

Uplift Michigan Online School
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 22, 2021
6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

601 Fifth St NW Suite 500
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1. Meeting called to order by President Jeff Bell at 6:06 pm

Roll Call

- a. Board Members Present: Jeff Bell, Mary Harwood, Denise Kish, Paul Marineau, Brian Wood
 - b. Call-in: Robert Giordano, Travis Gostinger, Mary Kennedy, Tonya Lowry, Victoria Malone, Tim Wood
 - c. In person: none
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Statement of Purpose
 4. Regular Business
 - a. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. Motion to combine items 7-16 for the purpose of voting by Brian Wood, seconded by Denise Kish, all members – aye, motion carried.
 - ii. Motion to approve the agenda by Jeff Bell, seconded by Mary Harwood, all members – aye, motion carried
 5. Election of Officers
 - a. Proposed slate of officers:
 - i. President: Jeff Bell
 - ii. Vice President: Brian Wood
 - iii. Treasurer: Paul Marineau
 - iv. Secretary: Mary Harwood
 - v. Denise Kish will stay on the board for another month or two to help Paul with the transition.
 - b. Motion to approve the election of officers by Denise Kish, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried
 6. Public Comment/Correspondence
 - i. No public comment
 - ii. The audit for Spring 2021 came back from the auditor and was error free.
 7. Resolution Indicating the Board will Comply with all Laws, Rules and Regulations
 8. Resolution Setting Date, Time and Place of Regular Board Meetings and Location of Official Posting
 - a. Will remain online only until a change is made to the open meetings act requiring in-person meetings
 9. Resolution Continuing the Designation of Depositories for Various Funds and Signatures for Various Funds/Accounts
 - a. Travis Gostinger will reach out to Lake Michigan Credit Union to get signature cards updated to remove Denise Kish and add Paul Marineau

10. Resolution to Bond Board Treasurer and Others as Designated by the Board
11. Resolution Reappointing Legal Counsel
 - a. John Kava with Collins and Blaha, P.C.
 - b. The board has not received an engagement letter from Collins and Blaha. Travis will follow up with John.
12. Resolution Reappointing Auditors
 - a. Croskey Lanni, PC
13. Resolution Reappointing designated AHERA contact
 - a. Tonya Lowry
14. Resolution Designating the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Sexual Harassment, Title VI, Title IX and the Section 504 contacts
 - a. Remains the same as previous year
15. Resolution Designating Chief Administrative Officer
 - a. Remains the same as previous year
16. Resolution Designating Compliance Officer
 - a. Remains the same as previous year
 - b. Motion to approve Resolutions in items 7-16 by Denish Kish, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried
17. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from the June budget meeting with correction of date to June 24, 2021, and Regular meeting to Special meeting by Jeff Bell, seconded by Paul Marineau, all members – aye, motion carried
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2021 Regular Board meeting by Denise Kish, seconded by Jeff Bell, all members – aye, motion carried
18. Approval of Finance Reports
 - a. Motion to approve as presented by Jeff Bell, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried
19. Leadership Update
 - a. Management
 - i. The foundation allowance has been increased from \$8,111 to \$8,700 per pupil.
 - ii. Board was sent an update from NCSI. Dr. Tim Wood would like to thank Tonya Lowry for reading the over the 300 page manual and finding some issues that need to be updated before the board approves the policy manual. Dr. Wood will get these updated with NCSI and have the manual ready for the August meeting.
 - b. K-12 Update
 - i. Reviewed NWEA data comparing Spring 2020 to Spring 2021.
 - ii. The 31a financial report has been completed and is the system, but unable to submit. The MDE system is not putting in the allocations. MDE is aware of the issue and will let us know when we can certify.
 - iii. In-person professional development for teachers and staff, August 16 & 17th.
 - iv. Summer School update - 68 students/204 course enrollments across 27 courses and 4 teachers. Waiting for a response from the state about grant funding.
 - v. Uplift intends to provide elementary students with an additional kit for schooling supplies. Would need to make a change to increase the budget. Asking for the board to approve \$28,100 that Title funds will not be able to cover. Recommend ordering around 250-280 to have them ready to go for any new enrollments. Supplies will not change moving forward. The cost per kit presented to the board

does include shipping costs. Plan is to have this funded without the general budget.

- vi. Motion to approve by Jeff Bell, 2nd by Brian Wood. All members – aye, motion carried
- vii. Enrollment is picking up. Currently at 331 and growing.
- c. Adjournment
 - i. Motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm by Jeff Bell, seconded by Brian Wood, all members – aye, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Harwood, Board Secretary