

Uplift Michigan Online School  
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 25th, 2024  
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 Betsy Webbert at 6:05 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    - i. Board Members Present in-person: Brian Wood, Betsy Webbert, Danielle Sirianni, Soraida Cunningham
    - ii. Board Members Call-in: Arturo Armijo
    - iii. Call-in: Jon DeCou, Ashley Shehow, Lori LaMontagne
    - iv. In-person: Travis Gostinger, Tim Wood
    - v. Board Members Absent:
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Statement of Purpose
  4. Regular Business
    - a. Adoption of Agenda
      - i. Motion to adopt the agenda by Danielle Sirianni seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members - aye, motion carried
    - b. Public Comment
      - i. None
    - c. Correspondence
      - i. None
    - d. Approval of Minutes
      - i. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from the November board meeting by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried
    - e. Financial Reports
      - i. Presented by Lori LaMontagne
      - ii. Motion to approve the financial report as presented by Brian Wood, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members - aye, motion carried
  5. Leadership Updates
    - a. Management update
      - i. Marketing Season- renewed contract with Galapagos Marketing (working on improvement with brand awareness)
      - ii. Cognition Accreditation
        1. An evaluator will be assigned in January to complete candidacy before the end of this school year.
      - iii. CSI (Graduation rate)
        1. Starting the second year
        2. MDE is happy with the progress, we have improved our graduation rate however, remain on the list for 3 years.
      - iv. Alternative Ed Code
        1. Still working on obtaining the code.

- v. Governor's State of State- Travis
- b. K-12 overview- Presented by Jon DeCou
  - i. Academic update
    - 1. 1st week of 2nd semester
    - 2. Count day 2/14/24
    - 3. Spring break then state testing begins
    - 4. Spring NWEA
    - 5. In-person PD, prom, and graduation for staff
  - ii. Annual Education Report
    - 1. Will be updated on Uplift's website
  - iii. Spring 2023 Testing Outcomes
    - 1. Added 2 new testing sites this year
    - 2. PSAT and SAT are no longer paper/pencil adding flexibility and reducing testing costs
  - iv. Culture Survey Outcomes
    - 1. 98% of students rated 3 or better
    - 2. 86% of students rated 4 or better
    - 3. 97% of Learning Coaches rated 3 or better
    - 4. 89% of Learning Coaches rated 4 or better
- 6. Board Strategy and Planning
  - a. Review Board Goals (copy)
    - i. Created Nov 2019. Think about them to discuss at a future board meeting
    - ii. Action: Will review at March Board meeting
  - b. Reauthorization with Stephenson Area Public Schools (Feb 12, Feb 26, or March 18)
    - i. A contract has been sent to the Authorizing school's Board (Stephenson Area Public Schools)
    - ii. Feb 12 Dr. Tim Wood will make a presentation to the Stephenson Board asking for them to vote on the contract at the Feb 26 meeting (if the legal team can approve in time) or if the legal team needs more time, ask to vote at the March 18 meeting. Will keep the board updated with a timeline.
- 7. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Danielle Sirlanni, all members - aye, motion carried

*Pete Wilbur*  
President

*May 6, 2024*