YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday, October 8, 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, Butler, McClelland, Johnson, Brancaccio
   Members Absent: French, Hurlburt
   Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton, Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth, Kenny Rappuhun, Tara Jordan, Coleeta Vesper, Katheen Hooper, Joanne Faille & Kathy Goeschel

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

5. **SPECIAL GUESTS:** Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C.
   - Kenny Rappuhn presented the district's financial data for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The district again earned a "clean" opinion.

6. **COSRRESPONDENCE:** None

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
   Superintendent Sutton shared the Superintendent's Report which contained the following information:
   - Count day was October 7 in Michigan, and our student enrollment was at 1,709 students (headcount), which is very close to what we projected for this year. The number of students that count toward our full-time equivalent (FTE) is unofficially 1,694. We will have the final full-time equivalent numbers once the records are audited and verified.
   - Three contractors completed a walk through at Avoca Elementary for the water treatment system that will need to be installed. The bid opening for this project is October 15.
   - Many of our underclassmen at Yale High School will have the opportunity to see how local manufacturers make their products on Thursday, October 15. Manufacturing Day is another way that we try to connect student learning to real-world applications throughout the year.
   - Mock interviews for all graduating seniors will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2027. Anyone that is interested in participating in this event is asked to contact Mr. Sutton or Mr. Kohler, YHS Assistant Principal. We are looking to add a career exposure day in the afternoon for students in grades 9-11 this year as well.
   - We have had three community meetings on the upcoming bond proposal in Emmett, Avoca, and Yale over the last three Mondays.

8. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Kamryn Kolesar**
Ms. Kolesar spoke about the new business class offered at the high school, the revised Geometry in Construction and the homecoming festivities.

9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
A. Agenda Items:
Mrs. Kathy Goeschel spoke about the origins of the John F. Farrell Emmett Elementary and asked the full name of the facility to be placed on the sign by the road.
B. Non-Agenda Items: None

10. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of $726,576.13.
Motion by Butler seconded by Brancannio to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of $726,576.13 as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs, French-Abs., McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

11. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**
A. Instruction and Personnel
1. Hiring
A. Sharon Shubring, Custodian
2. Recommendations to the Substitute List
Motion by Butler seconded by Johnson to approve the personnel report as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs, French-Abs., McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

12. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

13. **NEW BUSINESS**
A. 2025 – 2026 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C. & Acceptance of Audit
Motion by Butler seconded by Johnson to accept the 2025-2026 Audit as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Bullard-Yes, Butler-Yes, Hurlburt-Abs, French-Abs., McClelland-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Brancaccio-Yes
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

14. **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION**
- Mr. Johnson thanked Mrs. Goeschel for attending and expressing her opinion.
- The business office team was thanked by several Board members and Mr. Sutton for their hard work preparing the district's financial information for the auditors.
- Thanks also to JoAnne Faille, Meghan Butler, National Honor Society Students, Brad Dykstra and Dru Runnals, Alumni Planning Committee for their assistance in making the Alumni Reunion a success.

5. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:32 PM.**

Dr. Abby Brancaccio, Secretary
Yale Board of Education