

Uplift Education Special Board Meeting
Thursday, March 28th at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Lee Primary School Library, GPISD
401 E. Grand Prairie Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Called to Order: 5:43 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:53 p.m.

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| 1. Ryan Moss | 7. Donell Wiggins |
| 2. Richard Frapart | 8. Andy Scripps |
| 3. Dawn Mann | 9. Michelle Benson |
| 4. Josh Terry | 10. Kenneth Govan |
| 5. Ardo Fuentes | |
| 6. Cathy Estrada | |

*Voting members: **Bold**

GPISD Board Members Present:

- 1. Mr. Burke Hall, President**
- 2. Mr. Aaron King, Vice President**
- 3. Mr. David Espinosa, Secretary**
- 4. Ms. Gloria Carrillo**
- 5. Mr. Terry Brooks**
- 6. Mr. Chester McCrary**
- 7. Mr. Steve Pryor**

Uplift Staff Present:

Guests Present:

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia | 1. Melissa McNeil |
| 2. Stacey Lawrence | 2. Community members |
| 3. Alex Berk | 3. Florence Shapiro |
| 4. Rich Harrison | |
| 5. Deborah Bigham | |
| 6. Johnny Deas | |
| 7. Erin Francis | |
| 8. Daniel Grey | |
| 9. Anne Erickson | |
| 10. Remy Washington | |
| 11. Karen Evans | |
| 12. Ben Van Maanen | |
| 13. Priscilla Pharms | |
| 14. Jim Jahnke | |
| 15. Kerry Mora | |

GPISD Staff Present:

1. Dr. Susan Hull
2. Traci Davis
3. GPISD staff

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
I. Call to Order And Announcements	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by GPISD Chair Burke Hall and Uplift chair, R. Moss. B. Hall and R. Moss welcome everyone present. Introductions of both Boards were made. Y. Bhatia and Dr. Susan Hull introduced themselves and the partnership. Y. Bhatia introduced Florence Shapiro. Introductions were followed by the US pledge, the Texas pledge, the Uplift pledge, and a student performance.		
II. Legislative Update	F. Shapiro introduced herself and provided a legislative update for the Boards. F. Shapiro also discussed SB 1882 and possible implications on the Uplift/GPISD partnership by proposed legislation.		
III. Lee Elementary and Uplift Lee Elementary Presentation	<p>D. Bigham and Traci Davis, GPISD Assistant Superintendent, discussed the Lee partnership and introduced P. Pharms, Director of Uplift Lee Elementary, and Bianca Green, Lee Elementary Principal.</p> <p>P. Pharms and B. Green presented on the partnership at Lee Elementary. Both discussed the successes of the partnership and how they structure their leadership to ensure positive outcomes, as well as the next steps for Uplift Lee Primary.</p> <p>D. Bigham and T. Davis presented on vision for Uplift Lee Secondary, introduced Uplift Grand staff, and provided highlights of the Lee Secondary contract. Tours of the Uplift Grand campus were offered to the Boards.</p> <p>B. Hall commended the staffs of Lee Elementary and Uplift Lee Primary. R. Moss thanked the staffs as well and made clear the Uplift Board is proud and excited to be partners with GPISD.</p> <p>The Boards next discussed the Uplift Lee Secondary contract.</p>		
V. Action Items	Dr. Hull recommended a motion to approve item IIB of the GPISD agenda - Consider and approve the granting of an in-district charter for Uplift Lee Preparatory Secondary and also approve the SB 1882 Partnership Agreement with Uplift Education for the operation of Uplift Lee Preparatory Secondary at Uplift Grand Preparatory. Item IIA of the agenda is to consider and approve the contract with Uplift Education for the expansion of Uplift Lee Preparatory to accommodate grades 6-12.	<p>B. Hall called for a motion to approve the recommendation made by Dr. Hull regarding item IIB. Terry Brooks called for a super motion to approve items IIB and IIA. Mr. King seconded.</p> <p>B. Hall called for a vote on the super motion.</p>	

	<p>Y. Bhatia recommended a super motion to approve items IIA and IIB of the Uplift agenda – (1) Consider and approve the granting of an in-district charter for Uplift Lee Preparatory Secondary and also approve the SB 1882 Partnership Agreement with Grand Prairie ISD for the operation of Uplift Lee Preparatory Secondary at Uplift Grand Preparatory, and (2) consider and approve the contract with Grand Prairie ISD for the expansion of Uplift Lee Preparatory to accommodate grades 6-12.</p>	<p>The vote passed 6-1, as presented, with David Espinosa voting no.</p> <p>R. Moss called for a motion to approve the recommendation made by Y. Bhatia regarding items IIA and IIB. On motion made by R. Moss, and seconded by J. Terry, the motion passed unanimously, as presented.</p>	
<p>VII. Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.</p>		

Respectfully submitted, Alexander S. Berk, Secretary.