

Uplift Education Special Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 at 8 a.m.

Pursuant to Governor Abbott’s March 16, 2020 Order approving a request by the Office of the Attorney General to temporarily suspend a limited number of open meeting laws in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disaster, governmental bodies may conduct meetings by telephone or video conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In compliance with Governor Abbott’s order, and in furtherance of the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings, this meeting of the Uplift Board was held by videoconference via TEAMS ACCESS at

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_ZmJkZTM2YTgtNzJjNi00ZTFhLTk2ZWUzZjg1MTBiZjJlYWE0%40tbread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c1136be9-3a18-45ff-8099-b182bfd6890c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2226d7a1b6-9be1-4fdc-9c72-d7278ededda4%22%7d; Call-in: +1 469-340-0751; Conference number: 347 607 866#.

Called to Order: 8:08 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:01 a.m.

Executive Committee Members Present:

1. Ryan Moss
2. Richard Frapart
3. Andre McEwing
4. Cameron Johnson
5. Ardo Fuentes
6. Dawn Mann
7. Cathy Estrada
8. James Stanton

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>
I. Call to Order and Announcements	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by the chair, R. Moss. R. Moss welcomed staff and the Board to the meeting. R. Moss next took attendance and stated a quorum of the Board was present.	
II. Action Items	<p>Alex Berk reviewed the following three action items for the Board to consider and take action on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Pre-Kindergarten resolution</u>. At the last Board meeting, the Board approved Heights Pre-Kindergarten be located off-site at the Voice of Hope (VOH) campus. However, as administration has since learned (1) VOH does not have the correct City certificate of occupancy code required by TEA, (2) it could take a year or more for VOH to obtain the correct certificate of occupancy code, and (2) Mi Escuelita, our Heights Pre-K partner, is not able to run Pre-K programming at VOH during the 20-21 school year. As such, A. Berk recommended the Board approve a resolution keeping Heights PreK at Heights, and includes other language the Board has already approved, i.e. that Mighty Pre-K will re-locate at the Meridian campus from the Ascend 	<p>On motion by R. Frapart, and seconded by C. Estrada, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution approving the following Pre-K locations for the 20-21 school year, as presented: (1) Heights Pre-K remaining at the Heights campus, (2) Mighty Pre-K relocating at the Meridian campus from the Ascend campus, and (3) Pinnacle Pre-K relocating to the Wisdom campus</p>

	<p>campus, and Pinnacle Pre-K will co-locate at the Wisdom campus.</p> <p>2. <u>Admissions and Enrollment policy.</u> A. Berk is recommending the policy be amended to account for two revisions: (1) creating the possibility for scholars to transfer between campuses without the need to re-apply for enrollment in Uplift Education, and (2) providing for paid Pre-K for when the law allows for it and TEA will approve it.</p> <p>3. <u>CMO moving to Pegasus Place resolution.</u> A. Berk informed the Board that TEA requires open-enrollment charters to submit a non-expansion amendment and resolution when main administrative offices move. As such, A. Berk recommend the Board approve a resolution authorizing the Uplift CMO move from its current location at 1825 Market Center Blvd. to 3000 Pegasus Place Blvd.</p>	<p>On motion by A. Fuentes, and seconded by A. McEwing, the Board unanimously voted to approve the amended Admissions and Enrollment policy, as presented.</p> <p>On motion by D. Mann, and seconded by R. Frapart, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution approving the Uplift CMO move and address change from 1825 Market Center Blvd. to 3000 Pegasus Place Blvd.</p>
<p>III. Hear and consider the expulsion appeal of Scholar M.S.</p>	<p>At 8:23 a.m., R. Moss opened the expulsion appeal hearing of Scholar M.S. The family of Scholar M.S. elected for the hearing to be heard in closed session. R. Moss then retired the Board to closed session.</p> <p>At 8:44 a.m. the Board returned to open session after deciding not to enter executive closed session to consult with its legal counsel. No decision or action was made during the closed session in which the hearing was heard by the Board.</p> <p>R. Moss asked if there was a motion from the Board.</p>	<p>On motion by R. Moss, and seconded by A. McEwing, the Board unanimously voted to deny the expulsion appeal of Scholar M.S. and upheld the expulsion.</p>
<p>IV. Hear and consider the expulsion appeal of Scholar Z.D.</p>	<p>At 8:45 a.m., R. Moss opened the expulsion appeal hearing of Scholar Z.D. The family of Scholar Z.D. was not present for the hearing. A. Berk informed the Board the family received notice of the hearing. R. Moss retired the Board to closed session for the hearing for privacy purposes.</p> <p>At 8:50 a.m., the Board entered open session. No decision or action was taken by the Board during closed session.</p> <p>R. Moss asked if there was a motion from the Board.</p>	<p>On motion by R. Moss, and seconded by R. Frapart, the Board unanimously voted to deny the expulsion appeal of Scholar Z.D. and upheld the expulsion.</p>
<p>V. Hear and consider the expulsion appeal of Scholar J.G.</p>	<p>At 8:53 a.m., R. Moss opened the expulsion appeal hearing of Scholar J.G. The family of Scholar J.G. was not present for the hearing. A. Berk informed the Board the family received notice of the hearing. R. Moss retired the Board to closed session for the hearing for privacy purposes.</p> <p>At 8:59 a.m., the Board entered open session. No decision or action was taken by the Board during closed session.</p>	<p>On motion by R. Moss, and seconded by D. Mann, the Board unanimously voted to deny the expulsion appeal of Scholar J.G. and upheld the expulsion.</p>

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VI. Real Estate – Closed Session	The Board did not enter close session to discuss real estate matters at this meeting.	
VII. Community Forum	No persons signed up to speak during the community forum.	
VI. Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the Board, R. Moss announced the meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted, Alexander S. Berk, Secretary.