

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, September 5, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Hurlburt, French, Hoppe, Butler, McClelland, Johnson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Student Representative Logan Winters

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown,

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE - None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- The Leadership Class put together a short video of do's & don'ts for the student section in the video announcements.
- Some changes have been made for the first semester exam schedule. The secondary schools are piloting an adjustment to the exam schedule this year which will allow students to complete exams before our Christmas break. The semester will still end on January 17. We will evaluate the effectiveness of this change and ask our Improvement & Innovation team for feedback to determine whether this change is worth continuing in future years.
- Ms. Sally Morgan will be leading a professional development offering for our K-8 teachers on how to develop and encourage critical/computational thinking skills. Ms. Morgan has done extensive training in this area and will be a great resource to interested staff.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Logan Winters

Logan was welcomed by the Board and gave his report which included the following:

- Student Spotlight – Joshua Kriesch, St. Clair County Youth Advisory
- AAA – ATM – Checking & Savings Account
- Red Carpet Entrance
- Senior Sunrise at the Beach
- Football had an upsetting defeat.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Special Guests: None

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items:

- Jim Brown inquired who started the moment of silence at the Board meetings? Dr. McClelland responded that it was after 911.

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$2,774,345.63

Motion by French seconded by Hurlburt to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$2,774,345.63 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes, Johnson- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

1. Hiring

- A. Joyce Lafferty, Yale Junior High Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide
- B. Mert O'Connor, Avoca Elementary Cook Helper
- C. Lillian Lucier, Avoca Elementary Children's Center Opener/GSRP
- D. Suzanne Wood, Special Education Teacher, Yale Junior High
- E. Shelby James, Avoca Elementary Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide
- F. Allison Bleasdale, Avoca Elementary Teacher
- G. Melissa Landon, Yale High School Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide

2. Resignation

- A. Jeanette Trevorrow, junior high instructional aide.

3. Retirement

- A. Tom Pemberton, Elementary Teacher, Effective December 31, 2024

4. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes, Johnson- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

MASB Board members awards were presented to:

- Pete Bullard – Level 6 Award
- Dena French – Level 2 Award

In addition, Mark Hurlburt was presented his 5-year service pin and letter.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Adoption of Course Catalog –Yale High School Growth & AAA at Yale Junior High

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to adopt the Course Catalog, Yale High School Growth and approve AAA at Yale Junior High as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes, Johnson- Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

B. MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly

Pete Bullard will be Yale's Delegate to the Fall Conference Assembly.

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

- Logan Winters announced that a USA theme would be used at the football game tomorrow.
- Ms. Butler added that the soccer game begins at 5:00 PM followed by the football game at 7 PM.
- Mr. Hurlburt stated that he is looking forward to the students returning to school and for football.
- Mr. Johnson & Mr. Hoppe said, "Go Bulldogs"!
- Mr. Sutton welcomed Logan and his perspective to the Board.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:24 PM.**

**Meghan Butler, Secretary
Yale Board of Education**