

Uplift Michigan Academy
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2019
6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

601 Fifth St NW Suite 500
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

- A. Meeting called to order by President Jeff Bell at 6:01 p.m.
- B. Roll Call
- Board Members Present: Jeff Bell, Wayne Coleman, Mary Harwood, Denise Kish, Brian Wood
 - Others present:
 - i. In person: Ron Kraft, Tonya Lowry
 - ii. Via phone conference: Jenifer Gould, Jon DeCou, Stephanie Simmons, Doug McNeil
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Statement of Purpose:
- E. Adoption of Agenda (~~Motion #2019-14~~ ~~Motion #2019-31~~ – Motion to approve by Jeff Bell, seconded by Denise Kish, all members – aye, motion carried)
- F. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- No public comment on agenda items
- G. Approval of the minutes from the Board Meeting on June 13, 2019 (~~Motion #2019-15~~ ~~Motion #2019-32~~ – Motion to approve by Jeff Bell, seconded by Denise Kish, all members – aye, motion carried)
- H. Designate Necessary Board Roles:
- Designate FOIA Officer of the Board
 - i. Suggested/appointed designee: Jeff Bell
 - ii. ~~Motion #2019-16~~ ~~Motion #2019-33~~ – Motion to approve by Denise Kish, seconded by Jeff Bell, all members – aye, motion carried
 - Designate AHERA Contact on the Board
 - i. Suggested/appointed designee: Jeff Bell
 - ii. ~~Motion #2019-17~~ ~~Motion #2019-33~~ – Motion to approve by Denise Kish, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried
 - Designate Title VI, IX and Section 504 contact on the Board
 - i. Suggested/appointed designee VI: Jeff Bell
 - Suggested/appointed designee IX and Section 504: Brian Wood
 - i. ~~Motion #2019-18~~ ~~Motion #2019-34~~ – Motion to approve by Denise Kish, seconded by Mary Harwood, all members – aye, motion carried
 - Designate Chief Academic Officer (CAO) on the Board
 - i. Suggested/appointed designee: Denise Kish
 - ii. ~~Motion #2019-19~~ ~~Motion #2019-35~~ – Motion to approve by Jeff Bell, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried

I. Discussion Topics:

- Review RFP's received for management services
 - i. Jeff Bell provided a rubric with each RFP rated on several points and an overall rating.
 - ii. We require the addition of a mentor program, monthly meeting with Board, authorizer and management company, editable curriculum
 - iii. After reviewing the RFP and the rubric, the Board felt strongly that NextLvl is the best choice based on their track level and experience with schools in Michigan.
 - iv. ~~Motion #2019-20~~ **Motion #2019-36** Motion to make a recommendation to the Stephenson Board of Education of NextLvl as a management company by Denise Kish, seconded by Jeff Bell, all members – aye, motion carried

- Review and complete the Board ratings for the superintendent evaluation, for Tonya Lowry
 - i. Ron Kraft: because this is the first year, there is no baseline data for the Student Growth section. Proposes removing student growth portion of the evaluation for this year only.
 - ii. ~~Motion #2019-21~~ **Motion #2019-37** Motion to rate Tonya Lowry effective as superintendent for the 2018-19 school year by Brian Wood, seconded by Denise Kish, all members – aye, motion carried

- Discuss the 2019/20 proposed budget
- UMA website and email server
- ~~Motion #2019-22~~ **Motion #2019-38** Motion to open a credit card with LMCU with a limit of \$1000 by Jeff Bell, seconded by Denise Kish, all members – aye, motion carried
- ~~Motion #2019-23~~ **Motion #2019-39** Motion to allow Tonya Lowry to pay for and be reimbursed for domain transfer and web hosting with Bluehost as vendor by Jeff Bell, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried
- ~~Motion #2019-24~~ **Motion #2019-40** Motion to pursue the transfer of the current G Suite account to a G Suite for Education account by Jeff Bell, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried

- Special meeting scheduled for 6/24/2019, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting to recommend management company/services to the Stephenson Public School board.

J. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

K. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. (Motion to approve by Brian Wood, seconded by Jeff Bell, all members – aye, motion carried)

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Harwood, Board Secretary