

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High School Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bullard, French, Hurlburt, Butler, Johnson, McClelland, Brancaccio
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe, Yale Expositor Reporter
Dave Frederick, Joanne Faille and Mike Butler

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Committee of the Whole meeting minutes - June 9, 2026
- B. Executive Session meeting minutes - June 9, 2026
- C. Public Hearing meeting minutes - June 11, 2026
- D. Regular Board meeting minutes - June 11, 2026
- E. Executive meeting minutes - June 23, 2026

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- After reviewing community surveys and reviewing project priorities, the Board will be asked to approve preliminary ballot language for a November 3, 2026 bond proposal. In this proposal we will be asking the community if they will support a bond valued at \$20 million that will be repaid in 14 years. The feedback from the survey was very clear that the community would support the district taking care of what we already have and to not add to our 'footprint'. The identified projects include: HAVAC replacement at YHS, new driveways and parking lots for Avoca and Farrell Emmett, replacement of bleachers and gym floor replacement at YJH, bleacher replacement and gym floor resurfacing a portion of the YHS library to create a skilled trade space.
- A number of summer projects are moving along as planned. The 'new' GSRP classroom in the 'old' Head Start building has received Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) and Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) approvals for the next phase of the project. There will be a fire alarm panel installed on July 22. The project is presently on target to be completed on time.
- The Yale Elementary office is framed in and we are awaiting approval to move forward with electrical and plumbing work, before putting on drywall.
- The concrete work has been completed across the district as proposed. We had to add some slab replacement at YHS due to frost heaving the pads significantly this winter.
- Phase II of the flooring replacement in the elementary schools is nearing completion as well. The company is currently working in Avoca Elementary and should have the flooring completed by the close of next week.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Guests: None
- B. Agenda Items: None
- C. Non-Agenda Items:
 - Dave Frederick indicated over the next coming weeks *The Yale Expositor* would have a new website. In addition, he added that the board might have more transparency by broadcasting the board meetings. He thought that broadcasting the Board meetings would shape the district's image in a positive way.

9. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$381,028.95.

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$381,028.95

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. PERSONNEL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS

A. Retirement

- 1. Barb Radtke, Avoca Elementary Custodian

B. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by French to approve the personnel report 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

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Education Academic Awards dinner discussion

- It was the general consensus of the Board to decrease the expense of the meal by offering more economical cuts of meats.

B. Approval of Third-Party Contracts for ESS, PCOR and Thumb Educational Services.

Motion by Butler seconded by French to approve the 2026-2027 ESS, PCOR and Thumb Educational Contract renewals 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

C. Approval of November 2026 Bond pre-qualification application

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented by the administration for filing with the Michigan Department of Treasury and that the Secretary of this Board be authorized to sign the same.

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:

- Mike Johnson congratulated Barb Radke on her retirement.
- Pete Bullard encouraged everyone to take a tour of the buildings to see how good the new cement work looks and added 'Go Bulldogs'.

14. Adjournment by consensus: 7:14 PM.

Dr. Abby Brancaccio, Secretary
Yale Board of Education