

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, October 3, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Butler, McClelland, Johnson

Members Absent: Hurlburt, Hoppe

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Student Representative Logan Winters

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Auditor Akshay Kapoor (Lewis & Knopf, P.C.) JoAnne Faille, Tara Jordan, Kathleen Hooper and Coleeta Vesper

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE - None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Next week is Homecoming Week with many activities planned. There is an alumni baseball game Sunday, spirit week activities, Powderpuff on Wednesday, parade and game on Friday and the dance on Saturday.
- Work has begun on Park Avenue with a crossing mechanism, curb and sidewalk work, and a resurfacing of the road all occurring over the next few weeks. We have been informed that the resurfacing will occur on the weekend of October 19-20.
- October is National Principal's Month and we are fortunate to have a group of outstanding principals that lead our students and staff each day. We appreciate the countless hours spent to provide our students with the best learning environment possible so our kids can reach their full potential.
- The week of October 14-18 is National School Lunch Week and Mrs. Faille has a number of fun things planned for our students centered around the "Find Your Treasure" pirate theme. We are grateful to Mrs. Faille and her dedicated staff.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Logan Winters

Logan presented his report which included the following

- Students traveled to DTE to help with a luncheon.
- The art club/classes and leadership students went to an art exhibit in Grand Rapids.
- Homecoming Court was announced.
- The Leadership class hosted a get-to-know you event with games and treats. The class is also working on year long projects like painting bathrooms and updating the Y in the park.
- The Geometry in Construction class just finished a large project of constructing stairs.

- Homecoming tickets are on sale, themes for spirit week were decided and float building has begun.
- Lights were hung around the tree in the new outside seating area at the high school.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Special Guests: None
- 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 \$793,544.73.

Motion by French seconded by Johnson to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$793,544.73 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs., French-Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

- 1. Hiring
 - A. Brian Faille, Yale High School Custodian
- 2. Resignation
 - A. Shanon Osterland, Elementary Special Education Teacher
- 3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

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

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs., French-Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2023-2024 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C. and Acceptance of Audit

Motion by French seconded by Butler to accept the 2023-2024 Audit as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs., French-Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

Auditor Akshay Kapoor (Lewis & Knopf, P.C.) reviewed the June 30, 2024 Audit Report and applauded Business Services Director Beky Silkworth and her staff, Kathleen Hooper and Ashley Garofalo, for preparing the audit and for the district’s ability to remain financially stable this year. The district received a “Clean” “Unmodified” audit opinion which is the highest level of assurance possible for the district’s financial statements. Mr. Sutton also thanked Jill Harmer for her hard work this year.

B. Purchase of Maintenance Truck

Motion by Butler seconded by McClelland to approve the use of MiDEAL for the district’s Maintenance Truck purchase as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs., French-Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

C. Tri-County Bank

Motion by French seconded by Butler to acknowledge the district's participation in the IntraFi Network through Tri-County Bank as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs., French-Yes, Hoppe-Abs., Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Carried

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

- Board members and Superintendent Sutton thanked the business office for their hard work and exemplary report from the auditors.
- President Bullard thanked Joanne Faille and the kitchen team for the delicious alumni luncheon.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:36 PM**

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