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 January 18, 2016, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.


Central Office Staff Present: Victor White, Stephen Harrell, Peaches McCroskey, Ronda Koub, Pete Pape, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, Kari Murphy, Kathy Owings, Erin Burke, David Berrier, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present: Debbie Yampey, Jill Marsh, Steve Corry, Jeff Greene, and others who did not sign the register.

Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced Special Guest, Erin Burke for being recognized as a Reading Recovery Teacher Leader at the 2015 Texas Woman’s University Reading Recovery and K-6 Literacy Institute.

President Giddens called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by Students from Deer Park Junior High. Haley Matusek gave the invocation. Arnold Perez and Kayla Konvicka led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

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

Trustee Ken Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Ryan Taylor, to approve the minutes of the Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015, and the Technology Training Workshop Meeting of December 14, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Workshop Discussion Included: 2015-2016 District Instructional Plan Mid-Cycle Report; 2016-2017 Program of Studies; October TAKS Exit Results; Engagement Letter with External Auditor; Operating Transfer from Workers Compensation Fund and Health Insurance Fund to Capital Project Fund; and Resolution Authorizing District to Declare Surplus Property and Sale of Easement Interest.
Trustee Morris moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-2017 Program of Studies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 50
Approve 2016-17 Program of Studies

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve the engagement of Whitley Penn LLP as the District’s external auditor for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 51
Approve Engagement of External Auditor

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Kirkpatrick, that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of $3 million dollars and commit these funds to be used for district projects as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 52
Approve Transfer of Funds

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution dated January 18, 2016, to sell 7,547 square foot easement interest at Lot 13, Block 15 of Houston Suburban Estates. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 53
Approve Sale of Easement Interest-Lot 13, of Houston Suburban Estates

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

Closed Meeting 7:13 p.m.

Open meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

Open Meeting Resumed

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of 7 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 54
Human Resources - Employment

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the temporary leave of absence for 2 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 55
Human Resources – LOA

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 18, 2016

Albert Lee Giddens
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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