MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, May 16, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2016, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.


Central Office Staff Present:  Victor White, Peaches McCroskey, Stephen Harrell, Pete Pape, Ronda Kouba, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, Kari Murphy, Jeri Martinez, Cheryl Leon, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present:  Marty Emmons and others who did not sign the register.

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

Opening exercises were led by students from Dabbs Elementary.  The invocation was led by Selma Hayes.  The pledge to the American and Texas Flags were led by Lorenza Clayton and Kaleb Boles.

Special Guests:  Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced special guests:  representatives from the Deer Park High School Choirs; representatives from the Deer Park High School Band; students identified in the Duke University Talent Identification Program; Deepwater Junior High Robotics Team; Deer Park High School Robotics Team; students chosen in the Dow Houston “You be the Chemist” program; UIL Academic Meet winners; Deer Park Visual Arts Team; Deer Park High School State Bowling competitor; Deer Park High School Girls Softball Team; Deer Park High School Boys and Girls Golf Teams; and the Deer Park High School Boys and Girls Soccer Teams.

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

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of April 11, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016.  The motion carried unanimously.

Reports given include:  Enrollment; Financial Statements; Quarterly Investment Report; and Calendar of Events.

No. 88 Minutes Approved
Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees accept a donation of $291,236.55 from the Deer Park Education Foundation for the funding of Enrichment and District Initiative Grants for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Torres, Coordinator for the Education Foundation, Brenda Cothran President of the Education Foundation and other members of the Deer Park Education Foundation Board, presented a check to the Deer Park ISD Board of Trustees in the amount of $291,236.55.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the addendum to the 2016-2017 Program of Studies regarding additional classes and dual credit courses, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed calendar of meetings for the Board of Trustees for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the request to submit a Low Attendance Waiver to the Texas Education Agency for April 18, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment # 6 for 2015-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve increasing the monthly employer health benefit contribution by $20 a month to $250 per month. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-2017 Highpoint Annual Contract with the Harris County Department of Education as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Student Handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Student Code of Conduct for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Athletic Handbook and Code of Conduct for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 98
Adopt Athletic Handbook and Code of Conduct

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Fine Arts Handbook and Code of Conduct for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 99
Adopt Fine Arts Handbook and Code of Conduct

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees adopt the Deer Park—Teacher Appraisal and Support System as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 100
Adopt DP Teacher Appraisal System

President Giddens called for a closed meeting following the Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 and 551.087.

Closed Meeting
7:05 p.m.

Open meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m.

No. 101
Open Meeting Resumed
Human Resources - Employment

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of 31 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 102
Human Resources - Contracts

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees offer contracts to 2 employees as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 103
Human Resources - Contracts

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees offer no subsequent contract to 20 persons who are serving under probationary contracts as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 104
Human Resources - Contracts

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve renewal of contracts for 216 persons for the number of years indicated as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 105
Appoint Melissa McCroskey to the position of Elementary Assistant Principal

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees appoint Melissa McCroskey to the position of Elementary Assistant Principal. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 106
Appoint Amy Russell to Position of Elementary Assistant Principal
Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees appoint Cindy Hart to the position of Executive Director for Instruction. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 107
Appoint Cindy Hart to Position of Exec. Director of Instruction

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees appoint Kit Andrews to the position of Director of Social Studies and Advanced Academics. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 108
Appoint Kit Andrews Director of SS and Advanced Academics

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees set the application fee for the Chapter 313 Agreement with Equistar Chemicals at $35,000. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 109
Application Fee for Chapter 313 Agreement

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the Board of Trustees accept the Application of Equistar Chemicals for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller, and authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the 150 day deadline subject to Board ratification. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 110
Accept Chapter 313 Application and Authorize Superintendent

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the Board of Trustees approve Moak & Casey as consultants to assist the District in the processing of the Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Equistar Chemicals. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 111
Approve Moak and Casey as Consultants for Equistar 313 Agreement

Ken Donnell asked for the floor in order to recognize Donna Thomas for her 24 years of dedicated service to the students, staff and patrons as a member of the Deer Park ISD Board of Trustees.

In Honor of Donna Thomas’ 24 Years of Service as a Trustee

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 20, 2016.

Albert Lee Giddens
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees