MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, November 18, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 18, 2013, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.

Board Members Present: Ryan Taylor, Donna Thomas, Rhonda Lowe, Lynn Kirkpatrick, Lee Giddens, and Mike Mills.

Board Members Absent: Ken Donnell

Central Office Staff Present: Dr. Arnold Adair, Stephen Harrell, Peaches McCroskey, Victor White, Pete Pape, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, Jeri Martiniz, Cheryl Leon, Sam Sessions, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present: George Watanabe, Mary Vance, Ana Mercado, Steve Corry, Jill Marsh, Bobby Vasquez, and others who did not sign the register.

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

Opening exercises were led by Students from Deepwater Elementary. Jacob Cantu and Faith Mendez gave the invocation and led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced Special Guests: Dr. Johnny Veselka, who presented the Caudill award plaques to the Board President Lynn Kirkpatrick, San Jacinto Elementary Principal Belinda Box, and George Watanabe of Cre8 Architects; the 2013 district Christmas card design contest winner, Javier Urbano and his teacher Debi Yeiter; 2013 FFA students who participated and placed at the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo; Barry Talley, recipient of the Texas Choral Excellence Award; and Board member Lee Giddens, who won a $500 scholarship for a Deer Park ISD student at the November Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards meeting.

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

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 14, 2013, the Tax Rate Hearing of October 21, 2013, the Schools FIRST Hearing of October 21, 2013, and the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2014-15 academic calendars as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 28
Approve 2014-2015 Academic Calendar

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring Turner Industries Group, LLC as the 2013 Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 29
Adopt Resolution Honor Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve the Budget Amendment # 2 for 2013-2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 30
Approve Budget Amendment #2

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution dated November 18, 2013, Designating Investment Officers for the District as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 31
Approve Resolution Designating District Investment Officers

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution designating the authorized providers, approval of brokers/dealers and investment pools and evidencing review of local and legal policy for 2013-14 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 32
Compliance with Public Funds Investment Act

Trustee Mills moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the following:
   a. Establish the application fee of $75,000, payable by Equistar Chemicals,
   b. Authorize the District to retain Thompson & Horton and Moak, Casey & Associates as attorneys and financial advisors to the District on this project,
   c. Accept the application for an appraised value limitation on qualified property by Equistar Chemicals, and
   d. Authorize the Superintendent or his designee to review the final application for completeness, and to submit to the Comptroller of Public Accounts
The motion carried unanimously.

No. 33
Approve Equistar’s Chapter 313 Application and Related Items

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve the financial audit for 2012-2013 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 34
Approve Financial Audit for 2012-13
Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees accept the donation from the Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program in the amount of $5000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 35 Accept Donation from Vanguard Charitable Endowment

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve the Water Line Easement Agreement with the City of Pasadena, Texas as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 36 Approve Water Line Easement Agreement with the City of Pasadena

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, that the Board of Trustees approve the Addendum to the Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 37 Approve Addendum to the Student Code of Conduct

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees award RFP # 14-001 for Landscape Maintenance as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 38 Award Bids and Proposals

President Kirkpatrick called for a closed meeting following the Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.074.

Closed Meeting 7:54 p.m.

Open meeting resumed at 9:02 p.m.

Open Meeting Resumed

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

No. 39 Personnel / Employment

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

No. 40 Personnel / LOA

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 16, 2013.

Lynn Kirkpatrick          Rhonda Lowe
President, Board of Trustees  Secretary, Board of Trustees

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