

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Pine River Nature Center – Goodells, MI 48027  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

In the absence of Secretary Mark Hurlburt, President Bullard appointed Meghan Butler as acting secretary.

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

President Bullard led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Bullard, French, Hoppe, Butler, McClelland (Arrived at 6:16 PM)

Members Absent: Charney, 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,

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 3                      Motion Carried

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A. Organizational Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2023

B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2023

C. Executive Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2023

Motion by Hoppe seconded by French to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 3                      Motion Carried

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Sutton read/shared the following correspondence:

- Mike Falter will be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame on September 17 at Central Michigan University. Mr. Falter is a retired Yale teacher, coach and athletic director.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- Mr. Sutton gave the board an update on district construction projects.
- Auditors are continuing their review of district financial statement and supporting documents.
- Fall sports kicked off yesterday. He indicated participation is strong this year.
- Mr. Sutton traveled to Lansing to see Jennifer Senkmajer receive the 2023-2024 Michigan Department of Education Regional Teacher of the Year Award.
- Contractors are making steady progress at Yale Junior High.
- Building inspector visits on August 16.
- Work on Avoca's roof has begun.
- Yale Alumni Luncheon will be Saturday, September 23 at Yale High School cafeteria.
- The auditors are finishing their work this week after visiting last week.
- Fall sports kicked off Monday and we once again have great participation numbers across the board.
- Homecoming against Imlay City is Friday, September 29.
- Mr. Dykstra, Mr. Palmateer and Mr. Sutton attended the fall BWAC Summit in Imlay City with member school high school principals, athletic directors, and superintendents.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Guests:

Yale Expositor reporter Jim Brown mentioned that The Expositor has already written an article regarding Mike Falter's award.

B. Agenda Items:

Finance – Discussed increase in fund balance for the food service program and opportunities for spending down its excess fund balance.

C. Non-Agenda Items:

9. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the Amount of **\$1,859,972.31**

Motion by Hoppe seconded by French to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and approve the monthly bills in the amount of **\$1,859,972.31**.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Absent, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

10. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

A. Hiring

1. Manfred Vogel, Yale Junior High Custodian
2. Anna Wisner, Avoca & Farrell Emmett Elementary Custodian
3. Ashley Keith, Yale Elementary Child Care Director

B. Resignation

1. Dillon Raczak, Mechanic
2. Mert O'Connor, FES Custodian
3. Marnie Rossow, Speech Pathologist

C. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Motion by Butler seconded by Hoppe to approve the Personnel Report as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Absent, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski shared/read his report which contained the following:

- New Employees
  - Open Positions
  - Resignations/Terminations
  - Reassignments
- 2023-2024 School Year Curriculum/Instruction for the 2023-2024 year:
- Professional Development focuses
    - College and Career Ready
    - Social/Emotional/Character Education
  - PowerSchool – Training for all staff in the new SIS system
  - Grade/Department Level meetings throughout the year.
- The first two teachers' days will allow for time to complete the required SafeSchool and Infosec training, grade/department level meetings and PowerSchool training.
- Information will be shared with parents at open houses/Bulldog days on how to set up their PowerSchool accounts to access grades and attendance information.
- The requirement to present information to the Board regarding Section 98b Goals (all the student data) has been repealed for the upcoming year.

11. **OLD BUSINESS - None**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Transportation Director Program Renewal

Motion by Hoppe seconded by French to approve the Transportation Director Program with Capac for the 2023/2024 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Absent, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

B. YSSA Contract Renewal

Motion by Hoppe seconded by Butler to approve the YSSA Contract Renewal from August 8, 2023 to June 30, 2026 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard-Yes, French-Yes, Charney-Absent, Hurlburt-Absent, Hoppe-Yes, Butler-Yes, McClelland-Yes  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

Superintendent Sutton distributed the proposal of the honors/advanced level or advanced placement list of classes that are offered at Yale High School and the classes that students would be required to take to be honored as the top scholar or valedictorian. The Governance Committee has been working diligently the last few months to update the requirements for the top scholar awards and are hopeful to implement the new criteria by the beginning of the school year. The Board discussed changing of the Val/Sal program and tabled the discussion until the September Board meeting.

The Board took a brief recess. 6:58 PM

The Board reconvened at 7:13 PM.

C. Board Self-Evaluation Compilation Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Self-Evaluation survey.

13. **Comments from Board Members, Administration - None**

14. **Adjournment by Consensus: 7:58 PM.**

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**Meghan Butler, Acting Secretary**  
**Yale Board of Education**