

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Yale High School Media Center
Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 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, Hoppe, Hurlburt, Butler, McClelland, Johnson

Members Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Kurt Sutton

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth

Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Student Representative to the Board Madeline Stefanidis

Also Present: Principal Brad Dykstra, Heather Hoppe, Joanne Faille, Kelly Hossack, Coleeta Vesper, John Moza and two additional visitors

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE –

Superintendent Sutton shared/read the following correspondence:

- The Internet Service bid (3-year contract) will renew in 2026. To date, we have not received the annual renewal document.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sutton presented his report which contained the following:

- Kindergarten Round Up is around the corner and informational meetings will be held for parents prior to students attending on April 4th or 5th.
- Congratulations to the wrestling team for their win over Lakeville which earned them a district championship. Our Bulldogs face Richmond in the regionals next week in Mt. Morris.
- Yale Junior High will again celebrate March is Reading Month by having students read or listen to a common book as a school. The idea behind One School, One Book is to encourage literacy growth and celebrate the joy of reading that is interesting to young adolescents. Our staff signs up to read chapters to the students and record their reading for students to follow along. This year's book is Two Degrees by Alan Gratz
- Parents of YHS sophomores interested in the TEC program, dual enrollment, and the Blue Water Middle College are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, February 12 in the high school media center.
 - Mr. Hoppe inquired if it were necessary for students who attend middle college to fill out the FASFA form. Mrs. French responded that it was not required for middle college students to complete the FASFA form.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Madeline Stefanides

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

- Sweetheart dance this Saturday, February 10 at the high school. Crowning of the king and queen will be during half time at the varsity basketball game Friday vs Algonac.
- Mr. Fowler and Mr. McIntyre's honors American Government classes had the option to take the CLEP test for the opportunity to receive college credit.

- Prom will be held on April 27 at the City Flats in Port Huron.
- Shout out to the following students:
 - Cody Zweng was nominated for the Blue Water Music Awards Rookie of the Year.
 - Jaela Krosnicki (President) and Teagan Snay (treasurer) St. Clair TEC's National Technical Honor Society students helped organize multiple fundraisers and through their efforts donated nearly \$4,700 to Kids in Distress Services
 - Jenni Leibler designed the veteran's mural which will be located near the Athletic entrance.
- The Mock trial team had a scrimmage against Richmond at the St. Clair County Courthouse. The team has a regional tournament on February 24 at the Oakland County Courthouse.
- Mr. Iseler hosted a college and career planning day on February 2.
- On March 15, Ms. VanWyke will be taking students to see the play *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Fisher Theater
- On April 12, Mrs. McIntyre's drama class will be putting on a one night showing of the class play, *23 Ways to Get a Detention*.
- On February 17, Yale will be hosting their first ever powerlifting meet.
- Cheerleaders had their last BWAC competition before districts.
- Congratulations to the Bulldog Wrestlers who won the district championship title against Imlay City and Lakeville. Individual districts are this Saturday at Imlay City.
- The *Shrek* play will be rescheduled due to a conflict with prom being scheduled on the same day.
- Maddie was happy to announce that there are only 99 days until graduation.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Presentation by Yale High School

Prior to the Board meeting, the Board took a tour led by Principal Brad Dykstra to Mr. Barr's science room and the new Geometry in Construction classrooms. Mrs. Leonard and Mr. Carless, assisted by their students, gave a slide presentation and exhibit of the many projects that the students are constructing.

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 **\$990,453.85**.

Motion by French seconded by Hurlbut to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$990,453.85** as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Hiring

1. Shelby Smeznik, MTSS & Behavior Coach
2. Ashley Bauer, MBA Teacher

B. Recommendations to the substitute list

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Butler to approve the personnel report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Thrun Law Firm Retainer Agreement

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Johnson to approve the Retainer Contract with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for the January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 calendar year in the amount of \$2,500 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

B. Tennis Court Resurfacing Bid – Racquet Sports Inc.

Motion by Butler seconded by Hurlburt to award the tennis courts resurfacing bid, in the amount of \$35, 518, to Racquet Sports Inc.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Board Policy Adoption

Motion by French seconded by Hurlburt to adopt the updated Thrun Board policies as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

D. 2024 MASB Board of Directors Election – Region 5

Candidates:

1. Janice Holz, Huron ISD Huron County (Incumbent)
2. Roshawnda Williams, Beecher Community School District, Genesee County

Motion by Bullard seconded by McClelland to designate Janice Holz as Yale Public Schools 2024 selection to serve a three-year term on the MASB Region V Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote:

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

E. 2023-2024 Friend of Youth Nominee

President Bullard announced Yale’s 2023-2024 Friend of Youth representative as Therese Damman

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

- Mike Johnson introduced himself and expressed appreciation for being appointed to the Board.
- Megan Butler spoke highly of the GIC class tour that happened before the regular meeting.
- Mr. Hoppe inquired if unions would be invited for career days. Superintendent Sutton stated that the Skilled Trades would indeed be visiting the high school.
- Mr. Sutton gave kudos to the Geometry in Construction students and their instructors.
- Mr. Bullard echoed those sentiments and thanked the Gilbert family for their donations.

THE BOARD TOOK A SHORT RECESS AT 7:31 PM

THE BOARD ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:58 PM

14. Executive Session – Closed Session/Expulsion Hearing (Student 2023-2024.01)

Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section, Paragraph (b)

Motion by Bullard seconded by Hurlburt 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 8:22 PM.

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by French that a preponderance of evidence does exist under statute MCL 380.1311, to support expulsion of Student 2023-2024.01

Roll Call vote:

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 8:24 PM

**MEGHAN BUTLER, Secretary
Yale Board of Education**