

## YLA Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Allen Sherwood, Becky Hooper, Lloyd Silva, Steve Duzan, Kerry Tucker, Cathy Moore, Stephanie Price, Lee Hammonds, Boyce Dunn, Matthew Littleton, Jane Hodgkin

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

**Call to Order:** The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. Allen Sherwood, vice-chair, called the meeting to order.

**Public Report:** NA

**Previous Month Minutes Approved:** Board members reviewed and approved minutes from December 9, 2019. Lloyd Silva made motion to accept, and Boyce Dunn seconded, with unanimous approval.

**Financial Statement:** Cathy Moore made a motion to accept financial statements, Becky Hooper made motion to second, with unanimous approval.

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

Christmas break went well for students and families. We are heading into busy time. IGP meetings are being scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> graders (individual graduation plans); the purpose is to help students prepare for college / career by taking the required credits. Now offering mid-year conferences to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to get them comfortable reading MAP reports and answering any questions parents and students may have.

Departing on Wednesday to Beta Club Convention (1.15.2020). Our song this year was written and choreographed by students. Will return on Friday (1.17.2020). A group of Beta Club students will be performing the song for YLI's team meeting during the final week of January.

YLA lottery is coming up February 10 at 6:00pm – we have over 96 applications; if you have children who will be enrolled, you need to submit an application.

Coffee with Principal coming up on February 4, introducing Tim Elmore's book, 12 Mistakes Parents Can Avoid, and following that Tim Elmore's co-author will be delivering a presentation on their new book about Gen Z, February 20.

Many field trips are approaching: 6 – Atl, 7-Clemson, 8 – movie theatre

February 24 – The Amazing Shake begins; round two starts in March; currently receiving confirmations for judges in round 3

Also in the process of planning the Burpeethon in March; this year's recipient: Beckett Roper

Golf Tournament April 25 – Pickens Country Club

**New business:** Purchase of modular classrooms - the board has already voted to purchase, and it is now happening. We will be reimbursed for the new ones through the ARC grant; the purchase of the used ones is through YLI, so they will be the owners; site arrival of the buildings is expected soon – we are

waiting on the Office of School Facilities to provide approval of the plan. Offer letters for new hires will go out the last week of January 2020. The board received 2020-2021 school calendar for review; Sandee explained the few differences between YLA's calendar and Pickens County's calendar. Becky Hooper made motion to approve, and Lee Hammonds seconded. The Board unanimously approved the calendar.

**Old business:** Board members introduced themselves to new member.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** NA

**Executive Session:** NA

**Adjournment:** Jane Hodgkin made motion to adjourn. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy Moore*

Secretary