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 14, 2016, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.

Board Members Present:  Ryan Taylor, Brenda Cothran, Ken Donnell, Rhonda Lowe, Lynn Kirkpatrick and Jason Morris

Board Members Absent:  Lee Giddens

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

Others Present:  Alyta Harrell, Steve Corry, Lisa McLaughlin, Ana Mercado, and others who did not sign the register.

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

Opening exercises were led by students from Deer Park Elementary.  Addison McClain gave the invocation.  Azoney Sweet and Zaiden Keefer led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced Special Guests:  The Lady Deer Volleyball Team, Deer Park High School Team Tennis, Deer Park High School Cross Country Team, and FFA Award Winners.

Vice President Donnell opened the floor for audience participation.  The Board heard from the following patrons:  Ana Mercado.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the minutes of the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing of October 10, 2016, the Schools F.I.R.S.T. Hearing of October 10, 2016, the Workshop Meeting of October 10, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2016.  The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly reports given include:  Enrollment, Financial Statements, and Calendar of Events
Workshop Discussion Included: Bilingual ESL Report; 2016-2017 Academic Calendar; Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year; the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year; Chapter 313 Agreement with Equistar; Bond Refunding Series 2017; the Resolution Identifying Adequate School Funding as a Priority, Increasing Copper Pennies, Opposing Any and All Proposed Legislation Related to the Provision of School Choice Vouchers, and Repeal of the A-F Labeling System; and Budget Amendment #3 for 2016-2017.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2017-18 academic calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 23 Adopt Academic Calendar for 2017-2018

Trustee Morris moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring Shell Deer Park as the 2016 Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 24 Resolution Honoring Shell Deer Park

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring LaQuinta Inn and Suites Deer Park as the 2016 Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 25 Resolution Honoring LaQuinta Inn and Suites Deer Park

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Cothran, that the Board of Trustees approve the financial audit for 2015-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 26 Approve Financial Audit 2015-16

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution that identifies adequate school funding as a priority, increasing ‘Copper Pennies’, opposing any and all proposed legislation related to the provision of school choice vouchers, and repeal of the A-F labeling system, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 27 Adopt Resolution Addressing Inadequate School Funding Issues

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment #3 for 2016-2017. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 28 Approve Budget Amendment #3

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

Closed Meeting 7:35 p.m.

Open meeting resumed at 8:04 p.m.

No. 29 Human Resources – Leaves of Absence
Vice President Donnell polled the Board for bias or conflict of interest with regard to the remaining agenda items pertaining to the Equistar Chapter 313 agreement. Trustees Taylor, Cothran, Kirkpatrick, Donnell, Lowe, and Morris all indicated they had no conflict of interest or bias with regarding the Equistar Chapter 313 agreement.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Cothran, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution creating the Equistar Chemicals, LP Reinvestment Zone. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Cothran moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve the Findings concerning the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from Equistar Chemicals, LP first qualifying year 2017-2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement for a limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes based on the Application from Equistar Chemicals, LP first qualifying year 2017-2018. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 12, 2016

Albert Lee Giddens
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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