



Youth Leadership Academy Board Minutes

Meeting Date: November 9, 2015

Board Members Present: Amanda Powell, Patty Roach, Matthew Littleton, Howard Brown, Terry York, Leigh Threatt, Lori Durham, Brian James, Susan Finley

Not Present: All members were present

Non-Board Members Present: Patsy Smith, Principal

Welcome – Call to order at 4:30 pm by Lori Durham

Public Input - none

Minutes Approval – Minutes for the October Board meeting were approved, with one correction. Motion by Susan Finley, seconded by Leigh Threatt, unanimously approved.

Financial Statement – A motion to approve the October financial statement was made by Brian James, seconded by Terry York, and unanimously approved.

Board members also discussed the successful audit for fiscal year 2014-15, conducted by Payne, White & Schmutz, CPA, PA. Members specifically discussed the Financial Statement Finding regarding the preparation of financial statements in accordance with prescribed requirements. Policies in place to minimize fraudulent risks were reviewed. General consensus was that the Board considers the risk tolerable when compared to the cost of implementing a mitigating control.

New Business – Principal Patsy Smith presented information found on Schooldigger.com, related to test scores from 2014-15 school year. YLA ranked in the top 7% of all 296 middle schools in South Carolina. Last year's 8th grade class ranked #1 in English, #3 in Math and #5 in Science. Rankings were based on the ACT Aspire and SC PASS tests taken by all SC students. The school received TAP rating for the year, as well, receiving a "3", which indicates that as a school, students made one full year of academic progress.

Mrs. Smith also reported that she and Mrs. Blankenship will take newly elected Student Council president and vice-president to the Easley Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, to hear SC Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt speak.

Upon hearing a concern that low winter temperatures are around the corner, and the gymnasium is currently unheated, Board members discussed the possibility of acquiring heating/air conditioning units for the facility. Brian James made the motion to add \$8,000 into the budget to cover the expense of installing three 3-ton

heating/air units in the gymnasium. Terry York seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers – Members nominated the following slate of officers for the 2015-16 year:

Brian James, Chair
Leigh Threatt, Vice-Chair
Patty Roach, Secretary
Lori Durham, Treasurer

Matthew Littleton made the motion that the slate of officers be elected. Howard Brown seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business – None

Questions, Comments, Concerns – none

Adjourn – 5:15 pm – Motion was made by Matthew Littleton to adjourn the meeting and begin Board training. Howard Brown seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.