

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Yale Junior High School Board of Education Conference Room  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 6:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Zabor called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Ken Nicholl  
Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes  
Business Services Director Beky Silkworth  
Buildings & Grounds Director Jeff Kudera  
Technology Director Tony Harmer  
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Motion Carried

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2017

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2017

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

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Motion Carried

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Nicholl read/shared the following correspondence:

- Reminder from RESA of the upcoming election for RESA board members on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Two seats are expiring in June. Districts will be notified on May 9, regarding eligible candidates. Also Board members will be asked to review the 2017-2018 RESA budget and adopt a board resolution before June 1.
- Note of thanks from a mom of four Yale Public Schools students thanking the district for the outpouring of love and support during their families' recent health issues. In addition she was appreciative to everyone for not only educating her children but instilling confidence and social abilities that they will carry through their adulthood.
- Thank you note from a Yale Public Schools family, to Yale Junior High Teacher Miranda Wolf, in appreciation for organizing the beautiful donation from the community due to extended issues related to an accident of their son.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Special Guests – None at this time.

B. Agenda Items – None at this time.

C. Non-Agenda Items – None at this time.

**7. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Nicholl read his report that contained the following:

- Information from Previous Month's Meeting
- State Superintendent to Drop Letter Grades for Schools
- BWAC All-Academic Recognition
- SCCCMH's 2017 High School Art Contest
- Monica Winchester Recognized at the BPA State Competition
- St. Clair County Community Foundation Awards Grant to Diane Sheldon
- Legislative Updates
- First Robotics Team Qualifies for State Competition
- Classroom 4TheFuture

## 8. REPORTS

- A. Buildings and Grounds  
Buildings and Grounds Director Jeff Kudera read his report (attached).
- B. Finance & Financial Overview as Directed  
Director Silkworth read/distributed her reports (attached) and overviewed the following:
  - Debt Retirement payments due
  - Work Comp rate is expected to decline 17-18
  - Spring student count was submitted 3/22/17
  - Invoices were reviewed
  - Trends report shows salary and benefits up because of one extra pay this March
  - QZAB – district to receive interest rebate for QZAB loan less 6.9% sequestration
  - Internet connectivity bid through Universal Service Fund recommended we award to SCCRESA (Only Bid)
- C. Instruction and Personnel  
Director Haynes read his report (attached) which included the following.
  - 1. Instruction and Personnel
    - A. Hiring
      - 1. Rebecca Murtos, Building Grounds & Transportation Clerk
      - 2. Sherry Goniwiecha, Latch Key Aide, Yale Elementary
      - 3. Melissa Watkins, Latch Key Aide, Avoca Elementary
      - 4. Kimberly Schott, Child Care Associate, Avoca Elementary
      - 5. Jodi Schoenberg, Yale Elementary/Bus Garage Custodian
    - B. Resignation
      - 1. Kim Wheaton, Custodian, Avoca Elementary
    - C. Recommendations to the Substitute List
- D. Technology  
Director Harmer read his report (attached).
- E. Transportation  
In the absence of Director Fishel, who attended the Farrell-Emmett Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up, Superintendent Nicholl read her report (attached).
- F. Other – Nothing at this time.

## 9. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Board Governance Committee  
Vice President Bullard reported that the next Governance Committee meeting would be held Thursday April 13 at 6:00 PM at Farrell-Emmett Elementary. Plans are to wrap up discussion on the results from the workshop held last year.
- B. SCCASB Representative  
Member Monaco reported that recognition would be given to the SCCASB scholarship winner and teacher at Thursday's Regular Board meeting. She added that the next Executive Council meeting would be in May.
- C. MASB Legislative Liaison  
Member Monaco related that legislators are on Spring Break until April 17<sup>th</sup>. She added a couple of bills to look at were changes in the ISD Board election process, school starting time before Labor Day and changes in the Michigan Merit Curriculum.
- D. 2016-2017 SCCASB Scholarship and Mentor Recognition (Thursday April 13 Regular Board Meeting)
- E. Scholarships for the School Board  
Scholarship applications are currently being considered by the Scholarship Committee. Final selections are due to Superintendent Nicholl by April 27.
- F. Yale Public School Severance Incentive Program  
Superintendent Nicholl gave a synopsis of the Severance Incentive Program that requires Board action on Thursday. He added that YEA Negotiations continue Wednesday.

## 10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION

- Vice President Bullard reminded everyone that Thursday's Regular Board meeting will be held at Farrell-Emmett Elementary.
- Superintendent Nicholl reported there were many good candidates applying for the Athletic Director position and thanked Assistant Superintendent Haynes for the nice job in organizing the process. President Zabor added that the district has a great process for hiring.
- Director Silkworth reported she would not be in attendance at Thursday's Regular Board meeting but will attend Wednesday's YEA Negotiations.

The Board recessed at 7:36 PM.

President Zabor reconvened the meeting at 7:57 PM

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION**

**Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a)**

Motion by Bullard seconded by Monaco to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent’s evaluation in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8, paragraph (a) as requested by Superintendent Nicholl.

Time Being: 8:00 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:46 PM.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment by Consensus: Time Being: 10:47 PM.

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DENA FRENCH, SECRETARY  
YALE BOARD OF EDUCATION