Uplift Education Board Meeting June 23, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:34 p.m. Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:29 p.m.	1. Melissa McNeil	7. Dawn Mann
	2. Dustin Marshall	8. Alan LeBlanc
	3. Randy Ray	9. Ardo Fuentes
	4. Ryan Moss	10. Jack Wensinger
	5. Josh Terry	Kevin Bryant
	6. Donell Wiggins	12. Srikanth Srinivas
*Voting members: Bold		13. Abby Williams
		14. Angela Farley
<u>Others</u>		
	1. Yasmin Bhatia	7. Diana Meyer
	2. Bill Mays	8. Anisha Srinivasan
	3. Ann Stevenson	9. Ben VanMannen
	4. Stacey Lawrence	10. Karen Evans
	5. Deborah Bigham	11. Kathleen Crews
	6. Jung Cho	12. Anson Jackson
		13. Remy Washington
		14. Tom Hay
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	ACTIONS	ACTION FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by the chair, Melissa McNeil. The minutes from the board meeting on May 26 th , 2015 were presented and reviewed.	Upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by J. Terry, the minutes were approved as written.	
Finance Update and Budget Presentation	S. Lawrence presented the finance update and reviewed the current budget (14-15) as compared to the actual revenues and expenditures. After discussion, the board decided to amend the budget to match the actual reported numbers. B. Mays presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016. S. Lawrence first presented a review of the projected student enrollment for the 15-16 school year. Currently, we are close to target enrollment, and expect another 300-500 students to meet the target. Uplift Lee enrollment target will be adjusted to 150 and budget accordingly adjusted. B. Mays reviewed the comparison of the FY 16 budget and comparison to FY 15. A slight decrease in per student funding is expected primarily due to decrease in percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. B. Mays also reviewed the budget sensitivities and responded to questions from the board.	Upon motion made by J. Terry and seconded by D. Marshall, the board unanimously approved amendments to the budget as presented. After discussion and upon motion by M. McNeil and seconded by J. Terry, the board unanimously approved the budget for 2015-2016 as presented.	•

Governance – Campus Advisory Councils	D. Marshall presented three candidates for chairs of local campus advisory councils: Kathleen Crews – Infinity, Christine Frary – Peak, and George Conant – who will replace John Beckert at Triumph. Bios on each candidate were sent out in the pre-read to the Board.	Upon motion from the Governance chair, D. Marshall, seconded by J. Terry, the board approved all nominated persons.	
Federal Grants & Procedures Manual	Ann Stevenson presented a resolution to approve the revised federal grants and procedures manual which has been updated to comply with the EDGAR regulations which are effective July 1. Dennis Vasquez, restricted programs director, was present and addressed board questions.	Upon motion by D. Marshall, seconded by J. Terry, the revised manual was approved by the board.	
Pre-Kindergarten Program	Y. Bhatia presented a proposal made by ChildCareGroup to locate an Uplift pre-K in one or more of their Head Start sites so it might be possible to provide full day pre-K. Discussion on whether this was possible to do for this upcoming year. We do not have approval from TEA and it would require an expansion amendment. However, board considered moving forward with expansion if deemed appropriate.	Upon motion by R. Ray, seconded by D. Marshall, the board approved a resolution to add another pre-K campus. All board members voting in favor of the resolution signed the resolution.	Explore possibility of adding site for current school year with TEA.
Academic Update	R. Harrison presented the academic update which was part of the board pre-read materials. Several areas of concern with respect to STAAR results. Predicting that five schools will not meet acceptable accountability standards. R. Harrison discussed strategic plan to address these challenges and responded to questions from the board. Board expressed desire for additional information on student attrition and effectiveness of strategies.		Uplift academic team will update board as more information becomes available.
GPISD – Uplift Lee	Jung Cho reported on enrollment to date. Decision made to reduce target enrollment to 150. Kindergarten has been hard to fill, but there is still a high level of enthusiasm within the district for the program. Additional philanthropy is available to help cover any deficit and budget has been adjusted for lower enrollment.		
Parent/Community Comments	Tameka Anderson and Kim Glover, Hampton parents, were present. Ms. Anderson expressed concern regarding Hampton's academic report and the strategy to improve performance. She said parents are concerned about leadership turnover and lack of highly qualified, enthusiastic teachers. Y. Bhatia and R. Harrison responded to concerns expressed and acknowledged the challenges. Ms. Glover said her concerns were same as Ms. Anderson presented.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson