DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Deer Park, Texas

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, January 16, 2017

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 16, 2017, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park.


Board Members Absent: Ryan Taylor

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

Others Present: Debbie Yampey, Jill Marsh, Steve Corry, Neil Munro, Suzanne Holcomb, Bobby Vasquez, and others who did not sign the register.

President Giddens called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Opening exercises were led by students from Bonnette Junior High. Alyssa Carroll gave the invocation. Braden Watts and Aaron Pacheco led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Director of Communications Matt Lucas introduced Special Guests: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest Winners, Ricia Kerber, who was named a Texas Art Educators Association Distinguished Fellow, and Sandra Cabrieles for her heroic act of saving a choking student at Dabbs Elementary.

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

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Donnell, to approve the minutes of the Tier II Team of Eight Meeting of December 8, 2016 and the Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting
Board Members Present
Board Members Absent
Central Office Staff Present
Others Present
Meeting Called to Order
Invocation & Pledges to the US & Texas Flags
Special Guests
Public Participation
No. 41 Minutes Approved
Reports
Workshop Discussion Included: District Instructional Plan Mid-Cycle Report; Program of Studies 2017-18; A-F Preliminary Work in Progress Report; Resolution Regarding A-F Accountability System for Texas Public Schools; Resolution Honoring Former Student Zane Gonzalez; Engagement of External Auditor; Update on Planning for Potential Bond; and Budget Amendment #4 for 2016-2017.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2017-2018 Program of Studies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Cothran moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution concerning the A-F accountability rating system for Texas public schools. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring Zane Gonzalez as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Cothran, that the Board of Trustees approve the engagement of Whitley Penn LLP as the District's External auditor for fiscal year 2016-2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve Budget Amendment # 4 for 2016-2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Trustee Lowe, that the Board of Trustees award RFP # 17-06DP for Furniture Products and Services as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

President Giddens called for a closed meeting following the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and 551.074.

Open meeting resumed at 9:03 p.m.

Trustee Donnell moved, seconded by Trustee Morris, that the Board of Trustees approve the employment of 6 persons as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lowe moved, seconded by Trustee Cothran that the Board of Trustees approve the disability leave of absence for 1 person as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Meeting
Adjourned

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Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on ________________, 2017

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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