



Youth Leadership Academy Board Minutes

Meeting Date: October 12, 2015

Board Members Present: Lori Durham, Amanda Powell, Howard Brown & Brian James

Not Present: Laura Beard, Susan Finley, Leigh Threatt

Non-Board Members Present: Patsy Smith, Principal

Welcome – Call to order at 4:06 pm by Lori Durham

Public Input - none

Minutes Approval – Minutes for both the July and September meetings were presented for approval. Motion to approve all minutes made by Brian James, seconded by Howard Brown, and unanimously approved.

Financial Statement – Principal Patsy Smith presented the financial statement in a new format at the suggestion of our auditor. After brief discussion, examination of the new documents, and comparison of old and new formats, the motion to approve the new financial statement format was made by Brian James, seconded by Howard Brown, and unanimously approved. A motion to approve the September financial statement was made by Howard Brown, seconded by Amanda Powell, and unanimously approved.

New Business – Board members heard a suggestion from the Principal that the board seat that had been vacant for 18 months be adjusted so an active member might be found to fill the vacancy. After discussion, a motion was made by Brian James to add a position to the category “Local Business Person from the Area” and remove the “Representative from the Clemson University Youth Learning Institute” position that has been vacant, leaving only one position in this category. Amanda Powell seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Principal Smith reported that the entire YLA staff visited the Ron Clark Academy for professional development on Friday, October 9. She reported that everyone left with new strategies to motivate YLA students and raise the bar academically.

Old Business – The Board election will be held in October.

The date for Open House was changed to November 3rd.

Questions, Comments, Concerns – none

Executive Session – Members went into executive session, following a motion by Brian James, a second by Howard Brown, and unanimous approval, to hear a report from the Principal involving a student. Motion to end executive session was made by

Brian James, seconded by Howard Brown, and unanimously approved. There was no action required on the part of the Board regarding information received in executive session.

Adjourn – 4:50 pm-- Motion to adjourn made by Brian James, seconded by Brian James, seconded by Amanda Powell, and unanimously approved.