

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4th, 2025
6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Location:
Dan and Pamela Devos Center for Interprof Health
333 Michigan Street NE
Rm 401 Tubergen
Conference Room
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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: Brandy Pavlik, Ashley Shehow, Elizabeth Chandler, Jerry Sardina, Erin Pielin
 - iv. In-person: Tim Wood, Mike Gilchrist
 - v. Board Members Absent: Rob Pennell
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Oath of Office
 - a. Danielle Sirianni and Betsy Webbert

- 4.5 Introduction of Morgan Haga (Marketing Director) to the board.

5. 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.
 - 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
6. [Financial Reports](#)
 - i. Presented by Brandy Pavlik
 - ii. Motion to approve the financial report as presented by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members - aye, motion carried
7. Authorizer Update
 - a. Presented by Beth Chandler on behalf of Jerry Sardina
 - b. Monthly compliance report
8. Management Update
 - a. Presented by Dr. Timothy Wood

- b. Approval of [NCSI Board Policies](#) and [Board policy 2271 update](#)
 - c. Motion to approve NCSI board policies and update to board policy 2271 by Brian Wood, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried
 - d. Montessori School
 - i. A committee has been formed
 - ii. Looking for online learning management systems
9. Leadership Update
- a. Presented by Mike Gilchrist
 - i. Enrollment 790
 - ii. Positive phone calls
 - 1. Every secondary student (530 students) has received a positive phone call from a staff member
 - iii. Alt Ed and Secondary students are passing more classes and sitting with higher letter grades than at this time last year
 - iv. Graduation rate- trending at 72.09%
 - v. Parent Webinars - Uplift has hosted 3 parent webinars so far (internet safety, apps students are using that predators are also using, special education, and accommodations)
 - 1. These were not highly attended, but we continue to improve communications to try to get more parents to come. The sessions are held at 6 pm)
 - vi. Parent and Student Satisfaction Survey Results
 - 1. 202 Parents completed the survey
 - 2. 173 Students completed the survey
 - 3. 99.5% of parents who complete the survey report that they are satisfied or above with Uplift's education and care for their children.
 - 4. 97.68% of students who completed the survey were satisfied or above with the support they received from their advisor
 - 5. 96.53% of students who completed the survey were satisfied or above with the overall school community
 - 6. 98.26% of students who completed the survey were satisfied or above with the compassion and care they received at Uplift.
 - vii. Staffing
 - 1. Open positions: 3 Special Education Para Professionals, 2 Full-time advisors, Speech and Language Pathologist
10. Board Strategy and Planning
- a. Special board meeting 1/12 @ 1:00 pm for revised budget amendment
 - b. Motion to approve Special Board Meeting on 1/12/26 at 1:00 pm by Danielle Sirianni, seconded by Brian Wood, all members- aye, motion carried
11. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm by Brian Wood, seconded by Danielle Sirianni, all members - aye, motion carried

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Betsy Webbert
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