

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, June 9, 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, Butler, Hurlburt, McClelland, Johnson,
Brancaccio (Arrived at 6:08 PM)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton
Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe
Technology Director Tony Harmer, Athletic Director Chace Palmateer
Kathleen Hooper, Dru Runnals & Yale Expositor Reporter Dave Frederick

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular meeting minutes – May 7, 2026
2. Executive meeting minutes – May 7, 2026
3. Board Workshop minutes – May 19, 2026

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

5. Correspondence:

Superintendent Sutton shared/read the following correspondence:

- Read thank you notes sent from the robotics team, a substitute teacher and the parents of an Avoca Elementary student supporting and promoting positive interactions with staff.
- Superintendent Sutton distributed Michigan Association of School Board Awards to Meghan Butler, Dena French and Pete Bullard.

6. Public Participation

A. Special Guests

Tony Harmer – Technology Update

Mr. Harmer read/presented his report which contained the following:

- Door Access Controls: Yale Elementary entry project & remodel.
- GSRP Building:
New network and policies for phones, printers, laptops, cameras, projectors. Alarm panels. Dyck Security is handling the fire alarm integration.
- Surveillance System Projects: Building camera replacements and server integration for the GSRP building, a few new gym cameras, Yale Elementary entry project and surveillance servers for Avoca and Emmett.
- Wireless Access Points: Removing on-wall access points since the ceiling has been completed.
- Print Server Project: Migrate all compatible printers to new servers.
- E11 Changes – New rules will be implemented for every building in order to accommodate the Phoenix building that was not part of the initial design.
- Phone System: Needs to be updated and are evaluating options.

Chace Palmateer – Athletic Report

Mr. Palmateer distributed the Spring 2025-2026 Athletic Report which contained the following:

- Coaching Staff & Spring Participation
- Bulldog Academic Pride - Athletes who achieved a 3.5 or above
- Bulldog Season Overviews
- Department Goals: All Spring teams submitted for Academic All-State honors (results pending)
- Yale Athletes named All Sport Champions! First time they have won the award in the school's history.
- Upcoming Sports for this Fall 2026/2027
- Future Dates – Homecoming is October 2, 2026 vs Croswell-Lexington

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items:

Mrs. Runnals addressed a concern with the distribution of diplomas during the graduation ceremony.

7. Superintendent's Report

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

- We have completed another successful school year thanks to our fantastic students, dedicated staff members, and supportive parents. Plans for the 2026-2027 school year are well underway with our first day for students set for Tuesday, August 25, 1026.
- Today was our first day of the summer meals partnership between Blue Water YMCA and our district. Each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. volunteers from our area will provide a week's worth of meals to families with children under eighteen years of age. Meals can be picked up on the sidewalk between the athletic entrance and the main office entrance at Yale Junior High.
- We invited Kingscott and Clark Construction to campus last week to provide price estimates for the prioritized bond items. When the estimates are received the estimated price ranges will be added to the community survey to determine what may be supported in the next bond proposal in November.
- The Board of Education will have two vacant spots that voters will elect in November to serve a four-year term for our district. Anyone interested in more information about Board of education vacancies can contact Yale Public Schools at 810-387-7262 or email ksutton@ypsd.us.
- The bond prequalification meeting with Michigan's Department of Treasury is scheduled for Monday, July 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- We are working with EGLE to get the new water treatment system installed this summer. The new system has gone through several reviews and we are again waiting for approval from the state to get this new system hooked up prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

8. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

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

- We were able to tear down the old salt building a few weeks ago. The old concrete will be removed when they put in the new side walk for the GSRP
- Distributed a compiled list of summer projects along with the scheduled start dates. Some of the projects are currently out for bid or will be out for bid soon.

B. Finance

Mrs. Silkworth read/presented her report which contained the following:

- Review of changes to the 2025-2026 final budget.
- The list of current vendors for the district's ACH resolution was referenced.
- Second renewal of the management contract with Chartwells for the food service management service was recommended for approval.

C. Instruction and Personnel

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

1. Hiring
 - A. Jared Gilman, Maintenance Level I
 - B. Nichole Bontomasi, Secondary Social Studies Teacher
 - C. Edward Rush, Bus Driver
2. Resignations, Retirement/Terminations
 - A. Jan Desloover, Yale Junior High Teacher
 - B. Kelly Hossack, Yale Elementary Teacher
 - C. Kaylee Long, Avoca Elementary Teacher
 - D. Terri Bahr, Avoca Elementary Paraprofessional
 - E. Cindy Monarch, Farrell Emmett Elementary Teacher
 - F. Brelee Anderson, Career Exposure & Competency Coach
4. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Curriculum/Instruction:

- Several veteran teacher leaders retired this year with a combination of 122 years of teaching experience. We wish them the best in their new journeys!
- Great strides were made in our progress with ALT.
- When the end of year data has been compiled it will be shared with the Board.
- Mrs. Silkworth and Mr. Kryscynski will be working to complete the required grant reporting and building budgets for next year.

D. Transportation

Superintendent Sutton presented the Transportation Report which contained the following:

- Thank you to all my drivers and mechanic for stepping up and helping when needed. It was an extremely trying year with being short staffed.
- Ending the year-still looking for drivers. Currently have 2 driver that passed their road tests however, one 6.5-hour package still open. Also, in need of subs!
- Sent Monday, already have 250 families that requested transportation
- 2025/2026 School Year Miles
 - To and From School- 267,732 (up 12,733 miles from last year)
 - Athletics - 12,540 (up 831 miles from last year)
 - Field Trips - 6,499 (up 284 miles from last year)
 - Fuel Totals - 31,578 Gallons of Fuel used this year.
 - Included a chart which gave the status of the district busses which contained the bus number, service date, title year, number of passengers carried and the year-end mileage.

Mr. Sutton thanked Andy Runnals for stepping up and helping when drivers are needed and working over and coming in early whichever was needed.

E. Other: None

9. Items for Board Discussion

- A. Final Budget 2025-2026
Discussed in Mrs. Silkworth's reports. Action at Thursday's Regular meeting.
- B. Original Budget 2026-2027
Discussed in Mrs. Silkworth's reports. Action at Thursday's Regular meeting.
- C. ACH Resolution
Discussed in Mrs. Silkworth's reports. Action at Thursday's Regular meeting.

- D. 2026-2027 MHSAA Resolution
Yearly Standard. Action at Thursday's Regular
- E. Food Service Management Contract Renewal
Discussed in Mrs. Silkworth's reports. Action at Thursday's Regular meeting.
- F. Preliminary Qualification for November 2026 Bond
Action at Thursday's Regular meeting.
- G. Board Buildings and Grounds Committee
Mrs. Butler asked Mr. Sutton to review a new survey to be sent out to district residents.
- H. Board Governance Committee
Mrs. French reported that the next meeting will be in the fall to work on policy updates. Mr. Sutton will be attending a policy update meeting scheduled for June 17.
- I. SCCASB Representative
Nothing at this time.
- J. MASB Legislative Liaison
Dr. Brancaccio reviewed actions taken by the Michigan Legislation.

10. Comments from Board Members, Administration
None this evening.

The Board took a short recess at 7:10 PM.
The Board returned to meeting at 7:17 PM

11. Executive Session – Closed Session/Superintendent Evaluation, Negotiations with Associations and a Personnel Issue in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a)

The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:17 PM

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation, negotiations, sale of property and a personnel issue 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 8:18 PM

12. Adjournment by Consensus at 8:18 PM

MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION