

Uplift Michigan Online School

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 27th, 2023

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Location:

Northview High School

4451 Hunsberger Ave NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1. Board meeting called to order by Tim Wood at 6:41 pm
 - . Roll Call
 - . Board Members Present in-person: Arturo Armijo, Betsy Webbert, Soraida Cunningham
 - i. Board Members Call-in: Danielle Sirianni
 - ii. Call-in: Ashley Shehow, Lori LaMontagne
 - iii. In-person: Tim Wood, Tonya Lowry
 - iv. Board Members Absent: Brian Wood
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Regular Business
 - . Adoption of Agenda
 - . Motion to adopt the agenda by Arturo Armijo seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members - aye, motion carried.
5. Nominate a Temporary Chairperson
 - . Tim Wood
6. Election of officers
 - . Proposed slate of officers:
 - . Arturo Armijo nominated Betsy Webbert to serve as president:
 1. Motion to approve Betsy Webbert as president by Arturo Armijo seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
 - i. Arturo Armijo nominated Soraida Cunningham to serve as treasurer:
 1. Motion to approve Soraida Cunningham as Treasurer of Uplift Michigan school board by Arturo Armijo seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members- aye, motion carried.
7. Public Comment/Correspondence
 - . None
8. Resolution Indicating the Board will Comply with all Laws, Rules, and Regulations
 - . Motion to accept the resolution by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.

9. Resolution Setting Date, Time, and Place of Regular Board Meetings and Location of Official Posting
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
10. Resolution Continuing the Designation of Depositories for Various Funds and Signatures for Various Funds/Accounts- Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU)
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members- aye, motion carried.
 - a. Action item: Soraida Cunningham needs to be added as a LMCU signer.
11. Resolution to Bond Board Treasurer and Others as Designated by the Board- Betsy Webbert (President of the board), Lori LaMontagne (Chief Financial officer), Travis Gostinger (Chief academic officer), Soraida Cunningham (Treasurer of the board)
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
12. Resolution Reappointing Legal Counsel- John Kava (Collins and Blaha Legal Firm)
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
13. Resolution Reappointing Auditors- Croskey Lanni
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
14. Resolution Reappointing designated AHERA contact- Tonya Lowry
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
15. Resolution Designating the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Sexual Harassment, Title VI, Title IX, and the Section 504 contacts- Tonya Lowry
 - . Discussion: Have we had any issues with this in the past? Response: No, have had one previous FOIA request in the first year.
 - a. Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members- aye, motion carried.
16. Resolution Designating Chief Administrative Officer- Travis Gostinger
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
17. Resolution Designating Compliance Officer- Tonya Lowry
 - . Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
18. Approval of June Minutes
 - . Motion to approve by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members- aye, motion carried.
19. Approval of Finance Reports
 - . Presented by Lori LaMontagne

- a. Discussion: Are we running about the same place we were last year? Response: Yes, around the same for the last 3 years.
 - b. Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members-aye, motion carried.
 - c. Preference of board mileage stipend to be paid monthly or quarterly- The Board would like to keep monthly.
20. Approval of Resolution of Line of Credit \$250K- for backup to build credit for the school it is only a precautionary measure to have in place- do anticipate using it, just as a safety net.
- . Discussion: If the Line of Credit needs to be used will the board be notified? Response: Yes, must be a part of the budget that the board would need to approve.
 - a. Motion to approve by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
21. Leadership Update
- . K-12 overview- Superintendent.
 - . Academic update
 - 1. [Tonya's](#) PowerPoint
 - . Staff demographics
 - a. CSI Designation progress update
 - i. Course offerings- VPAA classes added.
 - 1. Motion to approve course offerings by Arturo Armijo seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
 - ii. Student Handbook- no changes from the previous year
 - 1. Motion to reapprove handbook by Arturo Armijo seconded by Betsy Webbert, all members- aye, motion carried.
 - iii. Attendance Policies- no change since May when the board approved.
 - 1. Motion to approve attendance policies by Arturo Armijo seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried.
22. Adjournment
- . Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members - aye, motion carried.

Acknowledged: *Betsy Webbert* Date: Aug 22, 2023
 Betsy Webbert, UMOS Board President