

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Board Members Present: Allen Sherwood, Becky Hooper, Lloyd Silva, Steve Duzan, Kerry Tucker, Cathy Moore, Stephanie Price, Lee Hammonds, Boyce Dunn, Matthew Littleton, Jane Hodgkin

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Patsy Smith, Director

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Steve Duzan, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Board members reviewed and approved minutes from July 2020 (both the regularly scheduled meeting and the special called meeting). Cathy Moore made motion to approve the minutes, and Becky Hooper seconded, with unanimous approval.

Financial Statement: Board members approved financial statements and did not ask for further explanation. Jane Hodgkin made motion to accept, and Boyce Dunn seconded, with unanimous approval.

School Report: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

Everything has started off well. Teachers and students are adjusting to the hybrid schedule. Students are learning the importance of completing work when at home and in-person, and teachers are learning the best way to communicate with students regarding how work should be posted. Principal B will be sending a video home to communicate expectations and how to receive credit for classwork. Principal B reported that we are learning, and they are learning what is best and how to adjust. Students are doing a great job, and expansion continues to go well. The small class sizes are going well, and students seem to be moving through the content well. The biggest hurdle is adjusting to the virtual environment.

During the 2 weeks of in-person school, things were going really well. Next year, we are looking to hire a Spanish teacher. If any of the Board members know someone who teaches Spanish, please refer them to Principal B.

Board elections are coming up. If you want to run again, be prepared. If you are not, please encourage someone to run. If you are in an appointed position and you do not wish to continue, please respond to the email from Director Patsy Smith.

New business:

None – Pickens county COVID numbers are still in the “high” category.

Old business: None

Questions, Comments, Concerns: None

Executive Session: NA

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Moore, Secretary