

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

Board Members Present (highlighted): Allen Sherwood, Steve Duzan, Cathy Moore, Becky Hooper, Stephanie Price, Jane Hodgkin, 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, March 8, 2021, at 4:03 p.m. via Zoom. Cathy Moore called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Jane Hodgkin made motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2021. Nick McClellan seconded; the Board approved previous meeting minutes unanimously.

Financial Statement: Nick McClellan made motion to approve financial statements from February 2021 financial report; Jane Hodgkin seconded; Board approved unanimously.

New business:

- First reading of 2021-2022 school calendar
- The calendar is the most similar to Pickens County that we've ever been. Question – Is there an election in November? No – there is no general election this year.
- The only differences between our calendar and Pickens County School District are our teacher start date of July 26, job shadowing date of Jan. 3, and Good Friday on April 15.
- Meet the Teacher will occur, but we are waiting to know the COVID guidelines before solidifying it on the calendar, according to Principal Blankenship.

Old Business: N/A

School Report: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

The best news is that we are moving toward normalcy. We received clarification from DHEC and CDC regarding temperature checks – they may not be the best way to prevent COVID. That information was sent to the Task Force, and the TF unanimously approved of discontinuing temperature checks.

In her weekly check-in with students, Principal Blankenship asked students: *What's one thing you miss about school, pre-COVID?* They replied that they miss the ability to use microwaves in the cafeteria. The school was able to purchase an additional microwave for students to use,

and they were super excited and appreciative. Through this, we have been able to re-introduce some of the norms and help students see a light at the end of this COVID tunnel.

We are going to do spring House Games. Students will continue to wear their masks, but we will allow them to mix grades.

We are also trying to do three grade-level field trips at the end of the year at Camp Hannon.

Currently, we have nine Junior Scholars who took the PSAT.

We are hiring a total of 5 new teachers for next year. We have hired 4/5. The 5th position is SPED, and if you know of anyone, please let Principal Blankenship know.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Nick McClellan – Golf Tournament: is there anything you need from us / updates? No, we do not have any needs at this time. Feel free to email Nathan Swords, as he heads up this project.

Executive Session: Not necessary

Adjournment: Joe Burgett made motion to adjourn. Jane Hodgkin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary