

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED BOARD MEETINGS (COMMITTEE & REGULAR)
Yale Junior High Central Office Board Room
Thursday May 4, 2023– 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**

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

Members Participating: Bullard, French, Charney, Hurlburt, Hoppe, Butler, McClelland (Arrived at 7:20 PM)

Members Absent: French

Also Participating: Assistant Superintendent Bill Kryscynski
Business Services Director Beky Silkworth
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Performance Contracting Owner's Representative Kurt Carter, Sitelogle Representative Chris Grajek, Kathleen Hooper, Coleeta Vesper, Kathryn Gordon, Heather Hoppe, Youth for Understanding Representative Colleen Leibler, several foreign exchange students and their host parents.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023
2. Executive Session Minutes (Student Discipline) April 11, 2023
3. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** - NONE

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sutton reviewed the Superintendent's report (attached) which contained the following items:

- The fortieth annual Board of Education Dinner was a huge success as we celebrated the academic achievements of 228 of our students that earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher.
- Next week is staff appreciation week.
- Yale High School's Decision Day was Tuesday, May 2nd.
- Our elementary students have begun visits to Yale Junior High as they prepare for the transition to sixth grade.
- We are hosting summer school offerings for elementary and secondary students on the main campus this summer.
- Met with the St. Clair County Health Department as we prepare for the free child and adolescent health care center that will be open in the fall.
- We will be offering free sports physicals for junior high and high school students on July 25 at Yale High School.

8. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – Nathaniel Mack/Madeline Stefanides

Student representatives Nathaniel Mack and Madeline Stefanides shared presenting their report which contained the following:

- Savannah Swafford, Hank Teltow and Veronica McClelland received gold at the SkillsUSA state competition.
- Decision Day was last Tuesday.
- Board of Education Academic Awards Banquet was a huge success.

- AP Testing in May.
- The Red Cross Blood Drive was held on May 4 with twenty-five donors.
- Seniors have eleven more days of school left.
- Graduation is May 20.
- 5th Grade Orientation is being held at the junior high during the month of May.
- Results from the bell competition are in with the old bell sound winning by a landslide.
- Junior/Senior Prom was April 29 in Kingston with a positive reception of the new venue.
- NHS Officers were elected for next year. President - Madeline Stefanides, Vice President - Brooklyn Shutko, Secretary - Grace Kesces and Treasurer - Kierra Taube
- NHS officers will be making appearances on the high school announcements via videos. Next week will be facts and tips for distracted driver awareness.
- Gave updates on spring sports:
- Freshmen visited the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History.
- Over one-hundred students qualified for initial consideration to be a part of the National Honor Society for next year.

9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

St. Clair County RESA Budget Report - RESA Superintendent Brenda Tenniswood

- RESA Superintendent Brenda Tenniswood reported highlights on all three of their budgets for 2023-2024. She also elaborated their program descriptions and options for this and next year.

B. Foreign Exchange Students

YFU Representative Colleen Leibler and Yale High School foreign exchange students:

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Host Family</u>
Leonardo Baldantoni	Italy	Keeley, Bette
Emilia Gabriele Brand	Germany	Fisher, Kathleen & Richard
Nadeen Ghanaiem	Palestine	Nicholl, Kathleen & Kenneth
Catarina Ruschel Goncalves	Brazil	Keeley, Bette
Kiia Linnea Huikari	Finland	Liebler, Colleen
Kei Nakagawa	Japan	Hubbard, Christi
Pathida Phuttharak	Thailand	Krzak, Brenda

Youth for Understanding representative Colleen Leibler invited each exchange student attending to introduce themselves, identify their home country and tell remarkable memories they have made this school year. Some of the things that the board learned from each student was that they love attending Yale High School, appreciate their host families and are fond of fast food.

President Bullard thanked the students for all they have brought to the district in the array of different cultural and community perspectives.

- C. Agenda Items - None
- D. Non-Agenda Items - None

10. **REPORTS**

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Sutton read the Buildings and Grounds report which contained the following:

- For now, contractors have finished all of the second shift work at the junior high.
- Mr. Sutton and Mr. Shutko met with EZ Operations & Consulting company to go over some options for our future water sampling and to also help with navigating through the recent sanitation inspections at Farrell and Avoca.
- Working on having the summer project list in order.

B. Finance

Beky Silkworth read her report which contained the following:

- 2023/24 RESA Budge. Recommended approving all three fund budgets as presented.
- Budget Projections and recommended budget hearing for Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 PM.
- Hard cap Increases.
- Arbitrage calculations.
- Trends report.

C. Instruction and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Kryscynski reviewed the Instruction and Personnel report.

1. Hiring
 - A. Kellsy Fuller, Yale High School foreign language teacher
 - B. Kathryn Gordon, K-12 special education teacher
2. Resignation
 - A. Rebecca Hisscock, Avoca Elementary Title I paraprofessional
3. Probationary Teachers Recommended for Tenure
 - A. Garrett Grundman
 - B. Renee Morris
 - C. Gabrielle (Piatek) Duke
 - D. Melissa Poulsen
 - E. Ryan Rossi
 - F. Shannon Osterland
 - G. Amy Bean
 - H. Denise Beasley
4. Recommendation to the Substitute Lists

Curriculum/Instruction

- State testing is in full swing.
- Continuing to work on identifying students for our elementary summer school program.
- After much consideration the high school math department has identified the McGraw Hill Revel series as our best options for Algebra I, II & Geometry.
- We have begun the transition from Skyward to PowerSchool for our student SIS system. Mr. Kryscynski gave kudos to Mrs. Green for her assistance in this transition.

D. Transportation

Superintendent Sutton read the Transportation Report which contained the following:

- Staffing.
- Transportation scheduling.
- Quotes for GPS for buses.

E. Technology

- Tony Harmer will give his end of year and summer projects report in June.

F. Other - None

11. **ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

- A. 2023-2024 RESA Proposed Budget Resolution
 - No concerns have been identified
- B. Class Action Lawsuit against social media giants
 - Joining other public-school districts nationwide in a litigation against the social media giants.
- C. Food Service Management Contract Renewal
Postponed until June.
- D. Approval of Yale Secretarial Association Contract
Tentative agreement was signed almost one month ago. This is a three-year agreement.
- E. Sitelogiq Amendment #4
Mr. Charney recommended a few minor items will be clarified. Mr. Charney recommends Mr. Sutton sign on behalf of the Board.
- F. Set Budget Hearing Date and Time
 - June 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM
- G. Board Organizational Date – July 13th
- H. Board Governance Committee
President Bullard stated that the committee will meet on Thursday, May 11 to review the 5000 series of Board policies.
- I. Board Buildings & Grounds Committee
The committee reviewed amendment #4 with Sitelogiq and other large projects scheduled for this summer.
- J. SCCASB Representative
Mr. Hurlburt reported the scholarship committee for SCCASB selected four winners last Tuesday. He added that again this year he was proud to say that one of the winners was a Yale student.
- K. MASB Legislative Liaison
Mr. Hurlburt and Mr. Bullard mentioned there are many virtual meetings and training workshops available for Board members.
- L. Other Items - None

12. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Approval of Treasurer's Report and monthly bills in the amount of **\$958,653.13**

Motion by Charney seconded by Butler to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of **\$958,653.13**.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

B. Approval of Personnel Report

1. Hiring

A. Kellsy Fuller, Yale High School foreign language teacher

B. Kathryn Gordon, K-12 special education teacher

2. Resignation

A. Rebecca Hisscock, Avoca Elementary Title I araprofessional

3. Probationary Teachers Recommended for Tenure

A. Garrett Grundman E. Ryan Rossi

B. Renee Morris F. Shannon Osterland

C. Gabrielle (Piatek) Duke G. Amy Bean

D. Melissa Poulsen H. Denise Beasley

4. Recommendation to the Substitute List

Roll Call Vote:

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

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

C. 2023-2024 RESA Proposed Budget Resolution

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to approve the Resolution in support of the 2023-2024 proposed RESA Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

D. Class Action Lawsuit against social media giants

Motion by Hurlburt seconded by Charney to authorize Superintendent Kurt Sutton to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of Yale Public Schools and to join other public schools nationwide to take action and obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the School in the lawsuit against the social media giants.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

E. Food Service Management Contract Renewal

- Postponed until June.

F. Approval of Yale Secretarial Association Contract

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt to approve the 2023-2026 Yale Secretarial Association Contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Abstain, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 1 Motion Carried

G. Sitelogiq Amendment #4

Motion by Charney seconded by Hurlburt_ to authorize Superintendent Sutton to sign the agreement with Sitelogiq after consultation with the district's attorney.

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

H. Budget Hearing Date (June 15, 2023 – 6:30 PM)

Motion by Bullard seconded by Hurlburt to set the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing on June 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Bullard- Yes, French- Abs., Charney- Yes, Hurlburt- Yes, Hoppe- Yes, Butler- Yes, McClelland- Yes

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

I. Board Organizational Date – July 13th

- Calendars will be distributed to the Board and will be voted on at the June meeting.

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

- Mr. Hurlburt and Mr. Hoppe echoed their sentiments on how much they enjoyed the setup in the gym for the academic awards night and that they had received positive feedback. Mrs. Butler added she enjoyed attending her first awards dinner.
- Board members gave kudos to Food Service Director Joanne Faille and her staff for the delicious food and for getting everyone fed so quickly
- Jim Brown complimented the district on having 41% of the high school students receiving grades of 3.5 or above. He added it is a tribute to the Board and staff.
- Mr. Charney said that the exchange students did a great job presenting to the Board.
- Superintendent Sutton thanked Mrs. Green, Mrs. Harmer, Mrs. Hoppe and Mrs. Maplethorpe for their hard work in preparing for the awards ceremony. In addition, he expressed appreciation to the Board for their support in the continuation of the ceremony and thanked the many donors for making it possible

15. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS: 8:17 PM.**

Mark Hurlburt, Secretary
Yale Board of Education