

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 16th, 2025
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 5:02 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Board Members Present in-person: Betsy Webbert, Soraida Cunningham, Brian Wood, Danielle Sirianni
 - ii. Board Members Call-in: Arturo Armijo
 - iii. Call-in: Tonya Lowry, Lori LaMontagne, Ashley Shehow, Travis Gostinger, Brandy Pavlik, Patrick Sweeney, Mike Gilchrist
 - iv. In-person: 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 Soraida Cunningham seconded by Danielle Sirianni, 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 September board meeting by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Brian Wood, 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 Arturo Armijo, all members - aye, motion carried
5. Leadership Update
 - a. Management update
 - i. Alternative Ed Marketing/Finance Department Update
 1. Still working with the MDE
 2. Will begin enrolling students for Fall 2025
 3. Introduction of new CFO- Brandy Pavlik
 - ii. Enrollment and Retention Update
 1. NextLvl will be hiring a director of enrollment
 - iii. MDE Assurances and Verification Visit
 1. At Stephenson Area Public Schools in March
 - iv. GVSU Tutorial Program

1. EQPD will come to Uplift and run a pilot program with 25 students, then will look into expanding if it goes well
 - v. PD from Richard Lemons
 1. Scheduling with Richard to do more PD
 - vi. Uplift Video
 1. Working on 'Day in the life' of an Uplift student video to be sent to prospective students before enrollment.
 - b. K-12 overview- Superintendent
 - i. Academic update
 1. Today is the end of Semester 1
 2. Start semester 2 on Tuesday
 3. 12 days of Kindness Challenge with Elementary students
 4. Art show was held on 1/15/25
 5. Museum field trips later this month throughout the state
 6. College readiness field trip
 7. Charter Day at the Capitol is coming soon
 8. Now have 3 school counselors who are giving SEL support
 - ii. [Annual Education Report](#)
 - iii. [Course Offerings for Approval](#)
 1. Motion to approve the course offerings as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
6. Board Strategy and Planning
 - a. [Financial Audit Presentation- CBIZ](#), presented by Patrick Sweeney
 - i. Motion to approve the financial audit presentation as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Soraida Cunningham, all members- aye, motion carried
 7. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 6:13 pm by Soraida Cunningham, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried

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Betsy Webbert
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