

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 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

Student Representative Alfred Schwehofer III led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe
Student Representative Alfred Schwehofer III
Kingscott representatives Rob Atkins, John Davids and Ron Charney, Lewis & Knopf Representative Kenny Rappuhn, Joanne Faille, Tara Jordan, Coleeta Vesper

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- On October 16, sophomores at Yale High School will be spending time at Blue Water Controls learning about the different options available in engineering, CAD, machining, welding, and much more. Blue Water Controls hosts our students and the Blue Water area each year as part of their effort to grow interest in manufacturing and related fields.
- BWAC superintendents are holding a virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 15 to discuss the exit of Algonac Schools to the Macomb Athletic Conference (MAC). There are plans to begin the process of seeking interest from surrounding school districts in joining the BWAC.
- We have shared a survey detailing options for a 2026 bond with parents, staff, and the community. We have already received over one hundred fifty responses and we look forward to reviewing the data from these surveys to see what our community would like to see completed with a large capital project.
- There will be another community meeting to discuss the options for the bond on Monday, October 20 at 6:30 PM in the Yale High School Media Center.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Alfred Schwehofer III

Alfred presented his report which included the following information:

- Homecoming was a huge success with over 420 tickets sold for the dance.
- The blood drive had thirty donations.
- The Science Club is returning lead by Brian Bearss.
- The Book Club is currently reading Scorpio Races and in November Amelia Tetlow will present the next book.

- The Leadership Class is planning the Halloween Parade for the elementary students.
- Mr. Keller, the high school's college advisor has been busy working with students getting ready for college.
- The fall sports teams are doing well.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Special Guests

1. 2024-2025 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C.
Kenny Rappuhn presented the auditor's opinion on the district's financial statements.
2. King Scott Representatives President Rob Atkins, Senior Planner John Davids and Construction Administrator Ron Charney, presented in virtual mode their vision of an athletic/theatrical shared multi-use facility called a Fieldatorium

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 **\$1,759,024.14**.

Motion by French seconded by Butler to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$1,759,024.14** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

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

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Brancaccio to approve the personnel report as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2024-2025 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C. & Acceptance of Audit

Motion by French seconded by Hurlburt to accept the 2024-2025 Audit as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

B. Resolution Class Action Lawsuit - PowerSchool

Motion by French seconded by Hurlburt to authorize Superintendent Kurt Sutton to sign the Powerschool Litigation Resolution on behalf of Yale Public Schools and to join other public schools nationwide to take action as necessary to obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the school in the lawsuit against Powerschool Group, LLC.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

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

- Superintendent Sutton, President Pete Bullard and Board Members thanked the Business Office team for their hard work and exemplary report for the auditors.
- Business Services Director Beky Silkworth thanked Kathleen Hooper, Ashley Garofalo and Jill Harmer for their assistance and preparation for the audit.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:52 PM.**

**Mark Hurlburt, Secretary
Yale Board of Education**