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

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER
Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bullard, French, Johnson, Brancaccio
Members Absent: Hurlburt & McClelland
Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton, Assistant Superintend Bill Kryscynski, Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth, Kathleen Hooper & Yale Expositor Reporter Dave Frederick

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Butler seconded by Johnson to adopt the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

4. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
1. Committee Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026
2. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2026

Motion by Butler seconded by Brancaccio to adopt the consent agenda as presented.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Sutton read his report which contained the following information:
- It was a fantastic Homecoming Week with lots of fun activities, such as float building, spirit days and pep assemblies. We are grateful for the support of our community and weeks like this are a great reminder that, "It's always a great day to be a Bulldog"!
- We are happy to share that our district received a grant from the State of Michigan and will receive $388,000 over three years to support the expansion of career technical education (CTE) here in Yale.
- The Community Foundation has generously supported two grants that will provide healthy snacks and basic needs for our students. This is part of the Foundation's continuing efforts to support children and families across the county.
- The Yale Education Foundation raised over $2,700 from its recent 'cow plop' fundraiser. Funds that are generated from this and other fundraisers go back to the students and staff in the district through grants. This year the Yale Education Foundation plans to give away an amazing $7500 across the district.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are planned for secondary students this week.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A. Special Guests: None
A. Agenda Items: None
B. Non-Agenda Items: None

8. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

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

- Salski Construction has completed the new roll up door at the high school for the C.I.
- The boiler work at the Avoca and Farrell Emmett Elementary is still ongoing. All boilers are operational and currently they are working on other final connections, as well as insulation, controls and other architectural items.
- The State of Michigan has finally approved the water filtration system for Avoca. Bid Opening for this project will be on October 15 at 9:00 AM.
- Yale Elementary Secured Entry Vestibule is completed, and we will begin moving in while waiting on the final inspection.
- The underground boring is completed for the lighting project at the track, and they are scheduled to start the foundations for the support poles next week.

B. Finance

Director Silkworth presented/read her report which contained the following:

- Auditors from Lewis & Knopf, CPA's will be at the board meeting to review the district's financial statements and issue their opinion to you. Board action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting will be on the agenda.
- Approval of the fall debt payments will be included with the October invoices.
- The district has received its annual SETSEG property/casualty pool net asset return in the amount of $9,468 which is only three percent less than last year's amount.
- JoAnne Faille and Mrs. Silkworth have published the bid to replace workstations and other equipment at all three of the elementary schools. Bid opening is scheduled for 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 15. Board action is expected November.

C. Instruction and Personnel

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

1. Hiring
   A. Sharon Shubring, Custodian
2. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Curriculum/Instruction:

- We had our third professional development day, and the day was spent continuing our work in many areas. At the high school, Mr. Dykstra and Mr. Kohler continue to work with staff on building a system for student badging related to our Portrait of a Learner, academics and more. Mr. Nelson continues to lead the junior high staff on ways to improve student learning through AI, daily Instruction, and planning. The elementary teams worked in their grade levels on Alt units for the year, UFLI implementation, competency-based math, and more. Our next PD Day will be November 12.

D. Transportation

Superintendent Sutton read the Transportation report (attached) which contained the following:

- Janae Davis has signed up to be a sub driver and will attend bus driver training from October 12-16.
- Drivers practiced bus safety with the junior high and high school students on September 30. The elementaries will be scheduled within the upcoming month.

E. Other: None

9. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Board Governance Committee

- The Committee is scheduled to meet in November.

B. Board Buildings & Grounds

- Mrs. Butler gave a synopsis of the meeting held tonight.

C. SCCASB Representative

- No report this evening

D. MASB Legislative Liaison
   - Mr. Johnson gave a report on “News from the Capitol”.

E. 31aa Options – Mental Health Support, School Safety
   - Mr. Sutton asked the Board to read over the communication from Thrun Law and consider district participation in both sections of the 31aa Legislation.

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

- Mr. Johnson thanked Bill for a great presentation.
- Mr. Sutton thanked many for assisting during Nancy’s absence and for helping get the CTE grant.

11. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS:** at 6:49 PM.

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DR ABBY BRANCACCIO, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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