

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 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, Butler, McClelland, Johnson, Brancaccio

Members Absent: French

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Audience Members: Joanne & Brian Faille, Mike Butler, Tara Jordan, Stacie & Jason Guerbe,
Autumn Allen, Katieann & Ryan Allen

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Special Guests

- 2025 SCCASB Scholarship Award Winner Autumn Allen and Mentor Stacie Guerbe
Superintendent Sutton presented Mentor Teacher, Stacie Guerbe with the St. Clair County Association of School Boards Crystal Apple Award. Yale High School Senior and winner of the SCCASB scholarship, Autumn Allen, chose Mrs. Guerbe as the person who most influenced her to apply herself to reach her goals. Autumn will attend Central Michigan University this fall to study and pursue a career in music. Congratulations to Autumn and Mrs. Guerbe.

Break: The Board took a short break at 7:05 PM and returned at 7:10 PM

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items: None

7. ATHLETIC REPORT

On behalf of Athletic Director Chace Palmateer, Superintendent Sutton read the Spring 2024-2025 Athletic Report which contained the following:

- Spring Participation
- Athletes who obtained a 3.0 or above
- Bulldog Season Overviews
- Upcoming Sports for this Fall 2025/2026
- Future Dates – Homecoming is September 19, 2025 vs Imlay City and the Hall of Fame game is tentatively December 19, 2025 vs Imlay City.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- The expansion of our Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) includes Farrell Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- We shared on our Facebook page that the Meet Up & Eat Up Summer Food Program is available for families.
- The Yale Junior High Scholl gym curtain will be replaced next week .
- Our principals are working through handbook adjustments for the 2025-2026 school year.

9. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student representative Alfred Schwehofer was unable to attend in person, but submitted a thorough written report which was read/shared by Superintendent Sutton. The report contained the following:

- The school year wrapped up very smoothly, especially for seniors. They had all sorts of things going on, such as the scholarship night, where many great scholarships were handed out. Also, their baccalaureate, which was very nice as well.
- The biggest event of course was graduation. Graduation went well, with some fantastic speeches, especially from Diana Collins, the commencement speaker.
- There were 13 valedictorians and 1 salutatorian for the class of 2025. Also, Reagan Majcher won Outstanding Senior, which was very much deserved.
- For the underclassmen, there was still plenty going on. The underclassman awards were great, with many students receiving multiple awards. Leo Bearss won the Science Award for Juniors, which is an esteemed award presented to a student who shows great interest and accomplishment in the science field.
- Also, Mr. Mac's Social Studies Classes buried their time capsules which they had been working on since they came back from winter break.
- Also, multiple field trips were available to students, one to a Tigers game to learn about sports announcing and another to the MAGNA plant for a tour. Gym students also earned the opportunity to go to Skyzone, which was enjoyed by everybody who went.
- The varsity baseball team ended the 2025 season as Regional Champions and District Champions. They had some fantastic games, and finished top 8 for the MHSAA state tournament. According to Coach Fowler, the team will return all of its starters for the 2026 season and are looking forward to a strong 2026 season.
- Girls tennis finished 2nd in the league, boasting two flights undefeated in the league, their 4th singles and 3rd doubles. This is improved from last year's 5th place BWAC finish. According to Coach McIntyre, all but 2 players are returning, so the team is looking forward to another strong season next year.
- In Boys track, the team tied for the BWAC title. They went undefeated in the BWAC dual meets again this year. The boys sent Zack Haywood to states for discus, who performed very well.
- In girls track, the team sent 5 athletes to states: Cece Ford, Saige Cole, Julia Ferguson and Maddie Sepsey in the 4x400 and Sadie Dykstra in the hurdle events, long jump and high jump. Sadie had a fantastic meet, and medaled in all of her events.
- In Softball, the girls had a great season. They went to the MHSAA District 60 Tournament and had an excellent performance, but ended up losing in a tough game against Marysville. Overall, they had a great season and are expecting multiple strong starters back next year.
- In Girls soccer, they had a great season as well, winning many games. One specific game was against Richmond towards the end of the season, which included many team members putting points on the board and a great showing by both defense and offense throughout the entire game. The girls are planning on coming back just as strong next year.
- The boys golf team also had a great season taking 6th in the BWAC Championship with a score of 364. They had many new members joining, a fair number of them underclassmen. They are also looking forward to improving and coming back stronger next year.
- Overall, the year came to a nice close, and everything ended off great.

10. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of **\$698,790.39**.

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$698,790.39** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

11. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

1. Hiring

A. Amy Waldhart-Sheldon, Yale High School Custodian

B. Laura Kautz, Yale High School Custodian

2. Resignations

A. Cindy Johnson, Yale Elementary School Aide

B. Corrine Bird, Yale High School Teacher

C. Brian Herbon, Yale High School Custodian

2. Retirement

A. Sheryl Israel, Yale High School Custodian

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- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

12. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of New Business

1. Final Budgets 2024-2025

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to adopt the Final 2024-2025 General Fund, Food Service Fund, Latch Key Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Special Revenue-Activity Fund Budget Amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

2. Original Budget 2025-2026

Motion by Johnson seconded by Brancaccio to adopt the 2025-2026 General Fund, Food Service Fund, Latch Key Fund, Capital Projects and Special Revenue/Activities Fund Budgets as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

3. ACH Resolution

Motion by Johnson seconded by Butler to approve the ACH participation resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

4. 2025-2026 MHSAA Resolution.
Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to adopt the 2025-2026 Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried
5. Flooring Replacement Project for Elementary Buildings
Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to award the flooring replacement project bid for Yale Elementary, Avoca Elementary & Emmett Farrell Elementary to Floorcraft Floor Covering, Inc., Clinton Twp. MI, in the amount of \$79, 997 and the proposed alternate bid of \$10,571 for two additional rooms as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Absent, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson- Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried
6. 2025-2026 Proposed Board Meeting Dates (Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – Organizational at 6:30 PM followed by the Regular Board meeting at 7:00 PM.
 - The Board will adopt their 2025-2026 meeting calendar at the July 1 Organizational meeting.

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

- The Board congratulated Mrs. Guerbe and Autumn Allen on winning the SCCASB awards. Mrs. Silkworth added it is nice to see so many of our staff winning this prestigious award.
- Superintendent Sutton thanked all of the district staff for a great school year. In addition, he gave kudos to Beky Silkworth, Kathleen Hooper and Ashley Garafalo for all of their hard work and efforts in preparing the budgets.
- Mr. Bullard echoed the same sentiments on how proud he is of our staff and extended a special thank you to the maintenance and custodial staff for how nice the buildings are maintained and how well kept and manicured the grounds look.

15. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS 7:33 PM**

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