

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Yale High School Media Center  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Bullard, French, Charney, Hurlburt, Hoppe, Johnson (Arrived at 7:01),  
Lashbrook (Arrived at 6:03)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton  
Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski  
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth  
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Others Present: Several audience members: Dru Runnals, Brian Connelly, Ms. Hortop,  
Marci McClelland, Larry McClelland, JoAnne Faille, Mr. & Mrs.  
Richards, Kim Scultz and daughter Autumn, Ms. Overland, Mr. & Mrs.  
Wessell, Jim & Kelly Peltier

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

Ayes: 5            Nays: 0                            Absent: 2                            Motion Carried

**4. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021
2. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021

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

Ayes: 5            Nays: 0                            Absent: 2                            Motion Carried

**5. Correspondence**

- President Pete Bullard read a letter he composed and disseminated regarding the mask mandate.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Sutton read his report which contained the following information:

- Superintendent Sutton emphasized the need for all children to attend school in person. The quality of in person learning has proven academic achievement depends on the method of educational delivery.
- Announced that the Yale High School student section, known as Kohler's Crazies, has been selected as a semifinalist for MHSAA's Battle of the Fans.
- Applied and received a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Education for the expansion of Computer Science offerings.

**7. Public Participation**

**A. Special Guests**

- Several parents expressed concerns regarding the St. Clair County Health Department's mask mandate that was recently enacted.

**B. Agenda Items - None**

**C. Non-Agenda Items - None**

**8. Reports**

**A. Buildings and Grounds**

Superintendent Sutton read the Buildings & Grounds report (attached) which included the following information:

- Road Salt
- Gym Floor
- Doors

**B. Finance and Financial Overview**

- Business Services Director Beky Silkworth reviewed her report which included information regarding the retainer contract with Thrun Law Firm and the revision to the designation of bank depositories/signatories. In addition, Ms. Silkworth disbursed the 3-year trend report.

**C. Instruction and Personnel**

Assistant Superintendent Kryscynski presented the Instruction and Personnel Report (attached).

**1. Hiring**

A. Sarah Schwartz, Yale Elementary Custodian

**2. Recommendations to the Substitute List**

Mr. Kryscynski added that if there was anyone interested, bus drivers are needed.

**D. Technology**

President Bullard reported that Technology Director Tony Harmer will present to the Board in February or March.

**E. Transportation**

Superintendent Sutton read the Transportation Report (attached) which included the following:

- Current open packages
- Masking on school buses
- Sub drivers
- New CDL training requirements
- Stars of the month

Mr. Sutton added that bus drivers are still needed.

**D. Other - Nothing at this time.**

**9. Items for Board Discussion**

**A. Contract Award for the Junior High HVAC Equipment**

- Bid opening was delayed until January 21, 2022.

**B. Retainer Contract with Thrun Law Firm, P.C.**

- Board Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

**C. Revision to the Designation of Bank Depositories/Signatories Approval**

- Board Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.

**D. Revenue Sharing, YSSA, Transportation Wages**

- Discussed wages for YSSA, the Transportation Department and the possibility of revenue sharing with all district employees.

**E. Presentation of Board Recognition Month Certificates at Thursday's Regular Board Meeting**

- Presentation at Thursday's Regular Board meeting at Farrell Emmett Elementary.

**F. Board Buildings and Grounds Committee**

- Nothing to report at this time.

**G. Board Governance Committee**

- President Bullard reminded the Board that the Governance Committee will meet at 6:00 PM in the Farrell Emmett Elementary Media Center prior to the Regular Board meeting

**H. SCCASB Representative**

- Nothing to report at this time.

**I. MASB Legislative Liaison**

- Member Johnson reported that the MASB winter conference and CBA classes are available online.

**10. Comments from Board Members, Administration**

- President Bullard thanked all for attending.

**The Board took a brief recess at 7:12 PM.**

**11. Executive Session – Superintendent’s Periodic Performance Evaluation and to review Attorney Client Privileged Information. Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Paragraph (a)**


Motion by Charney seconded by French to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s Evaluation and to review Attorney Client Privileged Information 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

Time Being: 7:26 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:37 PM.

**12. Adjournment by Consensus: Time 8:38 PM**

  
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MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY  
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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