YLA Board Meeting Minutes
Submitted by Tasha Gilstrap, Secretary
September 14, 2026

Present: Shannon Ellenburg, Jason Lucas, Jason Holcombe, Kathy Brazinski, Tasha Gilstrap, Kayla Knowles, Dawn Powell, and Betsy Anthony

Also present: Sandee Blankenship (virtually), Nathan Swords, Dr. Shasta Looper, Melissa Kennedy

Not present: Nick McClellan, Sydney Cox, Kathy Brazinski, Brandon McCurley

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Betsy.

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes:

- August Minutes: **Motion to approve** was made by Kayla Knowles; seconded by Dawn Powell.

Financial Statements:

- August Financial Statement: **Motion to approve** was made by Jason Lucas; seconded by Shannon Ellenburg.

Old Business:

Budget review, no questions motion to approve Jason Lucas, seconded by Jason Holcombe.
Safety Plan- District said that we no longer have to have it listed as online.
Shannon mentioned to update the Behavioral Health of Pickens County
Dawn Powell made a motion to approve, Kayla Knowles seconded.

New Business:

- Live Board Meeting Link Update- can go back and watch, they will be on the school's Youtube Page. It was part of a Charter School Amendment.
- Board Nominations
    - Open positions
        - Elected Parent x 2
        - Elected STEM
        - Elected Community @ Large
        - Elected Local Business
        - Next Monday, September 21, 2026 the nominations will go out
        - One nomination per stakeholder
        - October 15th-Oct 30th people will be able to vote.

Principals Report:

- Mrs. Kennedy shared that things are going well, the whole school field trip to Clemson for the 9/11 stair climb went really well. Expectations were met. There have been some issues with Powerschool and Canvas (grades). Still working through those hiccups.
- 6th grade has overnight field trips next week and 7th and 8th grade have field trips in October.

Questions/Concerns:

- Betsy asked if we were doing the AI Policy or needed to vote. No need per Mrs. Kennedy.

Executive Session: None

Next Meeting: October 19th because the next meeting would be on a holiday

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Shannon and seconded by Dawn. The meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.