

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Bullard appointed Mark Hurlburt as acting secretary in the absence of Mrs. Butler.

**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, McClelland, Johnson

Members Absent: Butler

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Joann & Brian Faille, Michelle Zink & Abby Brancaccio

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

**5. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- Mr. Sutton and Mr. Kryscynski will be conducting culture & 'stay' interviews with staff throughout the month of January. In these brief optional interviews with all staff, feedback is given on what we can do to maintain an environment where staff want to stay and serve our students. We started this process last year and the feedback received was invaluable.
- Our E-sports fall season concluded with our team finishing in 16<sup>th</sup> place in the state. Winter season is just around the corner for all interested students.
- Koins for Kids is collecting change all of next week to support Julie's Kids with first place earning a pizza prize as our kids give back to those in need.
- Friday, December 6 the Farrell Emmett Elementary's Celebration of Trees is a can't miss event with lots of festive trees, music, and fun for the family. Doors open at 5:30.
- Avoca's Supper with Santa is next Friday, December 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Recognition: Board Member Greg Hoppe – 8 Years of Service

- Mr. Bullard thank Mr. Hoppe for always doing the right thing for kids, working diligently on the Bond project and added that his personal experience was invaluable to the Board.
- Mr. Sutton added thanks for Mr. Hoppe's support and for not only serving on the Board but also for being an athletic coach for the district.
- A cake in appreciation for Mr. Hoppe's service was enjoyed at the end of the meeting.

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items:

- Mr. Bullard appreciated Mrs. Zink's input on doing what's best for kids and her input on the Top Scholar Award.

8. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$2,912,131.64.

Previous motion was amended by Hoppe seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$2,912,131.64 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

1. Hiring

A. Jennifer Schultz, Yale Elementary Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide

B. Sherry Halleck, Avoca & Farrell Emmett Elementary Special Education Teacher

2. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Hoppe to approve the personnel report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by French seconded by Hurlburt to accept the December 3, 2024 Superintendent's Evaluation Summary with an 'Effective' rating as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

B. Bulldog Health Clinic Grant

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Bullard to approve the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Child and Adolescent Health Center Program, CAHC Construction Grant for the Bulldog Health Clinic as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Greenwood Little League Baseball, Inc. Donation Acceptance

Motion by Hoppe seconded by Johnson to approve the Greenwood Little League Baseball, Inc. donation as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Abs., McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Abstain: 1                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

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

- Mr. Sutton, Mr. Bullard and Board members thanked Mr. Hoppe for his years of service and for always doing what is best for children.

13. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS 7:25 PM**

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