The Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District met in a Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m. on November 16, 2015, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park immediately following the Schools F.I.R.S.T. Hearing.

Board Members Present: Ryan Taylor, Donna Thomas, Lee Giddens, Ken Donnell, Rhonda Lowe, and Jason Morris.

Board Members Absent: Lynn Kirkpatrick.

Central Office Staff Present: Victor White, Stephen Harrell, Peaches McCroskey, Ronda Koub, Pete Pape, Matt Lucas, Sheri Vaughn, Denise Haynes, Patty DeLaCruz, Sam Sessions, Jeri Martinez, and others who did not sign the register.

Others Present: Kelly Harwerth, Lea Ann Boswell, Ana Mercado, Shane May, Debbie Yampey, George Watanabe, Ryan O’Hara, and others who did not sign the register.

President Giddens called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by Students from Fairmont Elementary. Shea Stafford gave the invocation. Luke McKinley and Jocelyn Nguyen led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced Special Guests: 2015 District Christmas Card Design Winner Angelica Anderson, Lady Deer Volleyball Team, Deer Park High School Team Tennis, Deer Park High School Cross Country Teams, Shane May who was recognized by Stanford University and Debbie Yampey who received the Advocate for Excellence in Literacy Award.

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

Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 12, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

No. 28 Minutes Approved
Monthly reports given include: Enrollment, Financial Statements, Quarterly Investment Report, and Calendar of Events.

Workshop Discussion: Bilingual ESL Report; School Health Advisory Council Membership; Amendment to the 2015-16 Academic Calendar; Request to Submit Waiver for Low Attendance Day; Resolution Honoring Ameraflex as the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year; Resolution Honoring Meador Staffing as the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year; Retain Thompson and Horton and Authorize Thompson and Horton to Take Action on Behalf of the District Regarding Local Option Homestead Exemption and the Calculation of State Funds; Revision of Board Policy CDA (LOCAL); Compliance with Public Funds Act; Financial Advisor Contract; Financial Audit for 2014-15, Budget Amendment #3 for 2015-2016; Construction Reports; and NCLB Highly Qualified Report.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the School Health Advisory Council for 2015-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Morris moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees approve a revision to the 2015-16 academic calendar setting the election as May 7, 2016, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thomas 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 October 16, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring Ameraflex as the 2015 Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring Meador Staffing Services, Inc. as the 2015 Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. The motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Thomas moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees retain Thompson & Horton LLP on the terms discussed and authorize the law firm to take necessary actions as discussed to assist the District regarding the local option homestead exemption and the calculation of State funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, that the Board of Trustees revise policy CDA [LOCAL] as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution designating the authorized providers, approval of brokers/dealers and investment pools and evidencing review of local policy for 2015-16. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the Board of Trustees approve the Financial Advisory Contract with Hutchison, Shockey, Erley & Co. as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Taylor moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the financial audit for 2014-2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Thomas, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment #3 for 2015-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve purchases from Quaver Music Company, part of the TEA Instructional Materials Proclamation 2015 cooperative, in excess of $50,000 for 2015-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Open meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve a disability leave of absence for one person as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting
Adjourned

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 14, 2015.

Albert Lee Giddens
President, Board of Trustees

Lynn Kirkpatrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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