

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Bullard, French, Charney, Hurlburt, Hoppe (arrived at 6:23), Butler, McClelland

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Kathleen Hooper

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2023

2. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

5. Correspondence

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the following correspondence:

- Thank you from the family of Kenneth and Kathy Nicholl for the donation to the memorial scholarship fund in remembrance of his mother.
- Thank you note to the Board from the Yale Educational Association in gratitude for the revenue sharing.
- Thank you note from Nikki and Steve McIntyre for being selected as the 2023 Friend of Youth.
- Superintendent Sutton updated the Board about another class action lawsuit against social media giants.
- The strategic plan process was presented to the group.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sutton read his report which contained the following information:

- Jennifer Senkmajer, a fourth-grade teacher at Yale Elementary, has been selected as a regional teacher of the year.
- Yale Public Schools received a partnership grant with the St. Clair County Health Department to bring an adolescent health center to our students. This will result in a nurse practitioner and social worker on our campus three days a week starting September 2023.
- The Yale Junior High Drama Club will be presenting "The Trial of the Wicked Witch" on Friday, April 14 at 6:00 PM and on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Yale High School cafeteria.
- There have been many contractors in Yale Junior High over the last several months as they work to complete as much work as possible prior to the full renovations set for this summer that will result in new heating units, flooring, lighting, and more.

- The spring sports season is just starting to get underway with great participation across all of our sports.
- Board of Education dinner is on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 PM in the Yale High School cafeteria.
- Yale High School Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 AM in the Yale City Park.

7. Public Participation

- A. Special Guests - Chace Palmateer/Athletic Update
Mr. Palmateer gave a synopsis of the winter sports season and presented the Board with the 2022-2023 Winter Athletic Season Report.
- B. Agenda Items - None
- C. Non-Agenda Items - None

8. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton read the Buildings and Grounds report which included the following information.

- Avoca and Farrell Emmett Elementary schools recently had their quarterly water tests for bacteria. Both schools test results came back negative.
- Contractors are continuing to work second shift at the junior high.
- Laforce has installed a few new doors throughout the district.
- Carrier and Gable Inc. did some updates to the school flashers along Park Drive.

B. Finance and Financial Overview

Ms. Silkworth shared her report which contained the following:

- Roof Bid
- Debt Retirement Payments Due
- FSMC renewal
- Food Program update
- Spring count 2023

In addition, Ms. Silkworth added that she is working with a financial advisor from UMB on an arbitrage plan to set aside extra interest earnings from investment of bond proceeds.

C. Instruction and Personnel

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

A. Hiring

- A. Heather Fryer, Avoca & Farrell Emmett Elementary music teacher
- B. Christine Silverthorn, high school math teacher
- C. Michelle Emerick, children's center aide at Yale Elementary

B. Resignation

- A. Terri Bahr, Yale Elementary school aide
- B. Katie Carter, Yale Elementary children's center closer
- C. Kimberly Schmidlin, Avoca children's center aide

3. Recommendations to the substitute list

Curriculum/Instruction

- Continue to recruit and interview for our open positions.
- State testing season is upon us.
- Building level MICIP teams worked last month to complete the MTSS practice profile survey as part of our district MICIP goal for this year.
- Great turnout for our kindergarten round-ups this year.

D. Transportation

Superintendent Sutton read the Transportation Report which included the following:

- Staffing
- Bus driver recertification class
- Inclimate weather preparation
- Quotes for GPS for buses

9. Items for Board Discussion

A. Board Buildings & Grounds Committee

Mr. Charney reported that the committee reviewed Phase 2 plans with Site Logiq on Monday afternoon and work is on track and progressing. Plans to meet in April to discuss Amendment #4 were made.

B. Board Governance Committee

Mr. Bullard stated that the Governance Committee will meet on Thursday and work will continue on finishing the 3000 series.

C. SCCASB Representative

Mr. Hurlburt stated that the committee is currently reviewing the scholarship applications.

D. MASB Legislative Liaison

Mr. Bullard discussed the MASB spring conference schedule.

E. Scholarship Committee

Mr. Bullard and Mr. Hurlburt are currently reviewing the paper copies of the applications.

F. Avoca Elementary Roof Replacement

It was recommended the Board accept the Avoca Elementary roof replacement bid from Zimmer roofing including the alternate. Zimmer was the low bidder with alternates included.

G. Bid award for high school seal and stripe project

Recommendation that the Board accept the low bid submitted by Blackstone Pavement from Melvin in the amount of \$18,500.

H. Site Logiq Amendment #3

Superintendent Sutton stated that the contingency wording is updated with this amendment.

10. Comments from Board Members, Administration

No comments this evening.

The Board took a short recess at 7:09 PM

The Board Entered into Closed Session at 7:22 PM

11. **Executive Session – Closed Session/Expulsion Hearing (Student 2022-2023.02)**

Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Paragraph (b)

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student discipline matter in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a) as requested by the parents.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:41 PM.

Motion by Charney seconded by French that considering the seven factors of the Michigan revised school code 1310d, that a preponderance of evidence does exist under statute MCL 380.1311, to support expulsion of Student 2022-2023.02

Roll Call vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Yes, Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

12. Adjournment by consensus at 7:42 PM

Mtgmin

MARK HURLBURT, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION