

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Yale Junior High School Board of Education Conference Room  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 6:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

President Zabor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Sokacz, Hoppe

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

Others Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown and an audience member.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Charney seconded French to adopt the agenda as amended.

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Combined Committee of the Whole/Regular Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2017

2. Special Meeting minutes of May 21, 2017

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

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

5. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2017

Motion by Charney seconded by Bullard to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of May 21, 2017 as presented.

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

6. Approval of Executive Session Minutes – May 25, 2017

Student Discipline – Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Paragraph b

Motion by Bullard seconded by Monaco to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 25, 2017 as presented.

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented/read by Superintendent Nicholl:

- Received a \$5000.00 scholarship donation from Hobart Meharg (Class of 1950) in honor of his parents who owned the Meharg's Dairy Bar in Yale from the 1940's thru 1960's.
- Shared an email from a junior high parent expressing gratitude to Junior High Principal Brad Dykstra and the district and staff for their dedication in creating an educational environment that maps out a road to success for students. He added that the respect the student's displayed for their fellow classmates during the 6<sup>th</sup> grade awards presentation was outstanding.
- Circulated the 2017 Thumb Meet of Champions program booklet that included Randy Willenberg as Friend of Youth.

- 8. Public Participation
  - A. Special Guests – None at this time.
  - B. Agenda Items – None at this time.
  - C. Non-Agenda Items – None at this time.

9. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Nicholl read his report that contained the following:

- Information from Previous Month's Meeting
- CI Program Celebrates Graduates
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mackinac Field Trip a Huge Success
- Classroom of your Dreams Contest
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program Audit Earns "Clean" Distinction Children Centers Awarded Tuition Assistance Grant
- Reading Now Network Caro Meet of Champs/Friend of Youth
- Secretarial Association elects MEA to Represent their Interests
- Junior High Celebrates Academic Success
- Graduation Ceremonies Highlight All that is "Good" with Education
- Career Fair at Avoca a Success!

10. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds Director Jeff Kudera presented/read his report (attached) and added:

- Director Kudera gave kudos to Jack Armstrong and Lisa Brennan for the great job in preparing the grounds for graduation. President Zaobor added the grounds looked amazing.
- Rusting asphalt at the tennis courts and methods of correcting the problem were discussed.

B. Finance

Director Silkworth presented/read her report (attached) and reminded everyone of the Budget Hearing, before the Regular Board meeting, at 6:30 PM on Thursday.

C. Instruction and Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Haynes read the instruction and personnel report (attached) which contained the following:

1. Hiring

- A. William Ginzel, Junior High Custodian
- B. High School Principal

2. Retirement

- A. Pat Gallemore, High School Teacher

3. Resignation

- A. Katie Szymanski, Yale Elementary GSRP Associate Teacher
- B. Andrea Warner, Yale Elementary Aide
- C. Julia Pung, Farrell-Emmett Elementary Latchkey Aide

4. Probationary Teachers Recommended for Tenure

- Lauren Traub    - Kelsey McCarty    - Katie Cowhy    - Andrea Sutton
- Stacey Egan    - Corey Reid    - Suzanne Wood

5. Recommendations to the Substitute List

Assistant Superintendent Haynes informed the Board that each elementary school will offer a summer school reading club program and gave a short synopsis.

D. Technology

Director Tony Harmer read/presented the Technology report (attached).

E. Transportation – In the absence of Director Fishel, Superintendent Nicholl read/presented her report (attached).

F. Other – Nothing at this time.

11. Items for Board Discussion

- A. Board Governance Committee  
Next Board Governance Committee meeting will be held on July 13, 2017 at 5:30 PM followed by the Board Organizational Meeting at 6:30 PM and Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM. The Board Governance Committee will be discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation tool at their July meeting.
- B. SCCASB Representative  
Member Monaco stated that the next SCCASB meeting will be September.
- C. MASB Legislative Liaison  
Member Monaco reported that legislature is in summer session and that MPERS Reform had been put on hold. She added there is currently a lot of unrest in legislature.
- D. 2017-2018 MHSAA Resolution  
The MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) sponsors statewide tournaments and makes eligibility rules with respect to participation in such MHSAA sponsored tournaments in the various groups. There are no costs to members. Board action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- E. Final 2016-2017 Budget  
Director Silkworth presented the Final 2016-2017 Budget to the Board. (Attached) Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- F. Original 2017-2018 Budget  
Director Silkworth presented the Original 2017-2018 Budget to the Board. (Attached) Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- G. Cash Flow Borrowing Resolution  
Director Silkworth reported the district expects to borrow 3.2 million dollars to meet day-to-day operations pending receiving funds generated from State Aid and property taxes. Final documents will be presented at Thursday's Regular Board Meeting for action.
- H. ACH Resolution – Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- I. Uniform Grant Guidance Deferment – Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- J. Award Concrete Bid (Sinking Fund)  
Bids will be open at 1:00 PM on June 8, 2017. Plans are to award the concrete bid (Sinking Funds) at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- K. Principal's Association Contract  
Board Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- L. Secretarial Association Contract  
Superintendent Nicholl announced the secretarial association has joined MEA and at this time are much closer to ratifying their contract. There is one secretary retiring in their group. Hopeful for Board Action at Thursday's Regular Board meeting.
- M. 2017-2018 Proposed Board Meeting Dates (Information Only: President sets dates and time of July Organizational and Regular Board Meeting.)
- N. Board Self Evaluation
  - Date: August 22, 2017
  - Location: Pine River Nature Center

12. Comments from Board Members, Administration

- President Zabor reminded the Board that their Self Evaluation is due in July with discussion at the August meeting.
- Superintendent Nicholl informed the Board that Justin Kudera was placed eighth in the state for the 400m in Track and Field at the MHSAA State Finals.
- Superintendent Nicholl announced that the baseball team had won districts and would travel to Marysville for Regionals on Saturday, June 10.
- Vice President Bullard gave accolades to the district on such a fine job wrapping up the school year with academics and sport's honors.
- Superintendent Nicholl will be meeting with Food Services Director Louann Warner and Beky Silkworth regarding lunch prices according to the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act.
- Ms. Maplethorpe informed the Board that she had received a call from Mr. Hobart Meharg and told the Board how favorably he spoke about the Alumni Dinner, Superintendent Nicholl and the district. He was pleased to read the articles in The Yale Expositor about the schools and how it reflected that Yale Public Schools are on top of their game. He was so

impressed that he wished to speak to Superintendent Nicholl about making a scholarship donation.

- Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown added that Mr. Meharg had visited the Expositor the same day and gave kudos to the district.
- Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown informed the Board that Brian Fowler had just won five district baseball titles and that it was the most district wins ever for a Yale Coach.
- Director Kudera is in contact with the East Kentwood School District as they are refurbishing seven buildings and he is in hopes of possibly obtaining some chairs and desks for Yale at little or no cost to the district.

13. Adjournment by Consensus at 8:11 PM.

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DENA FRENCH, SECRETARY  
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION