

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2022
6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

4451 Hunsberger Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1. Meeting called to order by President Jeff Bell at 6:20 pm

Roll Call

- a. Board Members Present: Arturo Armijo, Jeff Bell, Paul Marineau
 - b. Board Members Absent: Mary Harwood, Brian Wood
 - c. Others: Susanne Carpenter, Robert Giordano, Travis Gostinger, Lori LaMontagne, Tonya Lowry, Victoria Malone, Yesenia Mercado, Ashley Shehow, Tim Wood
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Statement of Purpose
 4. Regular Business
 - a. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. Motion to approve the agenda by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Paul Marineau, all members – aye, motion carried
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None
 - c. Correspondence
 - i. None
 - d. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2022 Regular Board meeting by Paul Marineau, seconded by Arturo Armijo, all members – aye, motion carried
 - e. Approval of Finance Reports
 - i. Motion to approve as presented by Jeff Bell, seconded by Arturo Armijo, all members – aye, motion carried
5. Leadership Update
 - a. Management Update
 - i. Still pursuing alternative education program aimed at credit deficient students ages 19-22.
 - ii. How many credit deficient students are at UMOS? We usually have 30-50 students in grades 9-12. The alternative education program will reduce the number of students who dropout.
 - iii. Why are students credit deficient? There are many reasons including home/family situations, illness, COVID-19 pandemic, etc.
 - iv. What are the benefits of a building code vs. site addition? A building code is separate and will not impact UMOS' academic performance score.
 - v. Is there funding? Yes, both state and federal.
 - b. Enrollment and Retention
 - i. Yesenia Mercado presented. We are taking a multi-campaign approach. Retention campaigns are starting now and new enrollment campaigns will start in May. We will be sending an intent to return survey to current families.
 - c. K-12 Update

- i. Staff are finalizing plans for state testing in the spring.
- ii. Teachers attended the MACUL conference last week for professional development in educational technology.
- iii. MDE is conducting a quality review of the pupil accounting auditor. This is a review of the auditor's work on Uplift's most recent pupil accounting audit.

6. Board Strategy and Planning

- a. None

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm by Paul Marineau, seconded by Arturo Armijo, all members – aye, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Harwood, Board Secretary