

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Yale Junior High School Board of Education Conference Room
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Zabor called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Mrs. Zabor informed the Board that due to a family medical emergency Superintendent Nicholl would not be in attendance and Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes would be providing Board support in his stead.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Zabor, Bullard, Charney, French, Hoist, Monaco

Members Absent: Sokacz

Also Present: Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth
Director of Transportation Jeri Fishel
Director of Building & Grounds Jeff Kudera
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Others Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, Andy Runnals and Mrs. Runnals

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2016

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2016

Motion by Bullard seconded by Monaco to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

5. Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented/read by Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes:

- Notified the Board of the passing of former Yale Public Schools Teacher and Principal Linda Charles who retired from the district in 1993.
- Thank you card from the family of Kelly Mack for the district's expression of sympathy and support.
- Shared a letter and certificate from the Michigan Department of Education awarded to Avoca Elementary School for being a finalist in the Title I, Distinguished Schools Awards.
- Shared the Yale Board of Education election results by township.
- Read the Superintendent's Report which included:
 - Information from Previous Month's Meeting
 - Parent Information Night Classroom 4 The Future Congratulations to Rob Majcher & Laurie Kudera
 - Fall All-Academic Team
 - Five Year Calendar
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - American Legion Post 320 Presents Award to the Yale High School Band
 - Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs Awards \$500 Grant to High School
 - Knights of Columbus #8710 Tootsie Roll
 - Veterans Day Celebration
 - Evaluation Templates

6. Public Participation

A. Special Guests – None at this time.

B. Agenda Items – Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown congratulated retiring football coaches Don Smeznik and Rob Majcher for their years of service and dedication to the sports program.

- C. Non-Agenda Items – Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown informed the Board that students from the Yale High School National Honor Society worked in the rain placing Christmas lights on the light poles in downtown Yale in preparation for the holiday season.

7. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds Director Jeff Kudera presented/read his report (attached) and added he would be taking a lead copper test at Avoca and Farrell-Emmett Elementary. This test is a requirement in buildings with non-city water.

B. Finance

Director Silkworth presented/read her report (attached)

C. Instruction and Personnel

Director Haynes, read the instruction and personnel report (attached) which contained the following:

1. Resignation

- A. Don Smeznik, Head Varsity Football Coach
- B. Rob Majcher, Head JV Football Coach
- C. Noreen Timlin, Title I Aide at Yale Elementary

2. Hiring

- A. Susan Pulley, Bus Driver
- B. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Assistant Superintendent Haynes distributed a 2016 MDE Title I Distinguished School Award comparison sheet and overviewed with the Board. In addition, Mr. Haynes updated the Board on all of the efforts toward closing the “gap” at Avoca Elementary and that the district is in compliance with the requirements from the state for the focus school.

D. Technology – Nothing at this time.

E. Transportation - Director Jeri Fishel Read presented/read her report (attached).

F. Other – Nothing at this time.

8. Items for Board Discussion

A. Board Governance Committee

Vice President Bullard noted the next Governance Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 PM.

B. SCCASB Representative

Member Monaco reported she is waiting for word on the Executive Council meeting. She added that the SCCASB Scholarship applications had been sent to the high schools and that the crystal apples had been ordered.

C. MASB Legislative Liaison

Member Veronica Monaco reported that Legislation is still in Lame Duck session and that discussions have included retirement and the opening of schools before Labor Day. She added a couple of bills for legislative consideration included keeping anti-overdose drugs in school buildings and also a citizenship test as a graduation requirement.

Mrs. Monaco gave a brief synopsis of the classes she and Mr. Bullard selected at the MASB Fall Conference in Detroit.

D. Focus School Progress Monitoring – Discussed earlier in the agenda.

E. First Proposed Budget Amendment

Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth reviewed the First Proposed Budget Amendment and proposed an estimated \$535,000 Fund Balance for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

F. Acceptance of Office for Board Members

Board members re-elected (Pete Bullard, Veronica Monaco, Kevin Sokacz) and newly elected Board member (Gregg Hoppe) signed the Acceptance of Office forms to be filed with the St. Clair County Clerk's office.

9. Comments from Board Members, Administration

- In the absence of Superintendent Nicholl, Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes read/presented the Superintendent's Report.
- President Amanda Zabor presented Board member Terry Hoist with a plaque in recognition for his 12 years of service to the Yale Board of Education. A cake reception followed.

- Member Hoist told the Board it was a privilege and honor to serve with a great Board and in a great community.

10. Adjournment

Adjournment by Consensus at 7:17 PM.

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DENA FRENCH, SECRETARY
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION