

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth
Transportation Director Jolene Roffe
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Others Present: Dru Runnals & Kathleen Hooper

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Hoppe to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2024
2. Special Board Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2024
3. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024
4. Executive Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by French to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

5. Correspondence

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the superintendent's report which contained the following information:

- Leonard Dantine, Millington Community Schools JR/SR High School Principal, wrote a letter of commendation regarding Garrett Grundman and his team at Yale Public Schools for hosting the powerlifting tournament held in February. Mr. Dantine stated it was one of the most professional and organized events he had ever attended and he hopes Yale will host again.

6. Public Participation

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

7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sutton presented/read his report (attached) which contained the following:

- The Yale Junior High will be presenting a play entitled, The Fairy Tale Misfits, on March 15 at 6:00 PM and March 16 at 2:00 and 6:00 PM in the Yale High School Cafeteria.
- The Blue Water Area Conference (BWAC) is beginning an Art Expo and we are proud to be hosting this event beginning Monday, March 11 and running through March 15 at Yale High School.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, our graduation ceremony has been moved to Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 PM in the Yale City Park.

- Congratulations to our wrestling team for making it to the final eight for the first time since 1992. Congratulations to our five individual wrestlers that medaled and earned all-state honors: Jeremy Griffith (2nd), Landon Sopha (3rd), Gable Majcher (4th), Giana Hoskins (5th), and Cole McLaughlin (6th). Giana is our first female all-state wrestler.
- Our girls basketball team earned an outright BWAC league title and move on to tournament action this week in St. Clair.
- Mr. Barr's Michigan Natural Science class has been collecting and boiling sap to make maple syrup this week. The class uses the syrup produced as a fundraiser to help with future projects.

In addition to his report, Superintendent Sutton pointed out the colorful flyer that was distributed to each board member from Food Service Director Joann Faille. The flyer highlighted pictures of the hallway breakfast cart that was implemented at Yale Elementary School, along with the "Grad n Go" cart, the new silverware dispensers at the middle and high school and the Global Eats menu which allows students to sample foods from different countries. March features Caribbean cuisine and April Korean.

8. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton presented/read his report (attached) which contained the following:

- DJ Conley completed our annual CSD Boiler tests.
- Port Huron Glass replaced the front entryway doors and frames at the junior high.
- Site Logic continues to have contractors doing pull ahead work during the afternoons at the elementary schools.
- Goyette Mechanical installed the new anode rods and flushed the hot water tanks at Farrell Emmett Elementary.

B. Finance and Financial Overview

Business Services Director Beky Silkworth presented/read her report (attached) which contained the following:

- Bid Documents/Food Service Management
- Turned in paperwork for the new board treasurer.

C. Instruction and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Kryscynski presented the Instruction and Personnel Reports (attached) which contained the following information:

1. Resignation
 - A. April Sobol, Yale Junior High Instructional Aide
2. Recommendations to the Substitute Lists

Curriculum/Instruction/Personnel:

- Continued work around the ALT Learning Model.
- Thanks to Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Silkworth, we have completed the mid-year update of all of our grants, as well as received approval for that 23G MI-Kids back on track program grant, the 99B Computer Science and Computational Thinking Grant. These grants will help provide tutoring programs for K-12 students, staff development and resources for staff students.
- A decision was made to partner with Munetrix to provide a "one-stop shop" to organize our academic, attendance, and behavioral data so we can identify struggling students quickly and provide an appropriate intervention earlier.
- Distributed and discussed the YPSD Mid-Year Update on the difference from elementary to junior high and ELA scores, including testing.

D. Transportation

Jolene Roffe presented the Transportation report which contained the following:

- The new bus was delivered to the Holland Blue Bird company and should be delivered to Yale within 2-3 weeks.
- Promoting hiring of new drivers with signs and possibly hosting a "Come drive a bus" workshop.
- Attended the MAPT Spring Conference regarding understanding student behaviors.

E. Other - None

9. Items for Board Discussion
 - A. Board Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - Mrs. Butler distributed a Project Priorities YPSD 2024-2025 handout and reported on the Thursday, February 29 meeting. The group updated the list of potential capital projects prioritizing safety and urgent need items.
 - B. Board Governance Committee
 - Have not held a meeting recently.
 - C. SCCASB Representative
 - Mr. Hurlburt reported that they had their annual meeting in February and expect a flurry of bills in May, as scholarship applications will be do very soon.
 - D. MASB Legislative Liaison
 - Mr. Johnson reported that Governor Whitmer has issued her preliminary 2024/2025 budget and also reported on several other topics.
 - E. Code of Ethics
 - Mr. Bullard read the district Code of Ethics and asked each member to affirm their dedication and integrity while serving on the Board of Education.

10. Comments from Board Members, Administration
 - Board members congratulated the sports teams and wished the lady Bulldogs success in St. Clair. They also said that spring sports begin Monday.
 - Mr. Sutton extended appreciation to Mr. Kryscynski, Mrs. Silkworth and Mrs. Hooper for working diligently on the many grants.
 - Mr. Sutton announced that Mr. Majcher was chosen as wrestling Coach of the Year.

The Board took a short recess at 6:59 PM

The Board Entered into Closed Session at 7:07 PM

11. Executive Session – Closed Session/Superintendent Evaluation
Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Paragraph (a)
Motion by Johnson seconded by Hurlburt to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent’s evaluation in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a) as requested by Superintendent Sutton.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:55 PM

12. Adjournment by Consensus at 7:55 PM.

MEGHAN BUTLER, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION