

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMBINED BOARD MEETINGS (COMMITTEE & REGULAR)  
Yale Junior High School Board of Education Conference Room  
Thursday, May 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Zabor

Also Present: Superintendent Ken Nicholl  
Assistant Superintendent Joe Haynes  
Director of Business Services Beky Silkworth  
Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe

Also Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown, RESA Superintendent Dr. Kevin Miller,  
Mr. & Mrs. Delpy, Kim DeLand, Kelly Hossack and Kathleen Hooper

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent: 1      Motion Carried

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Committee Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2017

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2017

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

Ayes: 6      Nays: 1      Absent: 0      Motion Carried

**6. Executive Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017**

A. Superintendent's Evaluation Summary

Motion by Charney seconded by Monaco to approve the Executive Session Minutes, Superintendent's Evaluation Summary, of April 11, 2017 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor–Absent, Bullard – Yes, French–Yes, Sokacz–Yes, Hoppe–Yes, Monaco–Yes, Charney– Yes

Ayes: 6      Nays: 1      Absent: 0      Motion Carried

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Nicholl read/shared the following correspondence:

- Superintendent Nicholl, Assistant Superintendent Haynes, Avoca Elementary Principal Therese Damman and Community Foundation representatives attended the presentation of the DTE Energy, Energy Efficiency Impact Award in Novi which was given to Avoca Elementary and the Community Foundation for their forward-thinking, STEM-related and energy conservation idea in the Read and Ride Program.
- Gave kudos to the Yale Public Schools Crisis Team for assisting Memphis schools during a recent fatality in their district.
- Read a request from a parent regarding transportation of their School of Choice children.
- Reported that Capac was leaving the BWAC conference at the end of next year and that North Branch Community Schools had accepted the offer to join the Blue Water Area Conference for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Notified the Board that former Yale Public Schools employee (Avoca Elementary Cook) Sherry Thompson had passed. He added that the district's thoughts and prayers will be with the family.
- Read thank you notes from Central Office and Yale Junior High Staff in appreciation for the wonderful breakfast for Staff Appreciation Day.
- Shared a thank you note from Yale High School Teacher Courtney Sklba thanking the Board for her wonderful evening of celebration on being chosen this year's Saint Clair County Association of School Boards Crystal Apple Award winner.

**8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Agenda Items

Superintendent Nicholl introduced St. Clair County RESA Superintendent Dr. Kevin Miller and thanked him for reaching out to the local districts to promote public education. Dr. Miller gave an overview of the RESA Budget and distributed a (projected) Special Education Services budget to the Board.

B. Non-Agenda Items

Concerned parents spoke regarding their request to the Board for consideration in providing bus/transportation routes for their school of choice students attending Yale.

Superintendent Nicholl explained the School of Choice transportation policies and bus routes. In addition he asked Dr. Miller to expound the transportation issues as related to School of Choice students throughout the county.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Nicholl reviewed his report (see attached) which contained the following items:

- "Breaking Traditions" Recognition
- DTE Energy Efficiency
- National Honor Society
- US News & World Report Recognizes Yale High School with Bronze Status
- Exploring Initiatives Using Data as our Guide
- BWAC All-Academic and Academic Athletic Recognition
- DECISION DAY
- Inspiring the Next Generation: Women in Aviation and Students in S.T.E.M.
- Broncos Stampede into the BWAC
- Staff Appreciation
- Legal Update

**10. REPORTS**

A. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Nicholl read the Buildings and Grounds report (attached).

B. Finance

Director Beky Silkworth read the Finance Report (attached).

C. Instruction and Personnel

Director Haynes read his report (attached).

D. Transportation

Superintendent Nicholl read the Transportation Report (attached).

E. Technology

Superintendent Nicholl read the Technology report (attached).

F. Other – Nothing at this time.

**11. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

A. Board Governance Committee

Vice President Bullard stated that the next Governance Committee meeting will be held in August. Discussion will be held on the likes/dislikes of the Superintendent's Evaluation model and adding line items to the Rubrics for the upcoming year. The committee will also discuss Mission, Vision and Goals.

B. SCCASB Representative

Member Monaco reported that the next SCCASB meeting will be held in September. She added that RESA's Lobbyist will address the group at the General Membership meeting in October.

C. MASB Legislative Liaison

Member Monaco reported that the House and Senate had approved their budgets. They also passed two bills regarding the substitute teacher shortage.

D. Other – Nothing at this time.

**12. Old Business – None at this time.**

**13. New Business**

**A. Approval of Financial Reports**

Approval of Treasurer's Report and Monthly Bills in the amount of \$441,322.33.

Motion by Charney seconded by Sokacz to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and approve monthly bills in the amount of \$441,322.33.

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor-Absent, Bullard- Yes, French-Yes, Sokacz-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Monaco-Yes, Charney- Yes  
Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

**B. Approval of Personnel Report**

1. Hiring

A. Kim DeLand, Athletic Director

2. Retirement

A. Joann Sabada, Junior High Secretary

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

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor-Absent, Bullard- Yes, French-Yes, Sokacz-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Monaco-Yes, Charney- Yes  
Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

**C. RESA Budget Resolution**

Motion by Monaco seconded by Charney to adopt the Resolution in support of the 2017-2018 proposed RESA Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor-Absent, Bullard- Yes, French-Yes, Sokacz-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Monaco-Yes, Charney- Yes  
Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

**D. Resolution for RESA Board Member Biennial Election**

1. RESA Resolution Biennial Election

A. Election Representative

B. Candidate Selection ( Six-Year Term)

1. Harold J. Burns (Incumbent)

2. Jeffrey L. Wine (New Candidate)

The Board will hold a Special Board meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 1:30 PM in the Teacher's Lounge at Yale High School for the RESA Resolution Biennial Election.

**E. Bus (Technology Bus Bond)**

Motion by French seconded by Charney to award the Bus Bid, from the 2016-2017 Technology Bus Bond Budget, to the Holland Bus Company for one 77 passenger, lease return bus at the purchase price of \$70,810.00 (includes Pro Heat Box and Pro Heat System Only) per the bid submitted on April 13, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor-Absent, Bullard- Yes, French-Yes, Sokacz-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Monaco-Yes, Charney- Yes  
Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

**F. Budget Hearing Date (June 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM)**

Motion by Charney seconded by French to set the 2017–2018 Budget Hearing on June 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM as presented.

Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

**G. Junior High Window Installation Quote**

Motion by Charney seconded by Monaco to award the window installation bid for the junior high replacement project to Yale Glass. Quotes were solicited after no responses were received from the April 2017 bid.

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor-Absent, Bullard- Yes, French-Yes, Sokacz-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Monaco-Yes, Charney- Yes  
Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Motion Carried

**H. Treasurer Charney made the following motion to amend the Yale Public Schools Severance Incentive Program.**

Motion by Charney seconded by Hoppe to amend the Yale Public Schools Severance Incentive Program for teachers to read minimum of 5 teachers - \$12,000, 6 teachers or more - \$18,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Zabor-Absent, Bullard-Yes, French-Abstain, Sokacz-Yes, Hoppe-Yes, Monaco-Yes, Charney- Yes  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1                      Abstain: 1                      Motion Carried

**14. Comments from Board Members, Administration**

- Member Sokacz announced he possibly may be out of town for the June and July Board meetings.
- Board members welcomed Kim Deland into her new position as Athletic Director.
- Director Silkworth wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
- Vice President Bullard reminded everyone that graduation is in ten days and that graduation festivities begin next week.
- Secretary to the Board Nancy Maplethorpe reminded Board members of the Recognition/Retirement Dinner on June 9 at Holly Meadows in Capac.

**15. Adjournment by Consensus: 9:08 PM.**

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**Dena French, Secretary  
Yale Board of Education**