

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, September 7, 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 led 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
Student Representative Madeline Stefanides
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Public St. Clair County Health
Department Supervisor Kelly Baker, Kaitlyn Hurlburt, Joanne Faille, Kelly
Hossack & Coleeta Vesper

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Amended)

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- President Bullard stated that he had spoken to a parent that wanted information and clarification on the changes being made to the Top Scholar process.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- We are beginning a few work based learning placements over the next week or so with a few students from Yale High School.
- We have received the mechanical bids for phase two of the bond construction project that will result primarily in classroom uninvent upgrades in our schools.
- Homecoming game is just three weeks away as our Bulldogs take on Imlay City on Friday, September 29. The parade will start at 6:00 PM and the game begins at 7:00 PM.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Madeline Stefanides

Maddy was welcomed by the Board and gave her report which included the following:

- On August 22, high school students enjoyed their first Bulldog Day which served as a picture day and open house.
- Currently there are 8 foreign exchange students registered and there's a possibility of 4-5 more incoming.
- To help increase participation of students and introduce new cheers, teachers and staff picked out this year's "student Section Leaders" (Holly Faille, Maddy Stefanides, Josh Harrison, Teddy Rutkofske, Leland Pruitt, Joshua Kriesh and Mikey Cowhy)
- This year's homecoming themes are music genres, (Freshman: pop, Sophomore: Rock-N-Roll, Juniors: Disco and Seniors: Country)
- This is the first year since 2019 that the students will be constructing floats for the homecoming parade.
- Events including spirit week and the National Honor Society "Best Seat in the House" is also being planned.

- Sport updates included:
 - Boys football is 2-0
 - Boys tennis is 2-0 with a first in the Sandusky invitational.
 - Girls volleyball next match is Cros-Lex
 - Boys soccer 0-4-1 (win, loss, tie)
 - Boys cross country - 2nd place at their first meet
 - Girls cross country - placed 7th at their first meet
 - Girls golf – next match is Monday, September 11 at North Branch.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Special Guests:

- St. Clair County Health Department Public Health Supervisor Kelly Baker gave a presentation on the new health clinic coming to Yale Junior High and answered questions from board members.

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 \$2,456,865.61.

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$2,456,865.61 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. Instruction and Personnel

1. Hiring

- A. Anna Wisner, Avoca and Farrell Emmett Elementary custodian
- B. Michelle Hunt-Ruggles, junior high custodian
- C. Michele Waddy, high school special education teacher
- D. Shawn Wendorf, high school science teacher
- E. Cassidy Silverthorn, Yale elementary speech therapist
- F. Rebecca Rose Brunet, Yale Elementary school aide
- G. Mackenzie Carol Mason, Avoca Elementary aide
- H. Rachel Chalabian, Farrell Emmett Elementary aide
- I. Jordan Hackstock , Avoca Elementary aide
- J. Ashley Rolan Karr, high school aide

2. Resignation

- A. Alexandria Carrocia, high school science teacher
- B. Manfred Vogel, junior high custodian
- C. George (Junior) McGuire, bus driver

3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to approve the Personnel Report as amended.

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. Adoption of Course Catalog –YHS; AAA AT YJH

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to adopt the Yale High School Course Catalog and approve AAA at Yale Junior High 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

B. Thrun Board Policy Approval

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Bullard to repeal all current policies, bylaws, and administrative guidelines except for current bullying policy under MCL 380.130b. The district adopts the new Policy Manual as presented, except Policy 5207 (Anti-Bullying).

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. L-4029 Property Tax Levy Authorization

Motion by Charney seconded by French to approve the L-4029 Tax Levy millage rate for Operation, Debt and Sinking Fund Millages for the Tax Year 2023 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

D. MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly

No delegates for this year's conference.

E. Top Scholar

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the honors/advanced placement classes that are offered at Yale High School and the qualifications that will be required to be considered for the Top Scholar Honor beginning with the graduating Class of 2026 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**

- Superintendent Sutton thanked Food Service Director Joanne Faille and the evening custodians for their assistance during the power shut down.
- Mr. Sutton thanked the Board Governance Committee for taking on the task and giving their maximum effort to come to an agreement on a plan to update the Top Scholar process.
- Mr. Sutton thanked Maddy Stefanides for doing so well on her presentation to the Board.
- Mrs. Vesper said that she admires our district for all of the good things that are happening.
- Mrs. Faille told the Board that many students are enjoying the free breakfast and lunches paid for by the State of Michigan school meals funding program.
- President Bullard gave kudos to Athletic Director Chace Palmateer for making himself visible on campus.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:45 PM.**

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