

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale High School Media Center
Thursday, February 5, 2026 – 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 invited the Leadership Class students present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe,
Student Representative Alfred Schweihofer, Yale High School Principal Brad Dykstra, Joanne Faille, Yale High School Leadership Class Teacher Maria Gerardy, high school students Joshua Kriesch, Mia Stade, Yale Exhibitor Reporter Sherrie Kleitch and several parents.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Amended)

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:

- In January we were presented some very interesting information on the number of meals served at breakfast and lunch during the school year. This year Yale Public Schools Food Service staff serves 44,443 meals on average each month. This is very impressive, but also got us thinking about our students and how we can best support students and families throughout the summer when these meals are not provided at school. The district is pursuing some options with a local non-profit that would provide 'non-congregate' meals to anyone interested weekly through the summer. Interested parties would show up on a specified day each week and receive a week's worth of meals. Each meal bundle follows strict federal guidelines, prioritizing fresh options and including five essential components: milk, grain, meat/meat alternative, fruit, and vegetables. This would be provided under the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). We will provide more information about this partnership with regard to what day and time each week these free meals will be available.
- This year the district has added a service called Nutrislice for parents and students to view the breakfast and lunch menu online. One of the greatest benefits from Nutrislice is that it centralizes menu information with nutrition facts, allergens, and carb counts in a family-friendly manner. This can be found on our website by clicking on the 'Parents' Tab and the 'Food Service' link.
- Speaking of the website, we have added a quick link on the right-hand side of our website about the bond proposal. This quicklink is entitled '2026 Bond Information'.

- We have Yale High School's graduation set for Sunday, May 17th at 2:00. We plan on having graduation in the park and if the weather is an issue we will hold the ceremony in the gymnasium.

7. **Student Representative Report – Alfred Schwehofer**

- Mr. Schwehofer spoke about several happenings around the high school, including spirit week and the Snowcoming Dance.
- He also spoke about the leadership class who have been mentoring at the junior high. The many sports contests and individual wins over the past month, as well as upcoming matches.
- The drama club and class are working hard on their upcoming performances in March and April. In addition, the band solo ensembles are this coming week.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Special Guests:

- Yale Community Heart & Soul Presentation

Matt Korolden announced that the Yale group recently met for an inauguration workshop meeting to gather opinions on what matters most to the community. Expectations are for making the Heart and Soul of the community visible by caring of one another and sharing values of family and home town pride by listening to local voices and their stories. Plans are to engage the community and take steps toward making a brighter future and a stronger community. Mr. Korolden stated that Yale High School Senior Josh Kriesch created a promotional video that will be shared on social media. The Yale group anticipates working with Yale High School Teacher Mrs. McIntyre and students.

- Yale High School Presentation

Yale High School Principal Brad Dykstra introduced Leadership Teacher Maria Gerardy and students Mia Stade and Josh Kriesch who gave an excellent presentation on what the leadership class has meant to them and how they learned to practice team leadership through group participation. Through the class the students gained a better understanding of their own personal identities and how their identities shape their leadership and people skills. Throughout this class the students gained more independence in both their social and academic lives and were able to make better judgments. Mia and Josh thanked Mrs. Gerardy and the administration for supporting them and allowing them to make their own decisions on projects.

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 **\$463,821.52**.

Motion by French seconded by Butler to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$463,821.52** as presented.

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

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

1. Hiring

A. Walter Myus, Bus Driver

B. Edward (Al) Lubinski Avoca & Farrell Emmett Elementary Custodian

- C. Amanda Baird, Bus Driver
- D. Forest Simpson, Bus Driver
- E. Jennifer Lata, children’s Center Closer/GSRP Aide at Avoca Elementary

2. Resignation

- A. Cynthia Goodman, Avoca Elementary Children’s Center Closer/GSRP Aide

3. Recommendations to the Substitute List

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

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

11. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2026 Bond Authorization

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to approve ballot language for a bond issue not to exceed \$32 million. The proceeds of the issue is to be used for erecting, furnishing and equipping a new performance and training building; remodeling an existing school building; and preparing, equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds, driveways, parking areas and sites.

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

B. 2026 MASB Board of Directors Election – Region 5

Candidates:

- 1. Richard Hill, Kearsley Community Schools, Genesee County)
 - 2. James Johnson (Incumbent) Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, Genesee County
- Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to designate Richard Hill, Kearsley Community Schools, Genesee County and James Johnson (Incumbent), Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, Genesee County as Yale Public Schools 2026 selection to serve a three-year term on the MASB Region V Board of Directors.

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

C. Friend of Youth – 2026

President Bullard announced Kelly Peltier as Yale’s “2026” Friend of Youth.

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

- President Bullard, Superintendent Sutton and Board members gave kudos to Mrs. Gerardy and to Josh and Mia for their excellent presentation in their leadership roles. Mr. Sutton added there is nothing better than putting kids in front.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS 8:00 PM**

MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY
Yale Board of Education