President Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by Students from Carpenter Elementary. Wade Moore gave the invocation. Leslie Rocha and Terrance Smith led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced Special Guests: Christmas card contest design winners Olivia Boss and Zorianna Baghalian; Lady Deer Volleyball Team; Deer Park High School Team Tennis; and transportation employees Audrey Macias and Martha Rocha.

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 Workshop Meeting of October 13, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly reports given include: Enrollment, Financial Statements, Tax Report, Quarterly Investment Report and Calendar of Events.

Workshop Discussion: School Health Advisory Council Report; Bilingual Education Enrollment Report; Academic Calendar for 2015-16; Resolution Honoring the Port of Houston as the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year; TASB Policy Revision GKA (LOCAL); Audit Report for 2013-2014; Construction Reports; and NCLB Highly Qualified Report.
Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the district’s School Heath Advisory Council and approve *Choosing the Best* as the curriculum to be used for instruction in human sexuality for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2015-16 academic calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring the Port of Houston Authority as the 2014 Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the financial audit for 2013-2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the Board of Trustees approve the revision of policy GKA [LOCAL] as recommended by Texas Association of School Boards Policy Service and according to the exhibit provided to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

President Lowe called for a recess at 7:35 p.m.

President Lowe reconvened the combined workshop and regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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

Open meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of two persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve a temporary disability leave of absence for two employees as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 24
Approve Curriculum
*Choosing the Best*

No. 25
Approve Academic Calendar for 2014-2015

No. 26
Adopt Resolution Honoring the Port of Houston as Chamber Industry of the Year

No. 27
Approve Financial Audit for 2013-14

No. 28
Approve Revision of Board Policy GKA (LOCAL)

Recess

Reconvene

Closed Meeting 8:31 p.m.

Open Meeting Resumed

No.30
Personnel - Employment

No. 31
Personnel – Leave of Absence
Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Superintendent’s Employment Contract Addendum, dated November 17, 2014, which addendum deletes Section 3.6 and amends Sections 3.9 and 3.10 of the Superintendent’s Employment Contract dated June 16, 2014, and that the Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to execute this addendum on behalf of the District. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 15, 2014.

Rhonda Lowe
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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