

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 December 21st, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
 Location: CMO – 1st Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:04 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 4:43 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa McNeil 2. Ryan Moss 3. Ardo Fuentes 4. Randy Ray 5. Richard Frapart 6. Josh Terry 7. Jack Wensinger | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Cathy Estrada 9. Carey Carter 10. Ed Tauriac |
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*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yasmin Bhatia 2. Stacey Lawrence 3. Ann Stevenson | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Trent Foster (Weaver) 5. Dallas Dugger (Weaver) |
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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order	A quorum being present, the regular meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by the Chair, Melissa McNeil.		
Consent Agenda	The minutes from the December 6 th board meeting, included in the pre-read, were reviewed.	Upon motion made by M. Terry and seconded by R. Moss, the board unanimously approved the minutes as written.	
Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Expand Innovation Collaborations	Y. Bhatia reported on preliminary discussions with FWISD to establish a partnership similar to our partnership with GPISD. The proposal is for Uplift operate in an elementary school. The FWISD board will meet in January and if they approve the collaboration, this partnership could be established by fall 2017. Ms. Bhatia will keep board informed.		
Action Items Amendment to Uplift Transfer Policy	Ann Stevenson presented the proposed amendment to the Uplift transfer policy which is to add a transfer preference for Triumph 5 th graders who are not able to enroll in Williams’ 6 th grade. Because of a “bubble” in enrollment at Williams, there are not enough spaces in 6 th grade at Williams to accommodate all of the 5 th graders from Triumph. The recommended amendment is to give preference to the Triumph 5 th graders to transfer to North Hills, Infinity or Heights for 6 th and 7 th grade. After the next two years, the bubble will have moved through Williams and there should be sufficient room for all rising 5 th graders to attend Williams at 6 th	After discussion and upon motion by R. Moss, seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the amended policy as presented.	

	grade. Parents are aware of the limited space and are wanting to know their options.		
Action Items Expansion Amendment	<u>Expansion Amendment.</u> Ann Stevenson presented a resolution to approve a charter amendment for expansion of Uplift’s pre-K program. Mi Escuelita has identified three of their sites where one or two classrooms could be designated for Uplift pre-K students. As described in the amendment, these sites would be “feeders” to identified Uplift schools as outlined in the amendment. Our partnership with Mi Escuelita and Uplift Peak has been successful and the Peak primary director has noted those students are well-prepared for kindergarten. This expansion supports Uplift’s strategic plan for increasing pre-K opportunities for our students and for expanding our collaboration with outside partners.	After discussion, and upon motion by J. Terry and seconded by R. Ray, the board unanimously approved the expansion amendment request.	Expansion amendment request will be filed with TEA.
Action Items: Real Estate Agreements	R. Ray, Chair of the Real Estate and New School Development Committee, reported on the status of two real estate sites in Fort Worth for new schools. The first item reviewed was the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Chesser Boyer site in northeast Fort Worth. The board previously approved a letter of intent (LOI) for this property which contains 22 acres and will be the site for a K-12 school to open in 2018-2019. The second site was recently identified in south Fort Worth on a piece of land currently being developed with moderate priced homes and multifamily housing. Uplift intends to purchase 25 acres within this development for another K-12 school to open in 2019-2020. An LOI was presented to the seller for a purchase price of \$1,600,000, which he has accepted.	After discussion and upon motion by J. Terry and seconded by R. Ryan, the board unanimously approved the PSA for the Chesser Boyer site. After discussion, and upon motion by J. Terry and seconded by R. Moss, the board ratified the LOI as presented and approved moving toward a PSA on the terms of the LOI.	
Action Items: Audit Report	R. Frapart, Chair of the Audit Committee, gave a brief report of the audit process that has taken place over the past 3 months. Our auditor, Weaver, will give unmodified opinions for the audit and the federal funds audit. (The audit report was part of the board packet.) S. Lawrence reviewed highlights of the audit, noting that Uplift is meeting its debt covenants, and noting that local revenues declined due to a change in the accounting method for reporting those revenues. The Weaver auditors were introduced and they reported the audit is a clean report and unmodified opinions are issued on three reports, including grant funds and federal revenues. There were no findings this year as compared to 4 last year. Overall, good audit. Upon discussion, Stacey Lawrence reported that he still has a few positions to fill to build out his team – a director of accounting and another accountant position. He reported that his new Sr. Director of Accounting, Bessye Adams, was hired in July which was late to have much impact on the audit, but she has since	Upon motion by R. Ray, seconded by R. Frapart, the board unanimously approved the audit report as presented.	

	implemented processes and restructured the department to make it more efficient. The board recognized the work of Stacey and his team in obtaining this favorable audit report.		
Open Forum Community Comment	There were no members of the community present.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevenson, Secretary