

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28th, 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 5:59 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Board Members Present in-person: Betsy Webbert, Brian Wood, Danielle Sirianni
 - ii. Board Members Call-in: None
 - iii. Call-in: Ashley Shehow, Travis Gostinger, Elizabeth Chandler, Brandy Pavlik
 - iv. In-person: Mike Gilchrist, Tonya Lowry
 - v. Board Members Absent: None
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 meeting minutes from the [June budget hearing](#) and [June Re-Organizational meeting](#) by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried
5. [Financial Reports](#)
 - a. Presented by Brandy Pavlik
 - b. 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
7. Management Update
 - a. Staffing Update
 - i. 2 Special Education teacher positions available (1 offer out, the other is on hold pending enrollment)
 - ii. 1 math teacher position available (currently interviewing)
 - b. Grading Update
 - i. Uplift in the middle of moving to standards-based learning. Moving to 4-3-2-1-0 scale vs percentage
 1. Helps with truancy issues to get kids back on track
 - c. NextEdge

- i. Tracking software system to check where students are on a day-to-day basis in real time. Parents can help in real time as they can see the standards they are currently working on and how they are doing.
 - d. [Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards](#)
 - i. Motion to approve resolution authorizing issuance of individual procurement cards as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members- aye, motion carried
- 8. Leadership Update
 - a. K-12 overview- Superintendent
 - i. Start of School
 - 1. Started Monday 8/25/2025
 - 2. First time starting before Labor Day, feel families have adjusted to this well
 - 3. Welcomed new staff
 - 4. Process of SBL transition
 - 5. Update to handbook- policy regarding PE exemption
 - ii. Currently have no corrective action plans with the state for Special Education- all closed and were 100% compliant
 - b. Academic update
 - i. NWEA plans
 - 1. Will start the second week of September and go through October
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 6:19 pm by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried

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