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**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Bullard, Butler, French, Hurlburt, Johnson, McClelland (Arrived at 6:15 PM),
Brancaccio

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski
Business Services Director Beky Silkworth
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe & Kathleen Hooper

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Committee of the Whole meeting minutes – September 2, 2025

B. Regular Board meeting minutes – September 4, 2025

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by French to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

5. Correspondence

- Superintendent Sutton discussed the 5th grade field trips to Mackinaw Island and the out of state baseball trip to Clearwater Florida.
- Mr. Sutton provided a slide presentation of a survey that will be sent out to the community to identify the interest in a bond proposal.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sutton read his report which contained the following information:

- We had our student count day last week and we have 1,740 students attending Yale Public Schools this year, which is an increase from what we projected for the school year.
- The state has settled on a budget that will include \$10,050 per pupil, which is above what we budgeted for 2025-2026. Legislators have passed a budget that continues free meals for students as well. There are some details within the budget that we are seeking clarity on and hope to have a better idea on this by the close of the week.
- Congratulations to Mr. Carlson for being recognized by Michigan's Elementary and Middle School Principal Association (MEMSPA) Region 6 principal of the year. Mr. Carlson will be formally recognized at the state conference in Traverse City in early December.
- Outdoor equipment Company made an incredibly generous donation of over \$9,000 to Farrell Elementary this week. Farrell Elementary won 1st place for the Outdoor Equipment Company's Give Back Facebook poll and is reaping the benefits from the charity golf outing that supports local schools. The students from the Civics Club did an outstanding job thanking representatives from OEEO and represented their school and our district very well!
- Our Annual Yale Alumni Luncheon was a tremendous success with over 260 people attending and reminiscing throughout the afternoon. The Alumni Association made a donation of \$15,000 to support Yale graduates attending college or pursuing a career in the skilled trades.
- On Monday, October 13 the Yale Education Foundation (YEF) will be meeting to review the thirteen grant applications that were submitted for our first fall grant cycle.

7. Public Participation

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

8. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton presented/read the Buildings and Grounds report which contained the following:

- After the state inspections at the high school, we are being required to install a pull station in the high school office.
- Laforce has installed a new receiving door at Avoca.
- Flooring Edge reinstalled, under warranty, some of the flooring in the junior high cafeteria.
- Boss Engineering continue to work on the design phase of the water filtration system for Avoca Elementary.
- Construction on the new salt barn has been completed.
- The last of the monument signs were installed this past Friday and we are inquiring about LED lights for the main campus directory sign.

B. Finance

Director Silkworth presented/read her report which contained the following:

- District books are closed for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and the auditor from Lewis & Knopf, CPA's will be at the board meeting Thursday to review the district's financial statements and issue their opinion. Board action will be needed to accept the report that evening.
- All three invoices have been received and prepared for payments to be made by November 1 for bonded debt. Request for approval of the payments will be included with the October invoices.
- All of the ACH withdrawals have been switched to the new account.
- All 30 of the used high school cafeteria tables were sold through CIS (on-line) Auctions (Sandusky).

C. Instruction and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Kryscynski presented the Instruction and Personnel Report (attached) which contained the following:

1. Hiring

- A. Walter Myus, Bus Driver
- B. Sarah Smith, Children's Center Closer
- C. Brelee Anderson, Yale Junior High/High School Career Exposure & Comp. Coach
- D. Timothy (TJ) McMurtrie, Yale Elementary Custodian
- E. Vaness Crooker, Yale Elementary Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide
- F. Jennifer Armstrong, Avoca Elementary GSRP Associate Teacher

2. Resignation

- A. Michelle Cousino, Yale Elementary Custodian
- B. Angela Riddell, Bus Driver
- C. Acie Wilson, Avoca Elementary GSRP Associate Teacher
- D. Cecilia Nimbach, Avoca Elementary Children's Center Opener/GSRP Aide
- E. Nicole Compagnoni, Avoca Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional

3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Curriculum/Instruction:

- We have started our first round of department and grade level meetings and this is an excellent opportunity for teachers to collaborate on reviewing state and local student data, refining curriculum, and planning their ALT lessons.
- Distributed a quick read summary from the Michigan Department of Education of the summary of the timeline of the Dyslexia Bill.

- Distributed and reviewed the Yale Public Schools 2024-2025 Data Review of the County K-12 comparison of the M-Step-PSAT-SAT.
- Reported that overall, Yale performed at or near the top of the county in all subject areas. Kudos to our teachers, support staff and principals for providing the outstanding academic environment for our students to learn and grow.

D. Transportation

Superintendent Sutton read the Transportation report (attached) which contained the following:

- Seeking applicants for bus drivers.
- Addressing ways of improving routes.
- Bus drivers are practicing bus safety with students at all grade levels.

E. Other - None

9. Items for Board Discussion

- A. 2024-2025 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C. at Thursday's Regular Board Meeting. Board action at Thursday's Regular meeting.
- B. Board Governance Committee
- Nothing to report at this time.
- C. Board Buildings & Grounds
- Mrs. Butler reported the committee will meet this Thursday at 5:30 PM.
- D. SCCASB Representative
- Mr. Hurlburt reported the next meeting will be at the end of October.
- E. MASB Legislative Liaison
- Dr. Brancaccio reported a \$442 increase per pupil this year on the new budget.
- F. Interviews of Construction Management Companies
- On October 16 at 5:30 PM The Buildings & Grounds Committee will screen three companies:
 - a. Grainger
 - b. McCarthy-Smith
 - c. Clark Construction
- G. Overnight Field Trips
- Superintendent Sutton made the Board aware of the upcoming overnight 5th grade field trips to Mackinaw Island:
 - a. May 26 – Avoca Elementary
 - b. May 20 & 21 – Yale Elementary
 - c. May 27 & 28 – Farrell Emmett Elementary
 - Mr. Sutton also informed the board about the out of state baseball trip this spring in Clearwater, Florida.

10. Comments from Board Members, Administration

- None

11. **Executive Session – Closed Session/To discuss Class Action Lawsuit, Property Acquisition in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Paragraph (a)**

The Board took a short recess at 7:18 PM.

Returned to Open Session at 7:25 PM.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:26 PM

Motion by French seconded by Johnson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Class Action Lawsuit, Property Acquisition in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a) as requested by Superintendent Sutton.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

The Board returned into Open Session at: 7:59

12. Adjournment by Consensus at 7:59 PM.

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MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION