MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting, June 16, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on June 16, 2014, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.

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

Central Office Staff Present: Arnold Adair, Victor White, Peaches McCroskey, Stephen Harrell, Pete Pape, Sheri Vaughn, and others who did not sign the register. 

Others Present: Ronda Kouba, Donna Mills, Matthew Mills, Ana Mercado, and others who did not sign the register. 

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

President Lowe gave the invocation. 

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Peaches McCroskey introduced special guests: The Lady Deer Softball Team 2014 State Champions. 

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting of May 19, 2014 and the Level III Appeal Hearing by Saphos of May 19, 2014. The motion carried unanimously. 

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

Reports given include: Enrollment, Financial Statements, Calendar of Events, and Report on Purchases from Cooperatives, HB 273. 

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring the state champion Deer Park High School Lady Deer Softball Team. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Donnell nominated Trustee Taylor to serve as Delegate to the TASB Delegate Assembly and Trustee Lowe to serve as Alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly. There being no further nominations, President Lowe called for the vote. Trustees Taylor and Lowe were elected by unanimous vote to serve as Delegate and Alternate.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Interlocal Facility Usage Agreement with the City of Deer Park for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, that the Board of Trustees approve student accident coverage for the 2014-15 school year with The Brokerage Store at a cost of $41,653. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, that the Board of Trustees approve supplemental flood coverage with National Lloyds Insurance Coverage as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve Designations / Commitments of General Fund Balance of $10 million for future construction projects, technology, disaster recovery and future bus expenditures as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement and Memorandum of Understanding required for the District’s participation in the Stay in School Program provided by the Harris County District Attorney’s Office as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve purchases from cooperatives and sole source vendors in excess of $50,000 for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve Contracts for special services in excess of $50,000 for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve contracts for athletic officiating in excess of $50,000 for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve Contracts for Fine Arts Private Lessons and Consultant Services in excess of $50,000 for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Open meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of 33 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve contracts offered to 11 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve renewal of contracts for 19 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that Section 3.1 of Dr. Adair’s employment contract dated June 17, 2013, be amended to read, “The
District shall provide the Superintendent with an annual salary of two hundred twenty-five thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars ($225,750.00)”. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Superintendent’s Employment Contract dated June 16, 2014, which sets out a term to expire June 30, 2019, and provides (1) an annual salary of $229,750.00, (2) contributions to the district’s Flexible Spending plan of $208.33 per month, (3) an automobile allowance of $750 per month and (4) other terms and conditions as set out in Dr. Adair’s prior contract dated June 17, 2013, and further, that the Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the District. 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 July 21, 2014.

Rhonda Lowe
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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