

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Yale Elementary Media Center  
Tuesday, June 11, 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, French, Hurlburt, Butler, Hoppe, McClelland, Johnson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton  
Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski  
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth  
Technology Director Tony Harmer  
Athletic Director, Chace Palmateer  
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Others Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Kurt Carter, Kathleen Hooper, Joanne Faille and Dru Runnals

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 0                      Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Combined Committee of the Whole & Regular Board meeting minutes – May 9, 2024

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

Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 0                      Motion Carried

5. Correspondence

None

6. Public Participation

A. Agenda Items

- Jim Brown inquired about the tennis courts. The tennis courts will be resurfaced with an overlay, no mill, beginning Monday, June 17.

B. Non-Agenda Items

None

7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sutton read his report which contained the following information:

- Yale Elementary is the first of the elementary school buildings to get their renovation work started.
- The tennis courts will be getting painted/resurfaced beginning next week. The Yale Junior High gym will be resurfaced at the same time.
- Wrightman & Associates visited on Monday, June 10, to do their survey work in preparation for the parking lot and bus loop resurfacing coming up in the summer of 2025.
- All of the classrooms, bathrooms, and locker rooms at Yale Junior High will be painted this summer by our staff as we continue to update the learning space for the students.
- The Bulldog Health Clinic has filled their sports physical evening clinic time slots for June 13 and July 20. If parents are interested in getting a physical for their child, the Bulldog Clinic will be open Tuesday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM within the Yale Junior High.

- Summer camps have already begun with basketball and wrestling already training with our young Bulldogs this off season with more to come.

## 8. Reports

### A. Athletics – Chace Palmateer

Athletic Director Chace Palmateer distributed the 2023-2024 Spring Athletic Report which included:

- Spring coaching staff
- Spring participation
- Bulldog academic pride
- Varsity program cumulatives
- Bulldog season overviews
- Upcoming sports for fall 2024-2025

### B. Technology – Tony Harmer

Technology Director Tony Harmer read his report which contained the following:

- Paging, Emergency Notification, Bell & Clock Systems Project
- Building Replacement UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply)
- Projectors
- Surveillance Systems
- SIS Replacement Integration
- Student Accounts
- YJH/CO Network Switch Replacement
- Helpdesk System Replacement

### C. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton read the Buildings and Grounds report which included the following information:

- Peltier Well Drilling replaced a pipe and pump at the well at Avoca Elementary.
- Wrightman has been on campus surveying the junior high parking lot.
- Construction at the elementary schools began yesterday.
- Tennis courts are scheduled for resurfacing beginning on Monday, as well as the junior high gym floor.
- EGLE was out last week for their annual inspection of the lagoons.

### D. Finance and Financial Overview

Business Services Director Silkworth shared her report which contained the following:

Action Items:

- Proposed budgets for all funds were submitted to the Board for consideration. Mrs. Silkworth reviewed changes incorporated into the 23/24 final numbers. Most changes were attributed to grant (revenues and expenses) as well as a significant tax value adjustment for Greenwood Township. The district is waiting for the county to update MDE's taxable value chart so the State increases the State Aid compensation appropriately.
- For 2024-2025, the public hearing is set for 6:30 PM Thursday, June 13, 2024. Most budgets for this year have been rolled forward. The revenue is based on 1700 students at \$9,808 (state aid and property tax). Grants have been added when revenue equals expenditure.
- All budgets will be presented to the Board for action at their Thursday meeting.

### E. Instruction and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Kryscynski presented the Instruction and Personnel Report (attached).

#### 1. Hiring

- A. Kaylee Long, Avoca Elementary Special Education Teacher

#### 2. Resignation

- A. Josilynn Hoppe, Avoca Elementary Children's Center Associate
- B. Denise Craig, Farrell Emmett Children's Center Associate
- C. John Lapensee, Junior High Custodian

#### 3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Mr. Kryscynski told the Board that Dr. Dave Phillips would be taking the Special Education Director position and that the principal position for Farrell Emmett Elementary has been posted.

#### Curriculum/Instruction

- We have successfully completed another great school year and plans are to share the student progress over the course of the year at the July meeting.
- The District MICIP team met last week to discuss the current MICIP plan and how to improve its alignment with our current focus on the ALT learning model, Portrait of a learner and the MISS process. The group will meet again in August to continue planning for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Thanks to Mr. Kohler, our district Sex Education Advisory Board met on May 13 to review recent MiPHY data from the junior high and high school. Overall feedback from the group was positive. Plans are to continue to work with our district teams and community resources to find ways to address all of our students' needs.
- Many job openings are available throughout the district.
- Work will continue on using the various federal and state grants available to us to help meet the needs of our staff and students and assist in accomplishing our school improvement goals.
- Mr. Kryscynski gave kudos to Food Service Director Joanne Faille, as students being served a free breakfast has increased from 26.5% to 85%.

#### F. Transportation

Jolene Roffe read the Transportation Report which included the following:

- Thanked the drivers and bus mechanic for all of their help.
- Ended the year fully staffed with no current subs and one person has filled out an application.
- 150 families filled out the Transportation Registration form.
- Distributed a compiled list of school year miles.
- Discussed and presented information on requesting the purchase of a new bus for the district.

#### G. Other - None

### 9. Items for Board Discussion

#### A. Amendment 7 Sitelogiq

Kurt Carter explained the proposed Sitelogiq Amendment #7 to their contract.

#### B. 2024-2025 MHSAA Resolution

Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Palmateer explained MHSAA offers catastrophic insurance for our student athletes.

#### C. Final Budget – 2023-2024

Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

#### D. Original 2024-2025 Budget

Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

#### E. ACH Resolution

Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

#### F. Board Buildings & Grounds Committee

Mrs. Butler reviewed the events of the last meeting which included:

- Maintenance ticket system
- Future planning
- Facilities public committee

#### G. Board Governance Committee

- Committee has not met recently.
- Mr. Sutton gave updates on all evaluation training seminars provided by MASB.

#### H. MASB Legislative Liaison

Mr. Johnson explained the many opportunities that are offered by MASB.

#### I. 2024-2025 Proposed Board Meeting Dates (July 11, 2024 – Organizational at 6:30 PM followed by the Regular Board meeting at 7:00 PM)

President Bullard set the Board of Education July meeting date as July 11, 2024.

- J. Board Calendar & Self-Evaluation (Pine River Nature Center)
  - Date: August 8, 2024
  - Location: Pine River Nature CenterMr. Sutton will check to see if there are alternate dates for the August meeting.
- K. 2023-2024 SCCASB Scholarship & Mentor Recognition (Thursday, June 13, 2024 Regular Board meeting.)  
Presentation at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

10. Comments from Board Members, Administration

- Mrs. Butler stated that it has been a great year.
- Mr. Kryscynski thanked all of the staff for a great year and is looking forward to the next.
- Mr. Sutton echoed Mr. Kryscynski's sentiments and added a special thank you to Beky Silkworth, Kathleen Hooper and Ashley Garofalo for all of their hard work put forth in handling the grants.
- Mr. Bullard thanked everyone for a great year and reminded the Board of the closed session request for Thursday's Regular meeting.

12. Adjournment by consensus at 7:22 PM

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MEGHAN BUTLER, SECRETARY  
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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