

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

1. Call to Order  
President Zabor called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Roll Call  
Members Present: Zabor, Bullard, French, Hoist, Sokacz  
Members Absent: Charney, Monaco  
Also Present: Superintendent Kenneth Nicholl  
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth  
Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes  
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe  
Director of Transportation Jeri Fishel  
Director of Building & Grounds Jeff Kudera  
Others Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown and audience member Greg Hoppe
3. Adoption of the Agenda (Amended)  
Motion by Sokacz seconded Hoist to adopt the agenda as amended.  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried
4. Consent Agenda  
A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  1. Committee Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2016
  2. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2016Motion by Bullard seconded by Sokacz to adopt the consent agenda as presented.  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion Carried
5. Correspondence  
The following correspondence was presented/read by Superintendent Nicholl:
  - Reminded the Board about the upcoming Flu Shot Clinics being held in Yale Public Schools as part of the Wellness program.
  - Shared an email from a parent whose children are now attending Yale Public Schools and who had attended the September Board meeting. The parent was appreciative of the tone and positive direction to all topics by all the Board members. He added, “I can tell when this teams talks about the children and staff, they truly care and are “all in” for the right reason...”
  - Received confirmation from the St. Clair County Clerk’s Office that Greg Hoppe had applied as a write-in candidate for a Board of Education seat at the November election.
6. Public Participation
  - A. Special Guests  
President Zabor welcomed and thanked Greg Hoppe for “stepping up” and applying as a write-in candidate for a Board of Education seat at the upcoming November election.
  - B. Agenda Items – None at this time.
  - C. Non-Agenda Items – None at this time.
7. Reports
  - A. Buildings and Grounds  
Buildings and Grounds Director Jeff Kudera presented/read his report (attached).
  - B. Finance  
Ms. Silkworth presented/read her report (attached). Additional items were as follows:
    - Received a rebate check from SET SEG Insurance.
    - Informed the Board that the GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) audit, by the State of Michigan for the 2014-2015 school year, reported all things in order and passed with “flying colors”.
    - 2015-2016 Audit presentation at the Regular Board meeting on October 13 at Avoca Elementary.
    - Vice President Bullard reported that he and Member Monaco would be attending Advanced School Finance at the upcoming MASB conference in Detroit.

- C. Instruction and Personnel  
In the absence of Director Haynes, who is attending a conference, Superintendent Nicholl reviewed the instruction and personnel report (attached) which contained the following:
1. Hiring
    - A. Julia Pung, Farrell Emmett Elementary Latch Key Aide
    - B. Kerry Dykstra, Online Coordinator - Alt. Ed.
  2. Recommendations to the Substitute List
- D. Technology  
Superintendent Nicholl gave kudos to Director Harmer and reported that he is putting the final touches on the surveillance system.
- E. Transportation  
Director Jeri Fishel Read her report (attached) and added that the district is still in need of sub bus drivers.
- F. Other  
Nothing at this time.
8. Items for Board Discussion
- A. Board Governance Committee  
Vice President Bullard reported that the next meeting is October 13 at Avoca Elementary at 6:00 PM
  - B. SCCASB Representative  
Meet the Candidates dinner meeting on October 25 at 6:00 PM at the St. Clair Technical Education Center.
  - C. MASB Legislative Liaison  
Vice President Bullard reported that current discussion in Legislature is the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading program, seclusion/restraint and LGBT.
  - D. 2015-2016 Audit Presentation, Lewis & Knopf, P.C. at Thursday's Regular Board Meeting  
Presentation will be at Avoca Elementary at the Regular Board meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM.
  - E. Superintendent's Evaluation (MASB/MASA) Templates  
Determination of the Superintendent's Evaluation template was tabled at the last Board meeting until a comparison of the (MASB/MASA) templates could be reviewed by Board members. Vice President Bullard reported that upon comparison it would be recommended to use the MASA template. Further discussion will transpire at the Governance Committee meeting on October 13 at 6:00 PM at Avoca Elementary. Board action at the October 13 Regular Board meeting.
  - F. Other Items – None at this time.
9. Comments from Board Members, Administration
- Superintendent Nicholl reported that tomorrow, October 5, was the official Count Day.
  - Vice President Bullard gave accolades to the staff for their excellent job in preparing for the Homecoming activities.
  - Superintendent Nicholl praised the Yale Alumni Committee for the scholarship money they donate for students and added that it was the largest number of alumni in attendance at the dinner thus far. He applauded the alumni and added that he is always overwhelmed by the great "Bulldog" pride they show. He also recognized Louanne Warner and her staff for the excellent luncheon they provided and applauded Student Council Advisors, Maria Gerardy and Kathy Nicholl, National Honor Society Advisor Nikki McIntyre and student representatives for their spectacular job in assisting the guests.
  - Greg Hoppe spoke of moving to Yale with his family and what an honor and pleasure it would be to serve on the Yale Board of Education. He added that "the school is the community and the community is the school".
10. Adjournment  
Adjournment by Consensus at 6:58 PM.

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DENA FRENCH, SECRETARY  
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION