MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, February 20, 2017

The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on February 20, 2017, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.

Board Members Present: Ryan Taylor, Brenda Cothran, Lee Giddens, Rhonda Lowe, Ken Donnell, and Jason Morris.

Board Members Absent: Lynn Kirkpatrick

Central Office Staff Present: Victor White, Peaches McCroskey, Ronda Kouba, Pete Pape, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present: Bobby Vasquez, Ana Mercado, Debbie Talley, Tiffany Regan, Kathy Manzano, Bryan Buffaloe, Anita Ladd Buffaloe, and others who did not sign the register.

President Giddens called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by students from the North Campus High School. The invocation was led by Julian Rosales. The pledge to the American and Texas Flags were led by Brianna Garcia and Eva Huerta.

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

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Combined Workshop and Regular meeting of January 16, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the District of Innovation Advisory Committee as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the “Letter of No Objection to the Release of Restrictions” on adjacent property to the districts’ +-167 acres and remove all restrictions from the DPISD deed on the +-167 acres, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Love moved, seconded by Trustee Cothran, that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement for a 30-foot pipeline easement over approximately 3.0485 acres of land out of a called +167 acre tract of land owned by DPISD to the Seabrook Pipeline, LLC and acceptance of payment for the easement in the amount of $228,029.50. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the Early Notification Incentive offering a one-time $1,000 payment to certified employees who would be recommended for a contract by their supervisors and who are not planning to return to work the following year if they submit a letter of resignation or retirement before March 1, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment #5 for 2016-2017 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve purchases from cooperatives and sole source vendors in excess of $50,000 for 2016 - 2017 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Open meeting resumed at 7:00

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 20, 2017.

Albert Lee Giddens
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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