

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: Bullard

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe, Joanne Faille and Sherrie Kleitch

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

4. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Committee of the Whole meeting minutes – February 3, 2026

B. Regular Board meeting minutes – February 5, 2026

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

5. **Correspondence**

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the following:

- Received a thank you card from Crystal Korotko in appreciation for the condolences sent from the board.
- Notice of Vacancies have been posted to get a jump on filling positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. **Superintendent's Report**

- There were a number of projects with bid openings that have occurred or are scheduled to occur over the next several weeks. Most notably the bid for the boiler replacement at Avoca and Farrell that is scheduled to be opened on Friday, March 6. We will be looking to hold a special board meeting next week to approve the qualified bidder to complete the work over the summer. By offering approval next week, this will allow for the procurement of necessary materials so the work can be completed before the start of the 2026-2027 school year.
- The Blue water Area Conference (BWAC) formally accepted Macomb Lutheran North's application to join the conference beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Lutheran North's acceptance came after a review of the programs offered, a site visit to see their facilities, and vote by the BWAC member schools in January.
- Congratulations to the Yale High School wrestling program for earning the state runner-up title once again after an outstanding season. Congratulations also to our boys basketball team for earning their second consecutive district title as well. We are very proud of our student athletes and pleased to share that the athletes participating in our winter sports earned a department average of a 3.54 grade point average, which is outstanding.
- There will be a community forum about the upcoming bond proposal on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 PM in the Yale High School media center. After the brief presentation there will be time for community members to ask questions about what is proposed by the district.

7. **Public Participation**

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

8. **Reports**

A. Buildings and Grounds

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

- Three contractors set up site visits for our upcoming boiler projects at Avoca and Farrell Elementary. Bids are due March 6.
- DJ Conley finished conducting all of our 2026 CSD-1 Boiler inspections.
- Mr. Shutko has been working on getting a few quotes for the resurfacing of the terrazzo floors at the high school. He currently has one so far and waiting on another. One of the contractors said they could start as early as spring break with a discounted rate if we were interested. They're currently in their slow part of the year and were willing to give us a better price if we started before summer.
- RL Deppmann visited the Junior High last week to do the semiannual maintenance on the boilers. Tim Stasik was able to observe them while they were here and now will be able to do the annual and semiannual service.

B. Finance

Mrs. Silkworth presented/discussed the financial report which contained the following:

- Bid documents for the boiler replacements at Avoca and Farrell Emmett Elementary Schools were posted and the bid opening will be on March 6 at 9:00 AM.
- Invoices are unremarkable.
- Property tax collections: - The district has received \$500,000 within the last two weeks.
- Final payment to Sitelogiq is included with this financial report.

C. Instruction and Personnel

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

1. Hiring
  - A. Jennifer Lata, Avoca Children's Center Closer/GSRP
2. Recommendation to the Substitute Lists

Curriculum/Instruction:

- Staff attended the countywide professional development day in February.
- Upcoming professional development half day on March 11.
- All three of the GSRP classrooms are on track to be filled for the 2026-2027 school year. Kudos to Mrs. McLarty for all of her hard work connecting with families and getting this process off to a great start.
- Mr. Kryscynski distributed and reviewed the 2025-2026 Mid-Year Data Report for student achievement in grades K-8 as indicated by STAR testing.

D. Transportation: Nothing new to report.

E. Other: None

9. **Items for Board Discussion**

A. Board Buildings & Grounds

- Mrs. Butler reported the next meeting is this Thursday, March 5. The committee will follow up discussion on the bond and review of future projects.

B. Board Governance Committee

- Mrs. French said that they have not met recently. She added that the district's cell phone policy is probably going to need to be revised due to state guidance.

- C. SCCASB Representative
  - Mr. Hurlburt reported SCCASB recently held a membership meeting. Their next project is reviewing scholarship applications.
- D. MASB Legislative Liaison
  - Dr. Brancaccio reported Governor Whitmer spoke about education during her State of the State address.
- E. Renewal of the 2026-27 ESS contract to extend services
  - Mr. Sutton explained the contract renewal details and recommended passage of renewal.
- F. Flooring Bid Award
  - All bids were reviewed and references were checked before the lowest responsible bidder was recommended to the Board.
- G. GSRP Bathroom
  - Salski Construction was the only bidder on this project. The bid came in high, so Mr. Shutko reviewed the bid details with company representatives.

**10. Comments from Board Members, Administration**

- Mr. Sutton gave kudos to the district's new Payroll Specialist, Jill Harmer. Mr. Sutton said that Jill is doing a great job settling into her new position and that her dedication is already making an impact.
- A special board meeting is set for 6:10 PM on March 10 to review additional details of the GSRP bathroom and award the Avoca and Farrell Emmett Elementary boiler replacement bids.

**11. Adjournment by Consensus: 6:48 PM**

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MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY  
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION