

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Farrell Emmett Elementary Media Center
Thursday, January 11, 2024 – 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 invited Liam Butler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bullard, French, Charney, Hoppe, Hurlburt, Butler, McClelland (*Arrived at 7:10 PM*)

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe
Student Representative to the Board Madeline Stefanidis

Also Present:

Farrell Emmett Elementary Principal Dr. Dave Phillips, several Farrell Elementary students, staff members, parents, Kathleen Hooper, Dave Allison and Eileen Tesch.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Sutton reminded the audience that January is School Board Appreciation Month.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sutton presented his report which contained the following:

- Mr. Bearss's Physics II students are presenting their projects which display their extensive skills and creative problem- solving talent. The last round of presentations will be Friday January 12 in the media center.
- Students from 10 different programs at St. Clair County Technical Education Center (TEC) competed in the annual local Skills USA competition on Saturday, December 9. A total of 137 students from the Automotive, Collision Repair, Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Cybersecurity, Digital Media Technology, Metal Machining, and Welding programs participated in the competition. Congratulations to the following Yale students:
 - Automotive Technology, Maintenance Light Repair – Ava Radatz, 3rd place
 - Automotive Service Technology – Shane Darga, 3rd place
 - Collision Damage Appraisal – Rebecca Lasky, 1st place
 - Construction (Electrical) – Ian Hunt, 1st place
 - Cosmetology (Esthetics) – Jaela Krosnicki, 1st place
 - Cosmetology (Mannequin) – Alexis Forstner, 3rd place
 - Culinary (Commercial Baking) – Trinity Lada 3rd place
 - Cybersecurity – Gabriel DeGrande, 1st place; Amanda Mackin – 2nd place, Mason Laskowski, 3rd place
 - Digital Media Technology (Cinema Production) – Sam Moody & Mariss Richmond, 2nd place
 - Welding (GMAW) – Alex McNaughton, 1st place; Rileigh Leach, 3rd place
 - Welding (SMAW) – Ross Keuning, 3rd place
- A Chartwell's update was provided to the Board by Food Service Director Joanne Faille. In addition, Ms. Faille presented each board member with a bag of fresh baked cookies.

7. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Madeline Stefanides**

Ms. Stefanides gave her report which included the following happenings at the high school:

- Ms. Fuller, Ms. VanWyke, along with students Carlie Cox, Brandon Bevins and Lucas Morris attended the MHSEL (Michigan High School Esports League) conference at Oakland University on December 8 where they learned new strategies, participated in team bonding activities and collaborated with other Esport players and their coaches.
- Mid-term exams are January 17, 18 & 19.
- Drama club auditions for *Shrek Jr. the Musical* will be held January 16.
- The spaghetti dinner held in December raised almost \$5000 and 'Koins for Kids' raised over \$1,200 for the Julie's Kids fundraiser.
- The sophomores won the Christmas hallway decorating contest.
- Wrestler Cole McLaughlin earned his 100th win.
- Senior Audrey Gordon earned her certification in Microsoft Excel.
- A winter dance is planned for February 10 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM.
- Sports teams have been doing great with basketball defeating Imlay City. Boys and girls bowling won their match in Lapeer versus North Branch.
- The girls competitive cheer has their first BWAC competition this evening in Imlay City.
- Gave a countdown of days left before mid-winter break, spring break, graduation and the first day of summer.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Presentation by Farrell Emmett Elementary

Principal Dr. Dave Phillips introduced the school's 2023/2024 initiative "Be Positive". It is a program that is practiced at school, home, sports and real-life events.

Mr. McCulloch and Mrs. Monarch shared a short video on the "Be Positive" promotion and introduced Farrell Emmett students Lucas, Harper, Eli and Haylee who explained the projects (Emmett Park Cleanup, Veterans Day celebration, providing suggestions on possible upgrades to the Emmett Township Park and Christmas caroling) that they have done since starting the program.

In appreciation for all that they do, Yale High School Principal Brad Dykstra and student Maddie Stefanides presented the Board with a signed poster from the leadership class.

Break: The Board recessed at 7:36 PM and reconvened at 7:44 PM.

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items:

- Dave Allison spoke regarding long lost virtues.
- Eileen Tesch, retired attorney, spoke on discrimination.

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$623,231.51.

Motion by Charney seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$623,231.51 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. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Hiring

1. Andrew Stark, bus driver
2. Timothy Stasik, Maintenance III
3. Crystal Sophia, BGT clerk

4. Jill Biskner, school social worker

B. Medical Leave Request

1. Sherry Goniwiecha, latchkey associate

C. 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

11. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Budget Amendments

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to adopt the first proposed Budget Amendments 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

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

- Many comments were made regarding the awesome presentation and positive leadership displayed tonight.
- Many thanks of appreciation were given to Mr. Ron Charney for his many years of service and dedication on the Yale Board of Education. His leadership and guidance enhanced the Board over the past eighteen years.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 8:07 PM**

MARK HURLBURT, Secretary
Yale Board of Education