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 December 15, 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 Jason Morris.

Central Office Staff Present: Dr. Arnold Adair, Stephen Harrell, Peaches McCroskey, Victor White, Pete Pape, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, Shelly Childers, Sam Sessions, Kathy Owings, Denise Haynes, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present: Charles Childers, Morgan Whittemore, and others who did not sign the register.

President Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by students from Deer Park Elementary. Reece Whittemore gave the invocation. Aryssa Kemp and Wyatt Woodall led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the School Board Position 6 vacancy created by the death of Trustee Mike Mills be filled by appointment in accordance with applicable law. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that Jason Morris be and is hereby appointed to fill the School Board Position 6 vacancy to serve until the next trustee election. The motion carried unanimously.

President Lowe opened the floor for audience participation. The Board heard from the following patrons: Amber Molina

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, to approve the minutes of the Tier II Team of Eight Meeting of November 13, 2014, the Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014, and the Level III Appeal Hearing by Ms. Fitzpatrick on November 17, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports given include: Enrollment, Financial Statements, Delinquent Tax Report, Calendar of Events, and End of Year Report on Trustee Continuing Education.
Workshop Discussion: Election Order for May 2014, Budget Amendment #2, and Construction Report.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2015 Board of Trustees election order as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment #2 for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, that the Board of Trustees award RFP #15-006 for Library Books to vendors as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe made the announcement that Victor White is the sole finalist for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

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

Open meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 19, 2015

Rhonda Lowe
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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