YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, September 10, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

3. **ROLL CALL**
   Members Present: Bullard, Hurlburt, Butler, French, McClelland, Johnson, Brancaccio
   Members Absent: None
   Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton, Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe, Tara Jordan, Mike Butler, Kathleen Hooper and Derek Lahman

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. **CORRESPONDENCE**
   - Superintendent Sutton shared a letter from William Vogan/William Vogan Architects & Planners recommending that after reviewing the bids and interviewing the low bidder it is his recommendation to award the baseball/softball dugout field improvements project to Salski Construction LLC for $476,830.00.
   - Mr. Sutton shared an overview of the 5th graders Mackinaw Island trip submitted by Avoca Elementary. Each year 5th grade students from all of the elementary buildings travel to Mackinaw for their end-of-year trip.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   Superintendent Sutton read/shared his report which contained the following:
   - The Yale Education Foundation (YEF), which was formed in 2025, is once again offering grant opportunities for district staff. Through funds generated from fundraisers there is up to $7,500 in grant funds available for the 2026-2027 school year. These grants support innovative programs or activities across the district. YEF greatly appreciates the support of the community with fundraisers and will have fundraising opportunities over the next several weeks.
   - The District will begin providing more information on the November 3rd Bond Proposal at school events, through social media, and other forums over the next several weeks. Information on the bond proposal can be found on the district's website under the **YPSD November 2026 Bond Proposal** tab on the right side of the screen. Anyone with questions about the proposal is encouraged to reach out to Mr. Sutton via email at ksutton@ypsd.us call at 810.387.3231 ext. 7262 or stop in the office to talk.
   - The property the district owns in Brockway Township is for sale and we have reduced the price per acre minimum and extended the timeframe to submit a Request for Proposals (or bid) until October 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

7. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Kamryn Kolesar**

Kamryn presented her report which included the following information:

- The football season has begun with the next game Friday, September 11 against Macomb Lutheran North.
- Mrs. Klei is the new Leadership instructor and the class is currently preparing for homecoming activities.
- Mrs. Nicol is teaching a new elective class, digital photography. The students are currently working on improving photos taken with a cell-phone camera.
- Mr. Majcher's yearbook class spent their first week learning the basics and mechanics of photography.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Special Guests: None
B. Agenda Items: None
C. Non-Agenda Items:
   - Board Candidate Derek Lahman introduced himself and said he is looking forward to filling the open seat and serving on the Board of Education.

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of **$1,152,254.27.**

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **$1,152,254.27** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French-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. Catherine (Katie) Jedrzejczak, Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide Yale Elementary
      B. Amber Wiseman, Bus Driver
      C. Elizabeth Jowett, Bus Driver
      D. Edward Rush, Bus Driver
      E. Kenzie Nikkel, Farrell Elementary Teacher
      F. Gordon Farnsworth, Yale High School CTE Teacher
      G. Nichole Compagnoni, Avoca Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional
      H. Jessica Nieporte, Bus Driver
      I. Katherine Kesner, Avoca Elementary Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide
      J. Ashley Pattenaude, Avoca Elementary Title I Paraprofessional Aide
      K. Mykayla Arizola, Avoca Elementary Children's Center Closer/GSRP Aide
      L. Kristi Morosky, Avoca Elementary Teacher
   2. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Johnson seconded by Butler to approve the personnel report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Yale Secretarial Contract 2026-2029 Approval
Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the Yale Secretarial Contract for 2026-2029 as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

B. Apparel, Graphics & Sign Vendor List
Motion by Butler seconded by Johnson to approve the apparel, graphics, and sign vendor list for 2026-2027 as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Abstain, French-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

C. Baseball & Softball Dugout Project Approval
Motion by Bullard seconded by Butler to award the baseball & softball dugout project to Salski Construction in the amount of $476,830 as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, French-Yes, McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

D. MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly
Pete Bullard will represent the Board at the MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly.

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

- Mr. Bullard, Mr. Sutton and Board members welcomed Yale High School Student Representative Kamryn Kolesar. Mr. Sutton told Kamryn that she is the voice of the students.
- Mr. Bullard gave accolades to our unique staff and added that he enjoyed the Welcome Back Breakfast and seeing all of the comradery amongst staff members.
- Mr. Sutton was very thankful and appreciative to Yale's 'We Care Resale Shop' for their generosity in donating $500 to each school building.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:24 PM.**

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Dr. Abby Brancaccio, Secretary
Yale Board of Education