

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 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, September 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Chair Steve Duzan called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Jane Hodgkin made motion to approve the minutes from August 2021. Susan Chapman seconded; the Board approved previous meeting minutes unanimously.

Financial Statement: August financials will be moved to October's meeting due to the YLA office manager just receiving access to the necessary applications. The two items circled for July 2021 are duplications and are being corrected for next month. Allen Sherwood made motion to accept July 2021 financials. Susan Chapman seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

New business:

- New checking account: Current checking account had to be closed due to two fraudulent checks being cleared. We are currently unaware if the money has been refunded to the account. Total amount for both checks is \$6900. A police report has been filed.
- Board appointment update: Jane Hodgkin is transitioning out, and Principal Blankenship has a nomination to bring forward – Betsy Fisher Anthony for the STEM position; Steve Duzan suggested a physician; Becky Hooper is willing to continue serving but offered to give up her educator position for someone who would like to serve; Patsy Smith reminded the group that nominations need to be completed by October, so the new Board can meet in November. Principal Blankenship will send out a notice with deadlines.

Old Business: NA

School Report: All is well. Our COVID and quarantine numbers are extremely low. We will continue to hold off on large field trips, but the 6th grade Jocassee trip will occur.

YLA has had two Dads pass away from COVID complications – Andy Riggins and Kurt Dinsmore. Additionally, a grandfather has passed away. YLA will give a grocery gift card to those families.

What type of counseling services do we have? YLA contracts with behavioral health services. They send a counselor out, and she has been coming daily. The counselor will continue to come as long as the students need services. Additionally, the counselor is providing family counseling.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Very good to hear the COVID numbers are down. Currently, YLA has 0 positive student cases in the school and 5 home cases. Mrs. Freeman is doing much better, too. A substitute is still coming and acting as a teacher's assistant until Freeman no longer needs to use oxygen and is comfortable and ready.

Executive Session: Not necessary

Adjournment: Jane Hodgin made motion to adjourn. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary