

Uplift Education Board Meeting  
 October 28, 2014 – 4:30 p.m.  
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room  
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:33 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present \*:

Adjourned: 6:56 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Tony Dona</b></li> <li>2. <b>Melissa McNeil</b></li> <li>3. <b>Randy Ray</b></li> <li>4. <b>Josh Terry</b></li> <li>5. <b>Donell Wiggins</b></li> <li>6. <b>Dustin Marshall</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Kevin Bryant</li> <li>8. Richard Frapart</li> <li>9. Michael Giles</li> <li>10. Dawn Mann</li> <li>11. Cathy Estrada</li> <li>12. Marnie Wildenthal</li> </ol> |
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\*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yasmin Bhatia</li> <li>2. Bill Mays</li> <li>3. Diana Meyer</li> <li>4. Stacey Lawrence</li> <li>5. Anisha Srinivasan</li> <li>6. Rich Harrison</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Deborah Bigham</li> <li>8. Ann Stevenson</li> <li>9. Christina Barbosa Young</li> <li>10. Mike Terry</li> </ol> |
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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by the chair, T. Dona. Christina Barbosa Young was introduced as a visitor. The minutes from the board meeting on September 30 were presented and reviewed.	Upon motion by D. Marshall and seconded by R. Ray, the minutes were approved as written.	
Bond Reimbursement Resolution	B. Mays presented an update on planned bond financing and presented a proposed reimbursement resolution for costs incurred prior to the bond issuance.	Upon motion made by R. Ray and seconded by D. Marshall, the resolution was approved by the board as written.	
Finance Report And NHP land transaction	B. Mays and S. Lawrence presented the finance report. Detailed report provided to the board in pre-read. Discussed status of enrollment and attendance targets. We are currently in line with our projections. Expect to hit our liquidity target by June 30 <sup>th</sup> . B. Mays also presented the proposal for a land swap/purchase at NHP with the owners of the equestrian center and related land. The developer will construct road to allow use by parents of NHP students for carline. Different options were presented to the board for consideration.	After discussion and upon motion made by R. Ray and D. Marshall, the board approved option 1 for the land swap/purchase.	
Grants Management Policy and Procedural Manual	D. Vasquez briefly reviewed the proposed grants manual which had been sent to the board in the pre-read. The manual was finalized in response to comments from the TEA to supplement our business procedures on managing grants.	Upon motion by M. McNeil, seconded by R. Ray, the manual was approved as written.	

School Finance Appeal – Litigation Support	A resolution was presented by A. Stevenson to approve spending funds to support the appeal of the school finance litigation. It is expected that the case will be taken directly to the Texas Supreme Court and it is recommended that Uplift contribute to the cost of the appeal. Anticipated contribution is \$15,000.	Upon motion by D. Marshall and seconded by M. McNeil, the resolution was approved as written.	
Revised Local Board Structure	D. Marshall reported on the status of the proposal for transition from local boards to advisory councils. Allowance for parent representation on the council and for representation of the council at the Uplift board was discussed. Board members also discussed how this council will work with respect to other local functions such as hearing parent concerns, fundraising, and leadership. T. Dona noted this structure is a work in progress and should be assessed at next year's retreat.	After discussion, and upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by J. Terry, the board approved the revised structure as presented.	
PreK Partnership – Mi Escuelita	Y. Bhatia presented a proposal from Mi Escuelita to operate an Uplift preK program at ME's facility near Peak Prep. A draft of the agreement had been presented in the pre-read. B. Mays presented financial projections for the program. The board raised some additional questions about the terms of the agreement.	After discussion, and upon motion by D. Wiggins and D. Marshall, the board approved moving forward with finalizing the MOU with additional terms to be addressed. R. Ray and D. Wiggins agreed to be part of a working committee to finalize the MOU.	
Improvement Plans for Uplift Schools - Public Hearing	D. Vasquez presented the school improvement plans required for Hampton Primary, Heights MS, and Pinnacle Primary as a result of last year ratings. No members of the public were present. Dennis expects the schools to meet the requirements for the plans.	Upon motion made by M. McNeil and seconded by R. Ray, the board approved the improvement plans as written.	
Advocacy Update	T. Dona gave an update on advocacy efforts and distributed an updated list of elected officials to board members, asking for volunteers to contact these officials. The board is planning a trip to Austin on April 9 <sup>th</sup> to promote our legislative agenda.		
Advocacy – Formation of 501 (c)(4)	Ann Stevenson presented the recommendation of the CMO network group of which Uplift is a part to form a tax exempt organization to be used to promote lobbying efforts for the CMO group. This organization will have more flexibility on lobbying than our 501(c)(3) and will employ Addie Smith Gomez – who is guiding our legislative agenda.	Upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by D. Marshall, the board approved moving forward with the formation of this organization.	
PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST RATINGS	S. Lawrence presented for the public hearing on the TEA's FIRST ratings for the Uplift charters. B. Mays and S. Lawrence explained how FIRST indicators determine those ratings. A hearing was called for each of the charters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hampton Prep – 057843; Substandard; No public present.</li> <li>2. North Hills Prep – 057803; Standard; No public present.</li> <li>3. Peak Prep – 057838: Substandard; No public present.</li> </ol>		

	<p>4. Summit International – 220816; Substandard; No public present.</p> <p>5. Williams Prep – 057842; Above Standard; No public present.</p> <p>Completed the hearings. No questions from the public asked.</p>		
Staff Survey Results and Staff Retention	Due to time constraints, the discussion of the pre-read on the staff survey results and retention data was not held and that discussion will be at a future board meeting.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson