

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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 Hodgin, Joe Burgett, Trent Frasier, Jessica Burnett

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

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Steve Duzan, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Gratitude / Welcome Previous and New Board Members: Board Chair, Steve Duzan, expressed gratitude to previous Board members. Additionally, he welcomed the new board members. Board members introduced themselves.

Election of Officers: Slate election; current Board officers will continue serving in their current roles; Steve made motion for the slate election; Cathy Moore seconded; Board officers were approved unanimously.

Meeting Dates: Stephanie Price made motion to set meeting dates for the second Monday each month at 4:00pm; Jane Hodgin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Allen Sherwood made motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2020; September 22, 2020 (special meeting); and October 19, 2020. Stephanie Price seconded; the Board approved previous meeting minutes unanimously.

Financial Statement: Patsy Smith provided explanations for new Board members on the contract between YLA and YLI. Becky Hooper asked for clarification on the fraudulent activity charges – Principal Sandee Blankenship explained the 3 fraudulent charges. YLA has received preliminary reimbursements and the issue has been taken care of at the bank. Becky Hooper made motion to approve financial statements; Stephanie Price seconded; Board approved unanimously.

New business: Patsy Smith will share the documents from the audit with the Board at our next meeting; YLA cleared the audit with no issues.

Old Business: One Board appointment is on the table for the at-large seat; the Board requested to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment.

The school schedule, 5-day face-to-face is going well. We have only had one positive student case. In 6th grade, 5/96, 7th grade 1/48, and in 8th grade only 7 required quarantine from close contacts outside the school. YLA is using new seating charts to create small groups, so when quarantine is necessary, more students are able to stay in school and provides a more accurate contact trace for those who are required to quarantine.

School Report: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

YLA will have Spirit Week this week. Students are excited and participating enthusiastically. House games will be next week, and Beta Club induction will occur soon. Both House games and Beta Club induction are scaled back to follow COVID guidelines.

Movie theatre field trip will occur in December. We are renting out 3 different theatres and taking 3 different busses. Dr. Jackson is looking into field trips for the Spring, possibly a Jocassee tour. Safety precautions will always stay in place.

Winter wishes service-learning project will continue, and PSAT is postponed until Spring. Principal Blankenship is monitoring faculty/staff for burnout and continuing to provide positive encouragement and feedback to them.

Old business: None

Questions, Comments, Concerns: None

Executive Session: The Board requested to move to Executive Session to discuss the Open Board Appointment. Cathy Moore made the motion to move to Executive Session; Stephanie Price seconded; moving to Executive Session was approved unanimously. Once back in session, Jane Hodgin made the motion to appoint Nick McClellan for the open Board position; Stephanie Price seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Nick McClellan.

Adjournment: Cathy Moore made motion to adjourn. Allen Sherwood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary