

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Vice President French called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**
Mrs. French led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Members Present: French, Hurlburt, Hoppe, Butler
Members Absent: Bullard, Charney, McClelland
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, JoAnne Faille, Kate Favre, Kathleen Hooper, Coleeta Vesper, Dru Runnals and AV Production class representative Keira Taube
4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Amended)**
Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to adopt the agenda as amended.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Superintendent Sutton highlighted the Kovach Scholarship donations going on for over four decades and how it exemplifies the fine example and generosity from a family in our community.
6. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - Yale High School students will have the opportunity to participate in the Real Life, Real Choices ‘simulation’ lab with volunteers from our community and representatives from Extra Credit Union on Tuesday, November 21.
 - We are working to get an immunization clinic set for next week for students in our area that need the necessary immunizations required by the state of Michigan for school-age children.
 - A Portrait of a Learner is displayed in our schools This portrait came as a result of discussions with students, staff, parents and community members on what attributes a learner in Yale should have while they are in school and after they graduate.
7. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Madeline Stefanides**
Ms. Stefanides gave her report which included the following happenings at the high school:
 - Band received a number one rating at the festival on October 9 in Bad Axe.
 - Mr. Barr’s Michigan Natural Science class will be getting salmon for the classroom on November 17 and have also acquired a new sturgeon named Vern.
 - Recently, forty-two new members were inducted into the National Honor Society. The NHS has also been busy making Thanksgiving baskets for local families.
 - Halloween week students took part in an all school Monopoly game. There was also a Halloween costume contest and the winner at each lunch received \$50.

- Four students earned their certificate of accomplishment in Microsoft word:
 - Addison Kamendat (Microsoft Word Expert)
 - Dominic Offrink (Microsoft Word Expert)
 - Jade Schwartz (Microsoft PowerPoint)
 - Audrey Gordon (Microsoft Word)
- Student council is currently hosting a canned food drive.
- Blood Drive is November 29.
- National Honor Society officers at St. Clair County TEC are Yale students:
 - President, Jaela Krosnicki (cosmetology)
 - Treasurer, Teagan Snay (cybersecurity)
- The girls volleyball team made it to District semi-finals versus North Branch.
- Boys cross country were regional champs and sent seven varsity runners to states at the Michigan International Speedway.
- Winter sports are starting up.
- The Leadership class attended a leadership conference in Frankenmuth.
- Students are enjoying the buddy benches donated by the Creative Solutions Group.
- Senior shout out to applicants, enlistments, college and sport commitments.
- Peer mentor group graduates: Ms. Stefanides group all graduated and will be receiving a pizza party for good grades, participation and behavior.
- Dance Club.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

- Coleeta Vesper said that she tells everyone she knows about the wonderful things happening at Yale Schools and thanked Jim Brown for the nice write-ups in The Yale Expositor

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$1,331,766.29.

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Hoppe to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$1,331,766.29 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Abs., French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Abs.
 Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

- A. Instruction and Personnel

- 1. Hiring

- A. John Lapensee – Yale Junior High custodian
- B. Jill Dugas – Yale Elementary Aide

- 2. Retirement

- A. Jeri Fishel, Transportation Director
- B. Dave Fishel, Maintenance III, Buildings, Grounds & Transportation
- C. Monica Winchester, Yale High School teacher

- 3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

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

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Abs., French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Abs.
 Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Phase II Bond Project Bid Approvals.

Motion by Butler seconded Hoppe by to award the Phase II Bond Project Bids (Base bids less high school plus alternates for Control Solutions included only.) to the lowest responsible vendors as presented:

- R & E General Contractor \$1,436,158 (No alt) (No HS)
- Ecker Mechanical \$1,875,000 (No alt) (No HS)
- Control Solutions Inc. \$566,700 plus alt 8, 10, 12, 13, 17 for a total of \$8,850 (No HS)
- O'Donnell Electric \$617,750 (no alt) (No HS)
- Ener-Tech \$73,180

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Abs., French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Abs.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried

B. Purchase of School Bus – Holland Bus Company

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Hoppe to approve the purchase of one diesel bus from Holland Bus in the amount of \$135,401 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Abs., French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Abs.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried

C. Flooring Replacement – Central Office

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to award the Central Office flooring replacement to CIC Industries in the amount of \$18,103.06 through the MSBO purchasing program as presented as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Abs., French- Yes, Charney-Abs., Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Abs.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried

13. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION

- Mrs. Butler will be attending the MASB board conference in Lansing this weekend.
- Mr. Hoppe thanked Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Silkworth and Mr. Sutton for their hard work on the Bond project. In addition, Mr. Hoppe praised our Yale students that represent our country in the armed forces.
- Mr. Hurlburt said that he volunteered for the high school life skills program last year and encouraged Maddie to have fun.
- Mrs. Maplethorpe thanked Maddie for her report and keeping us informed.
- Mr. Sutton conveyed to attendees how much he enjoyed working as an “undercover boss” in the CI program at Avoca.
- Mr. Kryscynski and Mr. Sutton are both looking forward to all of the building events for our veterans on Friday.
- Mr. Sutton thanked Jim Brown for the excellent newspaper coverage of all the district’s programs.

14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:33 PM.



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