

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High School Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.**

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bullard, French, Hurlburt, Butler, Johnson, Brancaccio

Members Absent: McClelland

Also Present: Yale Expositor Representative Sherrie Kleitch, Jessica Harris, Joanne Faille and Tara Jordan

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting - May 17, 2025

B. Committee of the Whole - June 10, 2025

C. Executive Session - June 10, 2025

D. Public Hearing - June 12, 2025

E. Regular - June 12, 2025

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Michigan Government is on break with no budget.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Jessica Harris has been hired as the new principal at Farrell-Emmett Elementary. Mrs. Harris, an Algonac native, taught elementary school in Michigan before spending the last few years as a principal in Minnesota. Mrs. Harris is excited to get back to St. Clair County to continue and lead our Bulldogs for 2025 and beyond.
- The district presented the City of Yale with an updated park use agreement several weeks ago and are waiting for a response prior to the start of the 2025-2026 sports season in August.
- Yale Public Schools has submitted preliminary dimensions to an architect to create designs for new baseball and softball dugouts. The dimensions and rough scope of work came from recommendations made by our coaches and athletic director. When we get the drawings back from the architect we will submit this to the state with the hope to put this out to bid in the late summer or early fall.
- The election cost for the sinking fund renewal in May came in around what we expected based on previous elections. From the townships and municipalities that are connected within the school district boundaries the cost for the election in May is \$13,856.18.
- The secure vestibule work is progressing very well as contractors have begun work at Yale Junior High and Avoca Elementary. The new salt hoop foundation is set and we plan to share resources with the City of Yale when we stretch the canopy to fit this new structure. We also expect to have contractors in the next week or so to begin the work on replacing our parking lot and bus loop. These projects are made possible through the support of the community with our sinking funds, which we are very grateful to have.
- Our principals have completed their student handbook reviews and we will have minor changes for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. With regard to cell phone access, K-8 students will continue to be asked to keep their cell phones in their locker throughout the day as they have for the last several years. Students in grades 9-12 will have cell phones stored in 'caddies' or pocket charts during their class period and may have them during a passing period or lunch. We are emphasizing the importance of students being 'present' for learning and not distracted by devices during instructional time. We will be proactively communicating this to our students in the days leading up to school and for the first several weeks of school.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Guests: None
- B. Agenda Items: None
- C. Non-Agenda Items: None

9. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$366,392.10

Motion by French seconded by Butler to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$366,392.10.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion Carried

10. PERSONNEL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS

Hiring

1. Rachel E. Chalabian, Great Start Readiness Program Associate Teacher
2. Amanda Kayser, Yale Junior High Counselor
3. Candra McKillican, Yale High School Custodian
4. Christine LaMay, Yale High School Aide
5. Jessica Harris, Farrell Emmett Elementary Principal
6. Michael Hazel, Yale Elementary Custodian
7. Delbert Trombley, Farrell Emmett Elementary Custodian
8. Jodi Beiser, Avoca & Farrell Emmett Elementary Custodian
9. Gara Williams, Yale High School Special Education Teacher

A. Resignation

1. Laura Kautz, Yale High School Custodian
2. Holly Iseler, Social Studies/College Career Coach
3. Anthony Buss, Yale High School Custodian
4. Tom Keyworth, Avoca Elementary Custodian

Curriculum/Instruction/Personnel

- We were able to complete interviews for our new principal at Farrell Emmett Elementary, secondary special Education teacher, and fill our custodial ranks.
- End of Year STAR data update. This is a very high-level overview of our STAR testing data for grades K-8 for this past school year. Overall, another successful year.
- Currently we are wrapping up the last few grant reports for this year and lining up everything for next year.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Third-Party Contracts for ESS, PCOR and Thumb Educational Services. Motion by French seconded by Hurlburt to approve the 2025-2026 ESS, PCOR and Thumb Educational Contract renewals as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

- B. Approval of the Central Office Contract
 Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the 2025-2027 Central Office contract as presented.
 Roll Call Vote:
 Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Absent, Johnson- Yes,
 Brancaccio-Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried
- C. Approval of the Principal Contract
 Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to approve the 2025-2027 Principal Contract as presented.
 Roll Call Vote:
 Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Absent, Johnson- Yes,
 Brancaccio-Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried
- D. Approval of the Transportation Contract
 Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the 2025-2027 Transportation Contract as presented.
 Roll Call Vote:
 Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Absent, Johnson- Yes,
 Brancaccio-Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried
- E. Approval of the District Sign Replacement Bid
 Motion by Butler seconded by Johnson to award the district sign replacement bid to Woodruff Sign Company in the amount of \$47,500 as presented.
 Roll Call Vote:
 Bullard-Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, French- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland-Absent, Johnson- Yes,
 Brancaccio-Yes
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

13. Comments from Board Members, Administration: None

The Board took a short recess at 7:19 PM
 Returned to Open Session at 7:31 PM

14. Executive Session – Closed Session/a Personnel Issue in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a).

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:32 PM

Motion by Bullard seconded by Johnson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Issue in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a) as requested by Superintendent Sutton.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

The Board returned into Open Session at 8:28 PM

15. Adjournment by consensus: 8:28 PM.

Mark Hurlburt, Secretary
 Yale Board of Education