



Youth Leadership Academy Board

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2016 4:30 pm

Board Members present: Brian James, Lori Durham, Leigh Threatt, Howard Brown

Not Present: Terry York, Matthew Littleton, Patty Road, Amanda Powell

Non-Board Members Present: Principal Sandee Blankenship and Director Patsy Smith

Call to Order by Chair Brian James at 4:31

Public Input -- none

Previous Month Minutes Approval – August minutes were approved with a motion by Lori Durham, second by Leigh Threatt, unanimously approved. September minutes were approved with a motion by Lori Durham, second by Leigh Threatt, unanimously approved.

Financial Statement – August financial statement was approved with a motion by Leigh Threatt, second by Lori Durham, unanimously approved. September financial statement was approved with a motion by Leigh Threatt, second by Lori Durham, unanimously approved.

YLA PTO Update – Lori Durham reported that PTO purchased the House flags for the school and is planning the Halloween Dance on October 31, headed by Tracy Dodson.

School Report – Principal Sandee Blankenship reported that the Golf Tournament yielded its highest profit to date, with over \$4,600 raised. The Gift Card drive for young cancer patients raised \$2,307. Mrs. Blankenship reported that the Oncology Department at Greenville Memorial Hospital was blown away by the generosity of such a small school. She shared the MSN.com report that designated Youth Leadership Academy as the #1 Middle School in South Carolina. Finally, she reported that the school entered the "Back Off Our Charter School, John Oliver!" video contest, sponsored by the Center for Education Reform and shared the video with the Board.

New Business – Possible appointees for Board positions were discussed. Following discussion, the Board voted on the slate of appointees as follows: Matthew Littleton as a local resident of Pickens County; Stacy Melton Powell as a certified teacher who resides in Pickens County; Stephanie Price as a representative of the Pickens County School District; and Sgt. Michael Hendricks of the Pickens County Sheriff's Office as a local community representative. All appointees were contacted and agreed to serve if elected before the Board meeting. The motion to elect the slate of appointees was made by Lori Durham, seconded by Leigh Threatt, and unanimously approved.

Old Business -- none

Questions, Comments, Concerns -- none

Executive Session, if necessary – none

Motion to Adjourn was made by Lori Durham and seconded by Howard Brown, unanimously approved.