

YLA Board Meeting
09/08/2025

Board Member Present:

Betsy Anthony
David Orr
Tasha Gilstrap
Sydney Cox
Nick McClellan
Shannon Ellenburg
Drew Nations

Additional Attendees:

Bryan Lively- Principal, Summit Academy
Melissa Kennedy- Principal, YLA
Sandee Blankenship- Director of School Based Programs
Nathan Swords- YLA Special Projects

Call to Order: 4:00 pm by - Nick McClellan

Public Input: None

Review of Minutes:

- Reviewed previous Minutes
- Approval of August Minutes- Motion by Betsy Anthony, Second by Tasha Gilstrap

Financials:

- Discussed the purchase of a Golf Cart for SRO
- Discussed the purchase of new Bathroom facility
- Approved Financials- Motion by David Orr, Second by Shannon Ellenburg

Old Business:

- Addressed the Upload Error seen on previous financial reports
- 1st Reading of the Yearly Budget Last Month
- Yearly Budget Approval: Motion by Sydney Cox, Second by David Orr

New Business:

- Board Position Nomination coming in September/October
 - David Orrs Board Appointed STEM position open
 - Nick McCellan nominated Tasha Gilstrap for position, additional nominations accepted this month
- Open Board positions accepting nominations by stakeholders- nominations forms going out via email with link
- Board Position Elections in October
- School Safety Plan- Being reviewed by Shannon Ellenburg, potential updates
 - Will be voted by Board in October

- Board questioned why Safety Plan is fully public as it could potentially cause security treats. This is being reviewed for answer by staff
- School Resource Officer will review Shannon Ellenburg's markups (Note: Shannon Ellenburg is Captain with Pickens County Sheriff's Office)
- Swing Dedication- Sept. 26th at 10am, Ashley Dearing Park- Clemson

Principal Report:

- Upcoming 9/11 Memorial- 7th Grade Presentation
- Field Trips upcoming for each grade

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

- Car Loop Paving- School Administrative Staff still working donations. Any parent or community will to help please contact the school

Executive Session: None

Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn by Sydney Cox, Second by Shannon Ellenburg

Minutes Submitted by Drew Nations

YLA Board Secretary

