

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Bullard led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Charney, Hoppe

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Student Representative Madeline Stefanides

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Kathleen Hooper, Auditor Akshay Kapoor (Lewis & Knopf, P.C.), Kathleen Hooper, Kate Favre, JoAnne Faille and Kaitlyn Hurlburt

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Amended)

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE - None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sutton showed a PowerPoint slide presentation which showcased Discovery Kitchen, Yale Elementary & Farrell Emmett Fun Run, Student Advisory Group, Geometry in Construction and the Wonder Wall designed by Rick Carlson, Principal at Yale Elementary.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Madeline Stefanides

Ms. Stefanides gave her report which included the following:

- The winner of this year's student section t-shirt design was Kerrigan McEvoy.
- The National Honor Society sold 746 tickets for the best seat in the house fundraiser and the winner was Jennifer Barr.
- The National Honor Society invited forty-six new members to be inducted on November 6.
- Homecoming was a success! Roughly 460 tickets were sold.
- The Girls Cross-Country team ran in a relay style from Imlay City all the way to Yale while holding the game ball.
- This year's Homecoming King and Queen are Blake Barr and Shauna Dannhausen
- The winners for this year's Spirit Week were: First – Seniors, Second – Sophomores, Third – Freshman and Fourth – Juniors.
- Juniors finished taking the PSAT.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were this week with Friday being a half day for students.
- Football is 3-3 and their next game is tomorrow in Algonac.
- Boys Soccer has a home game on Friday.
- Boys Tennis will be competing in the BWAC match against Armada on Friday.
- Girls Volleyball has a tournament Saturday at Brown City.

- Equestrian placed 4th at regionals last Saturday out of nine teams.
- Boys Cross-Country has a race in Portage on Saturday
- Girls Cross-Country has a meet today in Marysville.
- Girls golf finished their season when placing second in the BWAC tournament and second in the league overall.
- The Equestrian team finished their season in 4th place.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Special Guests: None
- B. Agenda Items: None
- C. Non-Agenda Items: None

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of **\$2,028,729.34**.

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$2,028,729.34** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland- Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

- A. Instruction and Personnel

- 1. Hiring
 - A. Marshall Jowett, bus driver
 - B. David Moser, Yale Junior High custodian
- 3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the personnel report as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland- Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2022-2023 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C. & Acceptance of Audit

Motion by Butler Seconded by Hurlburt to accept the 2022-2023 Audit as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland- Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

Auditor Akshay Kapoor (Lewis & Knopf, P.C.) reviewed the June 30, 2023 Audit Report and applauded Business Services Director Beky Silkworth and her staff, Kathleen Hooper and Ashley Garofalo, for preparing the audit and for the district’s ability to remain financially stable this year. The district received a “Clean” “Unmodified” audit opinion which is the highest level of assurance possible for the district’s financial statements.

- B. Second Reading and adoption of Board Policy #5207 (Anti-Bullying Policy)

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to adopt the Thrun Board Policy #5207 (Anti-Bullying Policy) as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland- Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

C. Phase II Ventilation Equipment Package approval
Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to award the bids to the lowest responsible bidders as follows;

- Electrical Package Brenner Electric \$ 35,000
 - Mechanical Package Thermalnetics \$1,065,624
- (Including the alternate sound attenuation for an additional \$ 82,950)

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

D. Altria Class Action Lawsuit Settlement

Motion by Bullard seconded by Hurlburt to accept the class action settlement from Altria as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

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

- Board members were all in agreement that Yale's Homecoming was a success with a great game, fantastic floats and terrific weather. Mr. Bullard especially enjoyed the alumni luncheon where he reconnected with his kindergarten teacher and cooking hotdogs at the district tailgate.
- Superintendent Sutton gave kudos to Beky Silkworth, Kathleen Hooper and Ashley Garofalo on their successful audit, especially when having to move between buildings during construction at the junior high this past summer.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:39 PM.**

**Mark Hurlburt, Secretary
Yale Board of Education**