

Uplift Education Board Meeting  
 April 28, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.  
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room  
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present \*:

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Tony Dona</b></li> <li>2. <b>W. Carey Carter</b></li> <li>3. <b>Melissa McNeil</b></li> <li>4. <b>Randy Ray</b></li> <li>5. <b>Donell Wiggins</b></li> <li>6. <b>Josh Terry</b></li> <li>7. <b>Dustin Marshall</b></li> <li>8. <b>Ryan Moss</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Angela Farley</li> <li>10. Cathy Estrada</li> <li>11. John Beckert</li> <li>12. Alan LeBlanc</li> <li>13. Ardo Fuentes</li> <li>14. Michael Giles</li> <li>15. Jack Wensing</li> <li>16. Abby Williams</li> <li>17. Christina Barbosa-Young</li> <li>18. Marnie Wildenthal</li> <li>19. Srikanth Srinivas</li> <li>20. Richard Frapart</li> <li>21. Kevin Bryant</li> <li>22. Ossa Fisher</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. Ann Stevenson</li> <li>4. Stacey Lawrence</li> <li>5. Deborah Bigham</li> <li>6. Aimee Rincon</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Diana Meyer</li> <li>8. Anisha Srinivasan</li> <li>9. Jung Cho</li> <li>10. Rich Harrison</li> <li>11. Karen Evans</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 4:30 p.m. by the chair, Tony Dona. The minutes from the board meetings on March 19 and March 24, 2015 were presented and reviewed. Y. Bhatia introduced guests from Broad Foundation and Evan Smith from Purpose Built Communities.	Upon motion by M. McNeil and seconded by C. Carter, the minutes were approved as written.	
Academic Update	Aimee Rincon presented report on college acceptances to date for Uplift graduates this year. Written report provided to board in pre-read. Noted that Uplift has 6 Dell Scholars this year and 1 Gates Scholar and graduates earned nearly \$50 million in scholarship. Discussion regarding challenges for our students financially and strategies RTC is using to address issue. Board expressed appreciation to RTC group for work. Rich Harrison presented academic report and noted the Uplift high schools that were recognized in the Washington Post ratings. Peak's rating was lower because fewer AP courses taken which was a conscious decision made to focus on STEM courses.		

	Peak will be adding back those courses over the next few years.		
Parent Survey	Yasmin Bhatia presented overview of the parent survey results. Overall, results fairly consistent with prior years and parents are generally satisfied with schools. Areas of improvement include more afterschool activities for students, knowing more families at the school and communication with school administration. Board discussed options for quality aftercare programs.		
Finance Update	S. Lawrence presented the finance update and reviewed reports provided to board in advance of meeting. Enrollment and attendance slightly down for year. Discussed adjustments made for enrollment for 15-16 to increase target enrollment based on data analysis from online application and enrollment software (InfoSnap) to make more accurate projections. B. Mays reported on status of bond package for this spring. Board discussed challenges related to Summit middle school project and traffic management. B. Mays also reported that rating meeting with S&P went very well. Draft budget for 15-16 is in process and will have more details at May meeting. Resolution authorizing bond transaction was presented by B. Mays.	Upon motion by R. Ray, seconded by M. McNeil, the resolution was approved by the Board as written.	
Real Estate Transaction	R. Ray presented changes made to the NHP land swap transaction previously approved by the board. Changes necessary because City of Irving and LCA would not approve proposed access plan to NHP and will require a new road for access to the school which will result in net cost to Uplift of approximately \$450,000.	Upon motion by D. Marshall, seconded by M. McNeil, the revised terms of the land swap agreement were approved by the Board.	
Auditor Recommendations	C. Carter presented the recommendation of the Audit Committee for a new auditor for Uplift. After reviewing proposals and interviewing several firms, the Committee recommends the Weaver firm.	Upon motion by D. Marshall and seconded by C. Carter, the Board approved the Weaver firm to be the new auditor for Uplift.	
Grand Prairie ISD – Uplift Partnership Update	Jung Cho gave an update on the Uplift Lee program. Enrollment is at 76, but we are hopeful will be over-enrolled by end of May. Working Uplift waitlist from Uplift Grand.		
Board Member Responsibilities	Dustin Marshall presented outline of expectations and responsibilities for board members. These expectations were discussed at an earlier meeting of the board, but no formal vote taken.	Upon motion made by D. Marshall and seconded by J. Terry, the outline was approved as presented.	
Renaissance Heights Resolution	Ann Stevenson presented a resolution to establish an admission preference to Uplift Mighty for residents of the planned mixed-income housing in the Renaissance Heights project in east Fort Worth which is part of a collaborative community revitalization effort. Evan	After extensive board discussion and upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by D. Marshall, the board	

	Smith from Purpose Built Communities, a consultant on the project, addressed questions from the board regarding the project. Melissa McNeil and Cathy Estrada reported on the strategic planning session they attended with the Renaissance Heights partners. The preference, which is contingent on construction of the mixed income housing, would be in addition to the preferences currently existing for the school. This resolution is to support developer in obtaining tax credits to build the mixed-income housing and would require TEA approval before implementation.	approved the resolution, with J. Terry abstaining.	
Parent/Community Comments	There were no parents or community members present.		
Strategic Planning	Ossa Fisher gave an update on the strategic planning process that Uplift will follow over the next several months to develop a new strategic plan as the current plan is nearly completed.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson