

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – 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, French, Hurlburt, Johnson, McClelland, Brancaccio (Arrived at 6:05 PM)

Members Absent: Butler

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Kathleen Hooper, Dru Runnals, Joanne Faille, Erich Kleitch and his children.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Johnson 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 – March 3, 2026

B. Regular meeting minutes – March 5, 2026

C. Special Board meeting minutes – March 10, 2026

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

5. **Correspondence**

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the following:

- Architect Bill Vogan dropped off large scale drawings of plans for the baseball and softball dugouts. Mr. Sutton asked Board members to review and offer changes so we can get this project out to bid in the next several weeks.

6. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Sutton read his report that contained the following:

- Students will begin M-STEP, PSAT, and SAT testing over the next few weeks.
- Our commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 PM in the Yale Park. Mock interviews with over 80 community and industry partners ranging from skilled trades to engineering architecture, legal services, and much more on Tuesday, April 14 from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. Each student will have at least three interviews as they prepare for their prospective college or career pathways.
- Mr. Shutko and I will be completing a walk through on Thursday, April 9 to assess the need for concrete replacement after frost and winter wear & tear has caused some problems across the district, particularly on our sidewalks and entrances. This concrete work is part of our Building & Grounds committee plan for ongoing maintenance throughout the district. We plan to incorporate fixing the loading area by the Yale Junior High Athletic entrance as well. After this assessment, we will put the work out for bid in the next few weeks.
- We are just under a month away from the election and we will be providing more information about this proposal to voters through social media platforms, video links, district website, and a postcard to all area voters over the next several weeks. The bond proposal vote is Tuesday, May 5.

7. **Public Participation**

A. Athletic Director Chace Palmateer

- Director Palmateer presented his 2025-2026 Winter Athletic Report which contained the following:
 - Winter coaching staff
 - Winter sports participation
 - Bulldog academic pride/Department Grade Point Averages
 - Bulldog winter season overviews
 - Most Valuable Player: Jackson Kohler (Boys' Basketball), Sadie Dykstra (Girls' Basketball) Logan Rhodes (Wrestling Lower Weight)
 - Garnett Kohler (Basketball), Rob Majcher and Adam Sopha (Wrestling) won BWAC Coach of the Year
 - List of upcoming sports for Spring 2025-2026
 - Special thanks for all the event workers.

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items: None

8. **Reports**

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton presented the Buildings and Grounds report that contained the following:

- Laforce replaced one of the Cafeteria doors at Yale High School over spring break. The new door has a larger opening to accommodate the size of the new lunch tables.
- Elite Coatings resurfaced and polished all of the terrazzo floors at the high school this past week. This was the last set of floors that needed to be completed in the district.
- The Yale Junior High cafeteria floor will be redone again under warranty next Friday. Flooring Edge has said that there will be a Shaw representative here as well to help with the installation. This will be the second time the floor has been replaced under warranty.
- We had a small pre-construction meeting with Thumb Heating and Cooling last week at Avoca and Farrell to go over scheduling of the boiler replacements. We're hoping for them to start the demo of the old boiler systems by early May, as long as the weather cooperates.

B. Finance

Superintendent Sutton presented/discussed the financial report which contained the following:

- Debt Retirement Payments
- Bid Openings were held for the sealcoating at Farrell Emmett and Yale Elementary schools and the secure vestibule and office at Yale Elementary. The bids were reviewed and board action will be at Thursday's Regular meeting.

Information Items included:

- The food service management company contract renewal will be coming up in May or June.
- Student count was certified with the State in mid-March.
- The 2026/27 RESA budget will be sent out soon for review and Board action is required prior to the June Board meeting.
- Recommendation that the budget hearing be scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 PM. A motion to set that date/time will be on your May agenda for action. Board action on both the final proposed 2025-2026 and original proposed 2026-2027 budget will be on your May agenda for action.
- A cash flow analysis will be prepared for the coming year and she will let the Board know as soon as possible if the district will need to borrow for cash-flow purposes next year.

C. Instruction and Personnel

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

1. Resignations/Terminations/Retirements
 - A. Lindsey Arneil, Yale Elementary School Aide
 - B. Dale Carless, Yale High School Geometry in Construction
 - C. Jodi Schoenberg, Yale High School Custodian
2. Recommendation to the Substitute Lists

Curriculum/Instruction:

- State testing season is upon us with the high school and junior high beginning their testing next week and the elementary later in the month.
- On April 20 at 4:00 PM we will continue to focus on professional development needs around ALT and Portrait of a Learner for 2026-2027.
- Interviews will be held next week for some of our open positions.
- Professional Development ½ Day on April 17 .
- The Consolidated Application Amendments for Title funds have been approved.

D. Transportation

- Staffing: We still have 2 route packages that are open – 6.5 hr. packages. One in the Yale area and the other in the Avoca area. If you know anyone that is interested in joining our department, they could possibly be driving within a month of applying. With Spring Sports gearing up, routes will be our first priority and a few things may need to be parent transport due to the driver shortage.
- Spring Weather: We have had to make a few adjustments to routes detouring around road closures due to water over the roads. It has only affected a few families so let's hope that the weather cooperates and will not add more closures.

E. Other: None

9. **Items for Board Discussion**

A. Board Buildings & Grounds

- Mr. Bullard reported that the committee did not meet this month.

B. Board Governance Committee

- Mrs. French stated that the committee would not meet again until August or September.

C. SCCASB Representative

- Mr. Hurlburt reported that the committee reviewed the scholarship applications and out of the seventy-seven submitted, twenty-nine applications were from Yale students.

D. MASB Legislative Liaison

- The Senate PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee heard a presentation from the State Budget Office on the Governor's School Aid Budget proposal. Not much to report as Legislature is on Spring Recess.

E. Seal & Stripe Bid

- Recommendation for the Seal & Stripe bid is Titan Pavement of Waterford, MI. Board action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting at Yale Elementary School.

F. Yale Elementary Secure Vestibule & Office Bid

- Recommendation for the Yale Elementary Secured Entry Renovations is Salski Construction of Fort Gratiot, MI. Board action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting at Yale Elementary School.

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

None this evening.

The Board took a short recess at 6:40 PM.

11. Executive Session – Closed Session: personnel issue and contract negotiations in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Paragraph (a)

The Board took a short recess at 6:40 PM

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:50 PM

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Johnson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel Issue and contract negotiations 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: 7:28 PM

12. Adjournment by Consensus: 7:28 PM

MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION