The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. immediately following a reception in honor of School Board Appreciation month, on January 20, 2014 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, Ken Donnell, and Mike Mills

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

Others Present: Officer Nettles, Officer Wilcox, Bobby Vasquez, George Watanabe, Ana Mercado, and others who did not sign the register.

President Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by Students from Fairmont Elementary. Charley Dunn gave the invocation. Ethan Lopez and Emma McWhorter led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

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

Trustee Mills moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, to approve the minutes of the Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting of December 16, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly reports given include: Enrollment, Financial Statements, and Calendar of Events

Workshop Discussion: District Instructional Plan Mid-cycle Report; Program of Studies for 2014-2015; Donation from Deer Park Education Foundation; Revision of Local Policies DIA, FB, and FFH; Engagement of External Auditor; Budget Amendment #4; and Construction Report.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2014-2015 Program of Studies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Deer Park ISD Board of Trustees accept a donation of $19,000 from the Deer Park Education Foundation for the funding of the bridge for the Outdoor Learning Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees adopt the revision of policies DIA [LOCAL], FB [LOCAL], and FFH [LOCAL] as recommended by Texas Association of School Boards Policy Service and according to the exhibits provided to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Giddens, that the Board of Trustees engage Whitley Penn LLP as the district's external auditor for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment # 4 for 2013-2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Open meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m.

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

Trustee Giddens moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve a temporary disability leave of absence for three persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 17, 2014

Lynn Kirkpatrick
President, Board of Trustees

Rhonda Lowe
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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