

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 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, April 12, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Steve Duzan called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

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

Financial Statement: Postponed due to Spring Break; financial statements not available.

New business:

- Stephanie Price made motion to approve the academic calendar; Trent Frazor seconded. The Board approved the 21-22 academic school calendar with unanimous support.
- Calendar Change: Pickens County submitted an adjustment that the last week of school, June 1- June 4, would be virtual; YLA had not planned on being virtual, but typically if Pickens County is virtual our families are also absent. Principal Blankenship created a new plan so students will not miss out on their fun, collaborative, teambuilding events that were planned. The plan blends collaborative learning, field trips, and community service while continuing to accommodate preparations for and the taking of state tests. May 24-28 would be the last week with students on campus. Principal Blankenship asked for feedback from the Board.
 - Good plan; very student-centered; good for teachers, too; parental perspective is that it's a good plan; Board perspective is that it's a good plan.
 - Allen Sherwood made motion to accept adjusted calendar; Stephanie Price seconded; the board approved the calendar adjustment with unanimous support.

Old Business: ESSER money will be received and 20% of that funding is required for student academic recovery assistance.

School Report: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

Our 6th grade math teacher resigned due to family relocating. We need to replace her, and we are still looking for one more SPED teacher.

6th grade orientation will occur in June. Currently, we are trying to plan it for the week of virtual school – hosting one morning and one evening session to offer flexibility for parents. Communicating now will allow parents to plan accordingly.

Reminder, the golf tournament is coming up. Currently, we have already profited over \$10,000. We are up to 21 teams, and Blue Ridge Electric is the top sponsor.

House games went really well; the students had so much fun. Things felt normal, and students were able to interact with many different students. It was a great send off for Spring Break.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

Executive Session: Not necessary

Adjournment: Jane Hodgin made motion to adjourn. Allen Sherwood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary