

## YLA Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2021

**Board Members Present (highlighted):** Allen Sherwood, Steve Duzan, Cathy Moore, Becky Hooper, Stephanie Price, Jane Hodgins, 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, June 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Board Chair Steve Duzan called the meeting to order.

**Public Report:** NA

**Previous Month Minutes Approved:** Allen Sherwood made motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2021. Joe Burgett seconded; the Board approved previous meeting minutes unanimously.

**Financial Statements:** Review and approval of May financial statements was moved to the next Board meeting.

**New business:**

- Principal Sandee Blankenship reviewed the draft Attendance Plan and asked for the Board's approval. The motion was made by Allen Sherwood to adopt the attendance plan as presented. Becky Hooper seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Policy summary: After five unexcused absences, parents will receive a warning letter from the principal's office. After 10 unexcused absences, parents will receive a letter from the Board Chair explaining that further absences could result in expulsion. After 3 additional unexcused absences, the family must come before the Board and plead their case in order to remain at YLA. A majority vote will be the final decision. This new policy will be in the student handbook, and a copy will be given to all families at the beginning of the year. Parents will be required to sign that they understand the new policy.

**Old Business:** NA

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

"We survived." Awards Night went extremely well. The Fun Week was appreciated by students and staff, and many students made it a point to tell Mrs. Blankenship how much they appreciated the school's efforts to bring some normalcy to the end of the school year.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** NA

**Executive Session:** Allen Sherwood made the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a salary question. Joe Burgett seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Joe Burgett made the motion to leave executive session, and Trent Frazor seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Once back in General Session, Allen Sherwood made the motion to amend the 2021-22 budget to include \$8,000 paid to Office Manager Laura Pace in two installments: one in the fall of 2021 and one in the spring of 2022, to bring her salary in line with Pickens County School District employees who perform similar duties. Mrs. Pace has been with YLA for seven years, and several comments were made regarding the great job she has done and continues to do.

**Adjournment:** Joe Burgett made motion to adjourn. Allen Sherwood seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Steve Duzan reminded all members that the Board would not have a regularly scheduled meeting in July.

Respectfully Submitted by

*Patsy Smith,*

**Filling in for Catherine R. Moore, Secretary**