

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22nd, 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 5:01 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Board Members Present in-person: Betsy Webbert, Brian Wood, Danielle Sirianni
 - ii. Board Members Call-in:
 - iii. Call-in: Tonya Lowry, Lori LaMontagne, Ashley Shehow, Travis Gostinger, Brandy Pavlik
 - iv. In-person: Tim Wood, Mike Gilchrist
 - v. Board Members Absent: Arturo Armijo, Soraida Cunningham
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 Brian Wood, 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 Brian Wood, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried
5. [Financial Reports](#)
 - a. Final Budget Outlook
 - i. Presented by Lori LaMontagne
 - ii. Motion to approve the financial report as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried
6. Board Strategy and Planning
 - a. Board Member Resignation- for acceptance
 - i. Motion to approve the resignation of Arturo Armijo by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried
 - b. Interested party in joining the board. Daniel Shanahann
 - i. Motion to approve new board member, Daniel Shanahann, by Brian Wood, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members- aye, motion carried
7. Management update
 - a. UMOS Commencement Ceremonies
 - i. Saturday, June 14th at 1:00 pm EST at Crowne Plaza in Lansing
 - b. Charter School Day at the Capitol

- i. 151 students, staff, and families in attendance
 - ii. MAPSA gave a shout-out to Uplift for having the most attendance
 - c. Congratulations - MAPSA Student Art Submission - Uplift student placed 2nd Place!
 - i. Marley E. received a \$100 gift card from MAPSA for placing 2nd.
 - d. Next Step Online School Handbook (alternative program)
 - i. Motion to approve the Online School Handbook as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried
- 8. Leadership Update
 - a. K-12 overview- Superintendent
 - i. Field trip to Michigan Adventure coming up (education program)
 - ii. Picnic in the Park at the end of the school year for K-8 students
 - iii. Staff field trips took place today, and many photos were taken to be used for educational purposes as well as advertisements
 - iv. Growing curriculum- async intervention
 - v. Health curriculum- family mental health support and social emotional learning added
 - vi. NWEA- transitioning to 2x per year (Fall and Spring) testing vs 3x per year to help with student burnout from testing.
 - vii. Fall to Winter NWEA data showed immense growth. Elementary average growth: 5.5 points in reading, 6.5 points in math. Secondary average growth: 16.2 in math, 17.7 in reading, compared to the 23/24 school year.
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 5:43 pm by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried

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Danielle Sirianni

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