

Uplift Michigan Online School  
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 21st, 2024  
5:00 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 5:00 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    - i. Board Members Present in-person: Betsy Webbert, Arturo Armijo, Danielle Sirianni, Soraida Cunningham, Brian Wood
    - ii. Board Members Call-in: N/A
    - iii. Call-in: Ashley Shehow, Travis Gostinger, Lori LaMontagne
    - iv. In-person: Mike Gilchrist, Tim Wood
    - v. Board Members Absent: N/A
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Statement of Purpose
  4. Regular Business
    - a. Adoption of Agenda
      - i. Motion to adopt the agenda by Arturo Armijo seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried
    - b. Public Comment
      - i. None
    - c. Correspondence
      - i. Information from MAPSA regarding Charter Transparency Bills currently moving through the Senate
      - ii. Add to the January Agenda- information regarding the Department of Education and what might happen with presidential change. (Possibly handing education over to the states.)
    - d. Approval of [Minutes](#)
      - i. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from the September board meeting by Brian Wood, seconded by Arturo Armijo, all members - aye, motion carried
    - e. [Financial Reports](#)
      - i. Presented by Lori LaMontagne
      - ii. Motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members - aye, motion carried
5. Leadership Update
  - a. Management update
    - i. Assurances and Verification Visit to Stephenson Area Public Schools
      1. Will be conducted on January 15th
      2. 2nd visit in 2 years
    - ii. Cognia accreditation verification visit on Friday, November 15th
      1. We are now Cognia nationally accredited as both a School and Management Company.

2. Presentation of award for Superintendent Tonya Lowry in recognition of receiving Cognia Accreditation
      - iii. UMOS enrollment process
        1. Working on revamping the enrollment process with Galapagos Marketing
      - b. K-12 overview- Superintendent
        - i. Academic update presented by Mike Gilchrist
        - ii. [Handbook Update](#)- for approval
          1. MIFI usage wording update
          2. Motion to approve the handbook changes as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Arturo Armijo, all members - aye, motion carried
6. Board Strategy and Planning
  - a. Budget Amendment- for approval- presented by Lori LaMontagne
    - i. Motion to approve the amended budget by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Brian Wood, all members- aye, motion carried
7. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn at 6:18 pm by Arturo Armijo, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried