

**YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
President Zabor called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
2. Roll Call
Members Present: Zabor, Charney, Sokacz, Bullard, French, Hoist, Monaco
Members Absent:
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
Others Present: Yale Expositor Reporter Jim Brown and Kathleen Hooper
3. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion by Charney seconded Hoist to adopt the agenda as amended.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried
4. Consent Agenda
A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 1. Organizational Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2016
 2. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2016Motion by Monaco seconded by Charney to adopt the consent agenda as presented.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried
5. Correspondence
The following correspondence was presented/read by Superintendent Nicholl:
 - Thank you card from Avoca Elementary Teacher Jackie Harris in appreciation for the amazing opportunity to experience the “Kagan Structure” workshop. She added that the opportunity was greatly appreciated and super enlightening.
 - Thank you card from George and Millie Hamblin in appreciation of the kind words and card that was sent during their recent loss.
 - Shared the upcoming August District Newsletter which was forwarded to The Yale Expositor for printing.
 - Informed the Board that Superintendent Nicholl and Ms. Maplethorpe had examined over 40 years of Board records on the tenure of Board members and announced that our Board members were in an elite group of long term constituents.Superintendent Nicholl then gave the Superintendent’s Report (attached) which contained the following items:
 - Information from Previous Month’s Meeting
 - Bologna Festival Participation (*Community Relations: District Image*)
 - Gary Wayne McDonald Honorary Diploma (*Community Relations: District Image*)
 - Teachers Awarded MEEMIC Back to School Grants (*Community Relations: District Image*)
 - Board of Education Academic Dinner (*Community Relations: District Image*)
 - Back-to-School Breakfast (*Staff Relations: Labor Relations*)
 - Schools of Choice (*Governance and Board Relations: Information*)
 - Staffing (*Governance and Board Relations: Information*)President Zabor thanked Superintendent Nicholl for working diligently to procure the donations for the Academic Awards Dinner.
Vice President Bullard inquired about the Board Policy on elections.
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. Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

In the absence of Buildings and Grounds Director Jeff Kudera, Superintendent Nicholl read his report (attached).

B. Finance

Ms. Silkworth presented/read her report (attached). Additional items were as follows:

- Distributed Tax Levy information to the Board
- Gave kudos to the Business Office team for their impeccable reports prepared for the auditors. The district finished the fiscal year significantly better than expected. A representative from Lewis & Knopf, P.C. will give the audit presentation at the October 13th Regular Board meeting which will be held at Avoca Elementary.
- On August 11th, auditors from the Office of the Auditor General visited the district regarding BMA/Business (Voc. Ed.) and were very complimentary of the District's detailed records.

C. Instruction and Personnel

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

1. Retiring
 - A. Mark Kettlewell, Bus Driver
2. Resignation
 - A. Kelly Kotelman, Junior High Teacher
 - B. George Koch, Coach

D. Technology

Superintendent Nicholl reported that the cameras are almost all completed and plans are to add additional cameras in the parking lots. Superintendent Nicholl will arrange a camera demonstration for the Board.

E. Transportation

Director Fishel Read her report (attached) and added:

- The Transportation Department has received many inquiries regarding transportation for School of Choice children.
- Reported that the District would be starting school with a full bus crew.

F. Other – Nothing at this time.

8. Items for Board Discussion

A. Board Governance Committee

Vice President Bullard announced that the next Governance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 PM. Discussion will be on reviewing the new/improved Superintendent's Evaluation.

B. SCCASB Representative

Member Monaco reported that the next General Membership meeting would be held in October and that she had contacted Kim Day to express concerns over a possible conflict with the district's scheduled Board meeting.

C. MASB Legislative Liaison

Member Monaco reported that the Fall MASB Conference will be held November 10-13 at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Ms. Monaco added she had taken part in a webinar regarding PA 555 of 2015, which is an independent study for funding in Michigan. Ms. Monaco disbursed a flier of the Michigan Education Finance Study Breakdowns to the Board. Ms. Silkworth added that our district was one of the fifty-four districts that took part in the study.

D. Thumb Educational, PCMI and GISD Contract Approvals

On hold until the September Board meeting.

E. Transportation Director Program Renewal (Capac)

Discussed the renewal of the Transportation Director shared position with Capac for the same compensation as last year.

F. Honorary Diploma (Gary McDonald) Pursuant to PA55 of 2014 for Veterans

Superintendent Nicholl informed the Board that the District would be mailing an Honorary Diploma to Gary McDonald, Yale class of 1971. Mr. McDonald served in the United States Army, Regular Army and Army Geospatial Center (AGC) during the Vietnam War.

G. Board Self-Evaluation Compilation - Tuesday, August 23 at the Pine River Nature Center

The Board will review the Self-Evaluation Compilation at their workshop meeting on August 23. Social hour begins at 5:00, dinner at 5:30 and Regular/Workshop meeting at 6:00 PM.

H. L – 4029 Tax Levy Approval

Per Director Silkworth, Action at the Regular meeting August 23.

I. Fall Coaching Recommendations

Recommendations were disbursed to the Board with Action at the Regular Board meeting on August 23.

J. Other Items – None at this time.

9. Comments from Board Members, Administration
None at this time.

10. Adjournment
Adjournment by Consensus at 7:24 PM.

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