

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Farrell Emmett Elementary Media Center
Thursday, January 12, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Bullard lead the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bullard, French, Charney, Hurlburt, Hoppe, Butler, McClelland

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Student Representative to the Board Nathaniel Mack

Also Present: Farrell Emmett Elementary Principal Dr. Dave Phillips, several Farrell Emmett Elementary staff, parents and students.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to adopt the agenda as amended.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE –

School Board Recognition Month festivities included Superintendent Sutton reading a State proclamation from Governor Whitmer, distribution of appreciation certificates, treats and cards provided by the junior high, Chartwell's cookies and many expressions of appreciation from district buildings to honor our wonderful members.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sutton shared/read his report which contained the following:

- FCC evaluation of internet (actual) services rather than what providers report.
- January 16 is a full day school inservice for staff.
- Next week is exam week. Secondary students will have half-days Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and elementary students will have a half-day on Friday.
- Watched the Physics II students present their electronic projects using the engineering design process.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Presentation by Farrell Emmett Elementary

- Dr. Phillips introduced staff and students from Farrell Emmett Elementary and explained briefly the program students shared with the Board. Teacher Julia Pung and her students gave an excellent technology demonstration which included My Bee Dot, My Makey Makey, My Code Cube and My Indi By Sphero.
- President Bullard thanked the students for putting on such an exciting demonstration.
- Dr. Phillips showed a video of students who each explained what they thought the Board of Education did.

The Board took a short recess at 7:29 PM.
The Board returned to open session at 7:39 PM.

B. Agenda Items:

- Food Service Director Joanne Faille thanked the Board for all that they do and invited them for dinner before the next Board meeting on February 7 at 6:30 PM

C. Non-Agenda Items:

Student representative Nathaniel Mack gave a presentation of recent happenings at and around the high school which included:

- Support dogs will be visiting the high school during exam week.
- Tech students participated and did well in the SkillsUSA competition.
- Koins for Kids collected \$2300 in December.
- Yale Jiggawattz kick off was on January 7.
- Mad City Money simulation presented by Extra Credit Union, for the seniors, was a huge success.
- Many high school students attended the Oakland University tour.
- Mr. Bearss' advanced physics students demonstrated their projects in the media center.
- Theatre program at the high school has begun set construction and rehearsals for their performances on March 3 and 4.
- Drama club is coming to the junior high in the spring.
- Speaker Anthony Ianni is visiting the high school on February 2 to talk on inclusivity in the school systems and community.

8. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$955,884.21

Motion by French seconded by Charney to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$955,884.21** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Yes, Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

9. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

A. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Yes, Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Retainer contract with Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

Motion by Charney seconded by French to approve the Retainer Contract with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 calendar year in the amount of \$2500 as presented.

Bullard- Yes, French- Yes, Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

B. Probationary Teacher Recommended for Mid-Year Tenure – Rebecca Setera, Yale High School
Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Charney to approve the mid-year tenure for Yale High School teacher Rebecca Setera as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Yes, Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

C. Board Members Code of Ethics Signing

President Bullard read the Board's Code of Ethics for the members and guests. He asked each member to sign after the meeting.

12. **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION**

- Superintendent Sutton and members thanked the staff and students who attended the night's meeting and the presentations they created.

13. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 8:08 PM**

**MARK HURLBURT, Secretary
Yale Board of Education**