

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Farrell Emmett Elementary School Media Center
Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Johnson

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

Also Present: Farrell Emmett Elementary Principal Dr. Dave Phillips, Farrell Emmett Elementary Teacher Mrs. Cindy Monarch and three of her 3rd grade students, several Farrell Emmett Elementary Staff and audience members.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE –

Superintendent Sutton shared/read the following correspondence:

- Read thank you cards from the Yale Secretarial Association and Coleeta Vesper in honor of Board Appreciation Month.
- Congratulated Food Service Director Louanne Warner for her 34 years of service to the district. Mrs. Warner will be retiring the end of January.

Superintendent Sutton read the Superintendent Report which contained the following information:

- The United States Supreme Court blocked the OSHA Vaccine and testing mandate for large organizations with over one hundred employees.
- Extended tutoring has been offered and credit recovery services to students using night school this year.
- Closing the Gap and Sharpening Skills tutoring sessions are ramping up at the elementary schools.
- The Athletic Hall of Fame Recognition is set for next Friday, January 21st during the girl's basketball game vs. North Branch.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Special Guests - Presentation by Farrell Emmett Elementary

3rd Grade Teacher Cindy Monarch introduced three of her students who gave a demonstration on how they developed a process, built machines and safely rescued a tiger.

The Board took a short recess at 7:24 PM.

Returned into open session at 7:38 PM.

B. Agenda Items: None

C. Non-Agenda Items:

- Mrs. Smith thanked the Board for all they do and strongly advocated for metal detectors in all the school buildings.
- Dr. & Mrs. McClelland, supporting their son, expressed their concerns regarding the mask mandate in regards to athletes and asked the Board to consider this unusual time and allow an exception to the current practice.

7. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of **\$842,025.18**.

Motion by Charney seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$842,025.18** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

A. Hiring

1. Sarah Schwartz, Yale Elementary Custodian

B. Recommendations to the Substitute List

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract Award for the Junior High HVAC Equipment

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Charney to delegate Superintendent Sutton (with input from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Business Services Director Beky Silkworth and Buildings & Grounds Director Jared Shutko) to award the contract for the Junior High HVAC Equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

B. Retainer Contract with Thrun Law Firm

Motion by Charney seconded by French to approve the Retainer Contract with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for the January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 calendar year in the amount of \$2500 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to approve the revised list of bank depositories/signatories as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

D. Revenue Sharing

Motion by Bullard seconded by Charney to approve a one-time off-schedule payment of 2% on base wages for all employees as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

E. Superintendent's Periodic Performance Evaluation Summary

Motion by French seconded by Charney to approve the January Superintendent Evaluation Summary for Superintendent Kurt Sutton as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Johnson-Absent, Lashbrook- Yes

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

11. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION

- Mr. Hurlburt thanked Farrell Emmett Elementary for hosting tonight's meeting and added that it is great to be able to go to each of the individual buildings. He commended Mrs. Monarch and students for the amazing engineering presentation. In addition, he expressed congratulations to the Yale boys bowling team and gave kudos to Keith Edgerton, who bowled a 300 game today.
- Mr. Lashbrook added that it was a good night for the girls bowling team as well as they came from behind to win by two points in the last frame.
- Mr. Hoppe, Mr. Charney and Mrs. French concurred that Emmett is a wonderful building with great staff and students. Mr. Bullard agreed with the others and thanked everyone for attending and Dr. Phillips for stepping into big shoes and doing such a great job as the principal of Farrell Emmett Elementary.
- Superintendent Sutton added that good things happen when you trust kids and that it was a remarkable presentation.
- Mrs. Silkworth stated it was a refreshing student/teacher interaction enjoyed by everyone.
- Mr. Kryscynski said that these types of projects involving hands-on learning goes above and beyond.

12. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 8:11PM.



MARK HURLBURT, Secretary
Yale Board of Education