Board Members Present (highlighted): Allen Sherwood, Steve Duzan, Cathy Moore, Becky Hooper, Stephanie Price, Jane Hodgin, Joe Burgett, Trent Frazor, Susan Chapman, Nick McClellan, Jessica Burnett

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Patsy Smith, Director

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 4:00

p.m. via Zoom. Steve Duzan called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

**Previous Month Minutes Approved:** Cathy Moore made motion to approve the minutes from June 2021. Susan Chapman seconded; the Board approved previous meeting minutes unanimously.

**Financial Statement:** Jane Hodgin made motion to approve the financial statements from May 2021 and June 2021. Cathy Moore seconded; the Board approved both financial statements unanimously.

**New business**: (Amend budget to remove bonus) The office position that was going to receive the bonus has resigned. Trent Frazor made motion to remove bonus for Laura Pace. Susan Chapman seconded; the Board unanimously approved the amended budget to remove the bonus for Laura Pace.

**Old Business:** (Attendance policy letters) All students have heard the verbiage; all parents have read and signed the new policy with no questions. Jessica Burnett asked for clarification regarding excused absences: per, Principal Blankenship - parent note counts as excused up to 5; after 5 parent notes, to be excused, doctor note is required.

**School Report:** Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

Last week was a hectic schedule, and the students were all over campus. Everyone had a blast. 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents are pleased and sent messages to Principal Blankenship stating their students were looking forward to coming back to school this week.

This year the House initiation was the best we've ever had. All of the events were fun, and the culture is well on its way to typical YLA.

Staff are getting along well. One staff member tested positive for COVID, and she is currently out.

The new office manager – Kaylee McJunkin – is working out very well. She is picking up on things and has jumped right into the YLA family.

The new maintenance person is also working out very well. Considering campus expansion and the maintenance load, we want to purchase a UTV for him to use to transport materials. YLA has \$4000 left over from this year's golf tournament, and PTO is putting up \$1000. We need \$3000 from the school account. The golf cart and Gator belong to YLI, and there is nothing owned by YLA for him to use. After shopping around, the Coleman UTV that Tractor Supply sells has good ratings. \$8000 will buy a brand new one (plus tax).

Jane Hodgin made motion to approve the additional ~\$3000 to purchase UTV for YLA. Nick McClellan seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Principal Blankenship will be absent most Fridays through November 12 for chemo treatments. A leadership team is set up and in place. No current support is necessary, but the Board is very willing to assist should a need arise.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: none

**Executive Session:** Not necessary

Adjournment: Becky Hooper made motion to adjourn. Jessica Burnett seconded. The motion

carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary