

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED BOARD MEETINGS (COMMITTEE & REGULAR)
Yale High School Media Center
Thursday May 9, 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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: McClelland

Also Participating: Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski
Business Services Director Beky Silkworth
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, RESA Superintendent Brenda Tenniswood, SCCCMH Chief Operating Officer Telly Delor, Creative Arts Winners and their parents. Heather Hoppe, JoAnne and Brian Faille, Chartwells District Manager Deborah Elzerman, Kathleen Hooper, Dru Runnals, Coleeta Vesper, Youth for Understanding Representative's Christi Hubbard, Colleen Leibler, several foreign exchange students, host parents and other audience members.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2024

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2024

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the following correspondence.

- Reminded the Board about the MASB evaluation requirements.
- Thank you card from Mrs. Sheldon in appreciation for the staff breakfast.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Special Guests

- St. Clair County RESA Budget Report – RESA Superintendent Brenda Tenniswood
- St. Clair County Community Mental Health presentation to the Creative Arts Contest winners from YPS. Telly Delor, Chief Operating Officer (*Winners list attached*)
- Foreign Exchange Students
 - YFU Representative Christi Hubbard
 - ICES Representative Alicia Archibald

} (*Students list attached*)

- RESA Superintendent Brenda Tenniswood gave a brief overview of the changes and basic costs in the 2024-2025 RESA Budgets.
- Yale Public Schools had many winners in the St. Clair County Community Mental Health creative art contest and were presented certificates by Ms. Telly Delor, SCCCMH Chief Operating Officer.
- The high school foreign exchange students introduced themselves and spoke a few words about the time they have spent here with their host families.

BREAK: 7:24

BACK IN SESSION: 7:38 PM

- B. Agenda Items – None
- C. Non-Agenda Items – None

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sutton reviewed the Superintendent's report (attached) which contained the following items:

- Schools in the district has been buzzing with end-of-year activities.
- Thanks to the tremendous support from our parent organizations and community members, we are wrapping up staff appreciation week.
- Yale High School has made a concerted effort to raise awareness around financial literacy in a few different ways over the past few months. Local banks visited and talked to students about setting up accounts and what savings goals to set. In addition, a band named Gooding visited our students and talked about the importance of a savings account.
- May 5 was a very busy day as the band and choir had a very successful concert and a Daddy Daughter Dance was held at the junior high.
- Over the next few weeks, fifth grade students throughout the district will be visiting Yale Junior High to get a taste of what sixth grade life is like by hearing a presentation by Mr. Nelson and some of the sixth-grade teachers.
- Congratulations to Sienna Belkiewicz, 6th grade student at Yale Junior High, who has a book published entitled The Mushroom's Climb. Sienna is the second student from the junior high to have a book published in the last few years.
- On Earth Day, the students, parents, and staff at Farrell Emmett Elementary participated in a service project to help clean up the Emmett Township Park.
- Congratulations to our boys track team on their BWAC Conference Championship!

9. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** –Logan Winters/Madeline Stefanides

Student representatives Madeline Stefanides and Logan Winters shared presenting their report which contained the following:

- Welcomed Logan as the 2024-2025 student representative.
- Funding the future by Gooding Music.
- The Foreign language club traveled to Detroit to attend a panel on Latinos in Sports and attended a Tigers game.
- AP testing.
- Decision Day.
- Students from Mr. Barr's class attended the Earth Day summit at Michigan State University and were presented the 2024 Environmental Service Award.
- Mr. Barr's Michigan Natural Science students traveled to Yale Park to do some fishing with the fishing poles they made from scratch.
- Senior Field Day will be held on Friday, May 10.
- Senior All Night Party is May 11.
- Jaela and Jayden Krosnicki were crowned prom king and queen.
- The Board of Education dinner was a success and 529 people were served.
- Thank you to Food Service Director Joanne Faille for the excellent dinner provided at the Academic Awards Banquet.
- Kudos to Jim Brown, Barb Stasik and the Yale Expositor crew for all of the sports highlights in their local paper.

10. **REPORTS**

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton read the Buildings and Grounds report which contained the following:

- Brenner Electric installed new light poles along the sidewalks at the high school.
- Woods plumbing installed the new hot water heater for the kitchen at the junior high .
- Site Logiq continues to have contractors doing pull ahead work in the afternoons at the elementary schools as well as a day shift installing the controllers on the new VUV's that were recently delivered. Roof top units are expected to be delivered soon.
- We recently received permission from EGLE to discharge from the Farrell Emmett Elementary lagoon last week. Last March approval was given to discharge at Avoca.

B. Finance

Beky Silkworth referenced her report and offered to discuss details with the Board if there were any questions. Also, MDE has given verbal approval for the district to enter into a contract with Compass-USA (Chartwells) to provide food service management services for the district.

C. Instruction and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Kryscynski reviewed the Instruction and Personnel report.

1. Hiring
 - A. Joyce Laffery, high school instructional/non-instructional aide
 - B. Jeanette Trevorow, junior high instructional aide
2. Retirement
 - A. Jodi Pikura, Yale Elementary cook
 - B. Debbie Butler, Yale High School cook
3. Probationary Teachers Recommended for Tenure
 - A. Megan Dunn, Yale Junior High
 - B. Brian Nicol, Yale Junior High
 - C. Corinne VanWyke, Yale High School
4. Recommendations to the Substitute Lists

Curriculum/Instruction

- State testing season is well underway.
- Extended Learning Plan – Yale will continue with in-person instruction. (ESSER Requirement)
- May 19 is a half day. Professional Development for teachers.
- We are moving forward with the new GSRP program in Avoca with enrollment starting this month. Kudos to Mrs. McLarty for her leadership in the registration process and Mrs. Brown for all her work getting ready for the change.

D. Transportation

Superintendent Sutton read the Transportation Report which contained the following:

- New Holland bus 24 B has been delivered and cameras and radios will be installed soon.
- Met with a Mid-West International Bus salesman.
- A Hoekstra Thomas Demo Bus will visit next week.
- The National Illegally Passing Bus Survey was on Tuesday May 8.
- Received a response from our posters for sub drivers.

E. Technology - None

F. Other - None

11. TEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. 2024-2025 RESA Proposed Budget Resolution
 - No concerns have been identified for the proposed budgets.
- B. Food Service Management Contract Award
 - MDE has given permission for the Board to act on the Chartwells proposal.
- C. Yale High School Fire Alarm Panel
 - Three bids were received for this project. The district is expected to save a considerable sum from the negotiated price Sitelogiq has proposed. Great Lakes Power and Light were under expectations.
- D. Yale High School Controls Bid
 - Only one bid was received for this but it is with the same company who was awarded the junior high project. Controls Solution.
- E. Cement Work Bid
 - Sidewalks were marked and references checked were good to award the bid to Better 2 Enterprises.
- F. Site Logiq Amendment #8
 - Phase I Jr. High Work (liquidated damages).
- G. Set Budget Hearing Date and Time
 - June 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM
- H. Board Organizational Date – July 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM
- I. Board Governance Committee – Not met recently.
- J. Board Buildings & Grounds Committee
 - Continue 5 year rolling plan.
 - Meeting to be rescheduled end of May for the 2024-2025 school year project.

- K. SCCASB Representative
 - Mr. Hurlburt announced the committee had selected winners for the district/BOE scholarships.
- L. MASB Legislative Liaison
 - Mr. Johnson reported the fall conference is being organized. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- M. Other Items - None

12. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Yale Junior High Paving Project Design and Engineering Proposal
 - Superintendent Sutton consulted legal advice regarding this bid. Since this is for service work, the Buildings and Grounds committee recommends approving Wightman.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Approval of Treasurer's Report and monthly bills in the amount of **\$1,794,814.57**

Motion by French seconded by Hoppe to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$1,794,814.57**.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

B. Approval of Personnel Report

1. Hiring

A. Joyce Laffery, high school instructional/non-instructional aide

B. Jeanette Trevorrow, junior high instructional aide

2. Retirement

A. Jodi Pikura, Yale Elementary cook

B. Debbie Butler, Yale High School cook

3. Probationary Teachers Recommended for Tenure

A. Megan Dunn, Yale Junior High

B. Brian Nicol, Yale Junior High

C. Corinne VanWyke, Yale High School

4. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Johnson seconded by Hoppe to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

C. 2024-2025 RESA Proposed Budget Resolution

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Hoppe to approve the Resolution in support of the 2024-2025 proposed RESA Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

D. Food Service Management Contract Renewal

Motion by French seconded by Johnson to award the food service management contract with Chartwells Food Service for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

E. Yale High School Fire Alarm Panel

Motion by Hoppe seconded by Hurlburt to award the Yale High School Fire Alarm Panel installation to Great Lakes Power & Light in the amount of \$193,000 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

F. Yale High School Controls Bid

Motion by Johnson seconded by Hurlburt to award the Yale High School HVAC Controls Bid to Control Solutions with the base Price Bid of \$29,000 and all proposed Alternates (\$15,905) totaling \$44,905 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

G. Cement Work Bid

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to award the Cement Work bid to Better 2 Enterprises in the amount of \$24,885 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

H. Site Logiq Amendment #8

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to approve Site Logiq Amendment #8 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

I. Yale Junior High Paving Project Design and Engineering

Motion by Johnson seconded by Butler to award the Yale Junior High paving project design and engineering project to Wightman in the amount of \$29,000 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, McClelland- Abs., Johnson- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

J. Budget Hearing Date (June 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM)

Motion by Bullard seconded by French to set the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing on June 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

K. Board Organizational Date – July 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

- Calendars will be distributed to the Board and will be voted on at the June meeting.

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

- All Board members thanked Maddie Stefanides for serving as a student representative on the Board and welcomed Logan Winters as student representative for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Mr. Hurlburt, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hoppe stated that they love this time of year with all of the sports and music activities.
- Mr. Hoppe announced that he has enjoyed his time serving on the Board but will not seek re-election.
- Superintendent Sutton thanked Mr. Hoppe for his service to Yale Public Schools. He also gave kudos to Joanne Faille and the Chartwells staff for their hard work in preparing the Board of Education dinner.
- Mr. Bullard echoed the same sentiments and added that he recently joined the administrative team to Kentucky to visit a school district that has taken their portrait of a graduate (learner) into action with hands-on, connected learning opportunities. He added that it was amazing to see how the district empowered their students and that our district is progressing in the right direction.

15. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 8:36 PM.**

Meghan Butler, Secretary
Yale Board of Education