

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Avoca Elementary School Media Center  
Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

President Bullard invited Avoca Elementary students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

President Bullard appointed member Mike Johnson acting secretary in the absence of board secretary Mark Hurlburt.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Bullard, French, Charney, Hoppe, Johnson, Lashbrook

Members Absent: Hurlburt

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

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Mr. Churchill, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Damman, Mrs. Cowhy, several Avoca Elementary students, staff, parents and other audience members.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

**5. CORRESPONDENCE –**

Superintendent Sutton shared/read the following correspondence:

- High School gym floor is being resurfaced on December 20.
- Monitoring wells at Farrell – working with a company to provide service.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**A. Presentation by Avoca Elementary**

- Avoca Elementary teachers Jackie Harris and Corey Reid introduced Avoca Elementary students in attendance. Four students read prepared speeches telling why they are proud of being part of a Blue Ribbon School.
- Avoca Elementary Counselor Therese Damman and Avoca Kindergarten Teacher Katie Cowhy gave highlights of their travels to Washington D.C. to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award.

The Board took a short recess at 7:15 PM.

Returned into open session at 7:39 PM.

**B. Agenda Items: None**

**C. Non-Agenda Items:**

- Mrs. Marcy McClelland thanked everyone for how well the school district is being run right now.
- Mr. Rich Brettin inquired about the MASB/NSBA Boards

7. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of **\$641,631.90**

Motion by Charney seconded by Hoppe to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$641,631.90** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe- Yes, Johnson-Yes, Lashbrook- Yes  
Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Absent: 1                                      Motion Carried

8. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Hiring

1. Jennifer Giroux, Yale Elementary Instructional/Non-Inst. Aide
2. Kelly Howcroft, Yale Junior High Instructional/Non-Inst. Aide
3. Chace Palmateer, YJH/YHS Secondary Building Sub
4. Michelle Cowles-Hughes, Avoca Elementary Sp. Ed. Aide

B. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Charney seconded by Johnson to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe- Yes, Johnson-Yes, Lashbrook- Yes  
Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Absent: 1                                      Motion Carried

9. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Budget Amendments

Motion by Charney seconded by Hoppe to adopt the first proposed Budget Amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe- Yes, Johnson-Yes, Lashbrook- Yes  
Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Absent: 1                                      Motion Carried

B. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and other matters relating thereto.

Motion by Bullard seconded by Charney to authorize the Issuance and Delegation of the Sale of Bonds and other matters as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe- Yes, Johnson-Yes, Lashbrook- Yes  
Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Absent: 1                                      Motion Carried

C. Award of Cafeteria Table Bid

Motion by Charney seconded by French to award the cafeteria table bid (50 new rectangular tables and 25 circular tables) to HPS in the amount of \$126,729.50 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe- Yes, Johnson-Yes, Lashbrook- Yes  
Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Absent: 1                                      Motion Carried

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

- Board members and administration all support and are very proud of the Avoca Elementary School on becoming a National Blue Ribbon School.
- Treasurer Charney mentioned the Building and Grounds Committee met this evening and affirmed that it will be a very busy time forthcoming due to bond projects. The committee plans to meet again in the next couple of weeks.

12. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:58 PM.**

  
**MARK HURLBURT, Secretary**  
**Yale Board of Education**