

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 August 25th, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:35 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:39 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tony Dona 2. Dustin Marshall 3. Donell Wiggins 4. Carey Carter 5. Josh Terry 6. Ryan Moss 7. Randy Ray | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Angela Farley 9. Ardo Fuentes 10. Kay Allen 11. Jack Wensinger 12. Christine Frary 13. Marnie Wildenthal 14. Ossa Fisher 15. Mary Ellen Weber 16. Richard Frapart 17. Christina Barbosa-Young |
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*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yasmin Bhatia 2. Rich Harrison 3. Ann Stevenson 4. Stacey Lawrence 5. Deborah Bigham 6. Diana Meyer | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Anisha Srinivasan 8. April Bowman 9. Layne Fisher 10. Josh Angle (Bain extern) |
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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order, Introductions & Approval of Minutes	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by the chair, Tony Dona. The chair welcomed Christine Frary who is the recently elected chair of the Peak Local Advisory Council. Yasmin Bhatia introduced Josh Angle who is an extern from Bain serving with Uplift for six months. The minutes from the board meeting on June 23 rd , 2015 were presented and reviewed. Donell Wiggins noted that she was present at that meeting and the minutes were corrected to reflect her attendance.	Upon motion by C. Carter and seconded by D. Wiggins, the minutes were approved as corrected.	
Governance – Nomination of New Board Members	D. Marshall report that the committee was recommending Stuart Ravnik to be chair of the Williams Local Advisory Council as Angie Dickson has decided to step down as chair. Mr. Ravnik will become a member of Uplift Board if elected.	Upon motion from the Governance chair, D. Marshall, seconded by J. Terry, the board approved the election of Stuart Ravnik as chair of the Williams local advisory council.	
Line of Credit Resolution	S. Lawrence presented the terms of the proposed \$7 million line of credit with Compass Bank. The terms have been reviewed and recommended by the finance committee. J. Terry reported that he was a shareholder in Compass Bank and would abstain from any vote.	After discussion, and upon motion by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Wiggins, the board approved the line of	

		credit agreement, with J. Terry abstaining.	
Reimbursement Resolution	S. Lawrence reviewed a resolution authorizing the reimbursement of expenses for projects funded by bond proceeds. This resolution is consistent with action authorized in prior bond transactions.	Upon motion by D. Marshall, seconded by D. Wiggins, the board approved the resolution as written.	
Resolution to Join Purchasing Cooperative	S. Lawrence presented a resolution authorizing Uplift to join the Education Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) which will allow Uplift to make purchases through EPCNT without going through a bidding process. S. Lawrence reviewed briefly the terms of the agreement and benefits to Uplift. It was also noted that Uplift is a member of other purchasing cooperatives, but this cooperative will give Uplift access to more vendors.	Upon motion by D. Wiggins and seconded by J. Terry, the resolution was approved by the board as written.	
Start of School Report	R. Harrison reported on start of school and outlined some of the highlights from the summer and start of school. Summer leadership academy was held for 200 leaders in the network and also for teachers new to Uplift. Over 300 new teachers and instructional staff hired. We had a very uplifting convocation event featuring Dr. Howard Fuller which was well received by Uplift staff. Key milestones for this year include GPISD partnership with Uplift Lee, Luna HS's first graduating class, and new buildings – including Heights Primary School and Mighty Middle and High School. Very strong start to the school year overall. Challenges were noted with respect to the unexpected resignation of high school director at Williams, teacher vacancies in the network, and the IR schools. More in depth discussion on performance methodology will be presented at the board retreat in September.	Video of the First Day of School shown to the board.	
Traffic Plan Proposal – Uplift Heights Primary	Randy Ray gave an update report on the Facility Committee's efforts to resolve traffic issues with the HOA and Heights PS. A compromise solution was reached through a meeting facilitated by the City of Dallas, which would involve purchasing a small piece of land from the West Dallas Community School. However, an alternative is also being considered which would involve construction of a new road. Efforts to meet with HOA residents and City are continuing.	No action required from the board.	
Finance and Enrollment Update	S. Lawrence presented the finance and enrollment update. As a result of a strategy to “over enroll” our schools (based on data) and the concentrated efforts of our admissions and enrollment staff, we are much higher on enrollment than prior years. Goal is to be at 3% over budget and we are very close. Stacey reviewed the finance slides which had been sent to the board in the pre-read and noted that Uplift could receive additional cash from the New		

	Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA) for which we have applied		
Development Update	D. Bigham reported on grants that have been filed with the Department of Education and also reminded board members that September and October are key months for tours of schools with donors and foundations.		
GPISD – Uplift Lee	D. Bigham also reported on start of school at Lee Elementary and the status of Uplift Lee. We are continuing to work on enrollment and have 128 enrolled currently. Focusing on building relationship between school leaders now that both schools are open. Interest is being expressed from outside organizations and individuals to tour the school and see the partnership in action. Commissioner Williams may visit. Board also advised that may have joint board meeting in November.		
Advocacy Update	T. Dona reported on plans for beginning advocacy efforts earlier in anticipation of the next legislative session.		
Open Forum Community Comment	There were no community members or parents present.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson