

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Avoca Elementary School Media Center
Thursday, April 13, 2023 – 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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bullard, French, Charney, Hurlburt, Hoppe, Butler, McClelland

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Student Representative to the Board Nathaniel Mack

Student Representative to the Board Madeline Stefanides

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Kate Favre, Mr. & Mrs. Mack,
Kathleen Hooper and Coleeta Vesper

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the following correspondence:

- Reported that after speaking with area superintendents, it was the general consensus of many local districts to join a national lawsuit against the social media giants. Mr. Sutton will present a resolution at the May 4th meeting for the Board's approval.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sutton shared/read his report which contained the following:

- On Wednesday April 19th there will be a skilled trades expo at Goodells Park.
- Mr. Dykstra, Mr. Palmateer, Mr. Sutton and students (Matthew Gurzik, Grace Rutkofske, Riley LaMay, Meredith Falls, Marie Gregg, Logan Vincent, and Abbigail Dkstra) will travel to the BWAC All Academic Luncheon along with students next week.
- Mrs. Gerardy invited Mr. Kryscynski and Mr. Sutton to participate in mock interviews with members of the Leadership class on Monday, April 24th.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – NATHANIEL MACK

Nathaniel read/shared his report which contained the following:

- Yale Junior High Drama club will perform *Trial of the Wicked Witch* this weekend.
- Yale High School Theater Class is set to perform *Game of Tiaras* on April 22nd.
- Two high school band students, Sophia Garcia and Autumn Allen were nominated by their judge at last month's state competition to audition at the next level for the outstanding soloist competition. They were the first students in Yale history to receive this prestigious honor.
- The leadership class is working on preparing for upcoming mock interviews with local business owners and other community leaders.

- High school students, with the assistance of Mr. Bearss, have been voting for a new bell sound.
- PSAT and SAT testing through the end of this week.
- Junior and Senior Prom will be on Saturday, April 29 at Beagio's in Kingston.
- Varsity baseball team beat Almont in their first conference matchup.
- Girls soccer beat Imlay City and Cros-Lex this week.
- Several TEC students are headed to Grand Rapids this weekend to compete in the SkillsUSA State competition.
- Varsity Track & Field travel to Ortonville for an invitational tomorrow.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Special guests

Jim Brown was happy to return back to Michigan and thanked Mr. Sutton and Nancy for assisting him during his holiday.

B. Agenda Items - None

C. Non-Agenda Items - None

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of **\$1,345,807.45.**

Motion by Charney seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$1,345,807.45** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, Hoppe-Absent, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Instruction and Personnel

1. 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

2. 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

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to approve the Personnel Report as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, Hoppe-Absent, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

11. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Avoca Elementary Roof Replacement

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to accept the Avoca Elementary Roof bid from Zimmer Roofing in the amount of \$318,038.00 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Yes, Hurlburt-Yes, Hoppe-Absent, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

B. Bid Award for high school seal and stripe project

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to award the seal and strip asphalt project for Yale High School to Blackstone Pavement Maintenance of Melvin, MI in the amount of \$18,500.00 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

C. Site Logiq Amendment

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to approve the Amendment # 3 of the Site Logiq agreement with Yale Public Schools as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

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

- Meghan Butler said that she is looking forward to watching the varsity baseball team play under the lights and how thrilled the younger children are about attending. Mr. Bullard expressed appreciation to Coach Fowler for coordinating events with the Emmett little league teams.
- Mr. Hoppe and Mr. Hurlburt are looking forward to the junior high play.
- Superintendent Sutton gave kudos to Yale Elementary Teacher Jennifer Senkmajer on being selected as one of the “Regional Teachers of the Year”. Mr. Brown added that Ms. Senkmajer is one of ten teachers in the state selected.

14. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 7:22 PM**

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