

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

Board Members Present (highlighted): Betsy Anthony, Nick McClellan, Cathy Moore, Cynthia Deaton, Chris Elrod, Matthew Kutilek, Craig Trainer, Rebecca Willis, Kenna Dillard, Christie Dunson, David Orr

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Melissa Kennedy, Assistant Principal; Nathan Swords, Special Projects Coordinator for YLA; Bryan Lively, Summit Academy Principal

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Kutilek's classroom. Betsy Anthony called the meeting to order.

Public Input: Kora Leavey – Teacher Cadet from Easley High School is visiting to attend a School Board Meeting to complete an assignment from her Teacher Cadets class.

Previous Month Minutes Approved: YLA's May 2023 minutes – motion to approve by Rebecca Willis and seconded by Cathy Moore. The motion passed unanimously. YLA's June 2023 minutes – motion to approve by Kenna Dillard and seconded by Rebecca W. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement: A motion was made to approve the May 2023 financial made by Rebecca Willis, seconded by Craig Elrod. The motion approved unanimously. A motion was made by Rebecca Willis to approve June 2023 financials, seconded by Craig Trainor. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Nick McClellan to approve the July 2023 financials and was seconded by Rebecca Willis. The motion passed unanimously. Clarification was received regarding the Board's budget, which comes from the school's surplus and can be used, with approval, for unexpected expenses that benefit both YLA and Summit Academy. Coming up, with regard to the school's budget, we can expect to see money being spent for marketing purposes in order to promote Summit.

Old Business: The wheelchair accessible swing is estimated to be delivered between September 10-20, 2023. We will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony. The same fundraiser will be held next year for Easley.

New Business: Cynthia Deaton has resigned from the Board. Her position was an appointed educator position. We need to replace her. Also, we will be adding two Board spots in October, one appointed and one elected, for Summit. We need to be thinking broad for the additional member, so the new board member can bring knowledge regarding recruitment, virtual learning, and fundraising. It is possible for Board members to be virtual, but they cannot vote unless they are in person. Send resumes to Betsy Anthony, Board Chair. Additionally, if you are an appointed member, your term ends in October. If you are interested in continuing, let Betsy know. Elected Board Members: nominated by a stakeholder (board, parents, staff); stakeholder turns in a bio for the potential member, and the Board votes. Next meeting, we will be voting in September. For elected nominations, the final selection will be made in October.

Principal's Report: YLA is off to a great start! Culture building is in full swing. MAP testing was completed last week. Students are starting to get in their normal routines. It is worth noting that this year's 6th graders have settled in really well. The Staff were very appreciative for the goody bags at Back-to-School night. Field Trip updates will come out right after Labor Day. Technology night is August 29. The Sunday videos will continue this school year. The YLA app is very informative, so if anyone mentions they are not receiving communication, point them to the app.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Criag Trainer mentioned several ways in which he can assist with fundraising.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Rebecca Willis made motion for the meeting to adjourn; Chris Elrod seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary