

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room  
Thursday, December 7, 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, Hoppe, Hurlburt, Butler, McClelland

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Student Representative to the Board Madeline Stefanidis

Also Present: Yale Junior High Principal Adam Nelson, Kathleen Hooper, Jeri Fishel, Karen Kean, Coleeta Vesper, Alfred Schwehofer, Thomas Schwehofer, Ava Lafferty and Joyce Lafferty

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

**5. CORRESPONDENCE –**

Superintendent Sutton shared/read the following correspondence:

- Mr. Sutton recognized Transportation Director Jeri Fishel, who is retiring after 36 years of service. She was given a plaque in recognition and appreciation for commitment, dedication and leadership for the students of Yale Public Schools.
- President Bullard thanked Mrs. Fishel for her many years of service to the district and for being such a strong advocate for kids. Mrs. Fishel was instrumental in petitioning for new buses and in pursuing added safety precautions on all the buses to provide safe transportation for the students.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Sutton presented his report which contained the following:

- The first vaccination and immunization event at the Bulldog Health Clinic was a success and we are hosting another event on Thursday, January 18 from 1-6:00 PM.
- The final commissioning work for the lights and heating system at the junior high is at completion. A final inspection walk, to complete the required follow up work from Phase I from the Bond project for the junior high, will be next week. In addition, the junior high hallways will be getting painted over the next few weeks and the classrooms will be painted over the summer.
- Yale Junior High will be offering a spring play once again this year.
- Choir concerts are scheduled for Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. Winter band concerts are set for Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 PM for the junior high concert and the high school at 6:30 PM.
- Dillen Tenniswood and Nyles Hughes participated in the first every Shoutcaster statewide event at Ferris State University on November 18. Shoutcasters (announcers) announced for Esports competitions and were scored on a variety of areas including their expertise, transitions, energy, content originality, and more. Congratulations to Dillen and Nyles as their announcing talents landed them as the state runner up for this inaugural event!

7. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Madeline Stefanides**

Ms. Stefanides gave her report which included the following happenings at the high school:

- Students finished taking the ASVAB this week.
- Congrats to Dillen Tenniswood and Nyles Hughes who were the state runner up in the Shoutcasters for Esports competition.
- Olivia Haken organized a curbside coffee to thank our bus garage and transportation department.
- Real life, real choices simulation with the seniors.
- Classes have been collecting “Koins for Kids” for the Julie’s Kids fundraiser. Winning classes will receive pizza or donuts.
- Julie’s Kids spaghetti dinner is on December 13 from 5-7:00 PM.
- Students at the high school are looking forward to Christmas Monopoly.
- Winter Sports have started.
- The Mock trial has begun and students will be competing on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Oakland County Court House.
- Students are excited about decorating the hallways for Christmas: Seniors/Grinch, Juniors/Polar Express, Sophomores/Cozy cabin and Freshman/Christmas tree farm.
- Each Friday during the month of December is Christmas pajama day!
- Red ribbon spirit week – SAD and free of drugs - found students wearing different colors each day.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Presentation by Yale Junior High

Principal Adam Nelson welcomed the Board and thanked the community for passing the bond which has allowed safer and improved classrooms. Mr. Nelson introduced two junior high students, Thomas Schweihofer and Ava Lafferty who took the Board on a guided tour of the improved junior high facilities.

B. Recess – The Board recessed at 7:25 PM

The Board reconvened at 8:04 PM

C. Agenda Items: None

D. Non-Agenda Items: None

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$856,093.70.

Motion by Charney seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$856,093.70 as presented.

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

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Hiring

1. Jolene Roffe, Director of Transportation

B. Resignation

1. Terri Ritter, Bus Driver

C. Recommendations to the Substitute List

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

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

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

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

- Mr. Charney thanked the junior high staff and students for their building tour and Mrs. Fishel for her years of service to the district.
- Mr. Hoppe and Mrs. French also thanked Jeri Fishel for her many years of dedicated service.
- Mr. Bullard spoke of Mrs. Ritter's years of service with his children and the confidence he has in her driving.

The Board took a short recess at 8:12 PM

The Board Entered into Closed Session at 8:17 PM

14. **Executive Session – Closed Session/Superintendent Evaluation  
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 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

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:38 PM

15. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 9:38 PM**

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