

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

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

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

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. Steve Duzan, vice-chair, called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Board Appointments: Two Board positions requiring Board appointments were discussed at length. Stephanie Price made the motion to re-appoint Matthew Littleton to the at-large community board position. Allen Sherwood seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The Board decided to table the appointment for the STEM position until next month, and Steve Duzan encouraged members to bring some good candidates to the table for consideration.

Election of Officers: After lengthy discussion, a slate of officers was brought forward to be considered: Steve Duzan, chair; Allen Sherwood, vice-chair; Cathy Moore, secretary; Stephanie Price, treasurer. Allen Sherwood made the motion to accept the slate of officers, and Steve Duzan seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Board members reviewed and approved minutes from October 14, 2019. Stephanie Price made motion to accept, and Allen Sherwood seconded, with unanimous approval.

Financial Statement: Stephanie Price made a motion to accept financial statements, Kerry Tucker made motion to second, with unanimous approval.

School Report: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

Sixth graders had a very positive field trip to Charleston, spending the night in the Aquarium, then to Camp Sewee for marine biology field study. Eighth graders completed their unit study of forces and motions with a trip to Dollywood. The entire school attended the movie *Harriet* on its release day. Spirit Week concluded with a Halloween party sponsored by the PTO. Beta Club induction was held and well attended. Eighth graders visited the Career Center and are currently filling out registrations. Our Veterans Celebration was led by 8th graders and was well attended. The first Interest Meeting for rising 6th graders will be held on Tuesday, November 12. 54 students have already filled out registration forms for the upcoming lottery in February. Another Interest Meeting will be held in January. House Council members will travel to Chick Fil A headquarters in Atlanta on Monday, November 18, for a leadership tour, and will then participate in Clemson Chick Fil A's promotional video. Our Winter Wishes campaign will be held the week before Thanksgiving break, raising money to give to local charities. BurpeeThon plans are well underway, as well. Three former YLA students will be visiting as Teacher Cadets in the coming weeks.

New business: Our Insurance Company requested a change in the Golf Cart Policy, that regular maintenance be included, and that we have a separate policy from our sister school. Stephanie Price

made the motion to revise the policy as suggested, and Kerry Tucker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Patsy Smith reported on the recently completed audit, and all Board members were given copies. The only finding was that the school needs a collateral agreement with our banking institution to cover bank balances over \$250,000. Pickens Savings and Loan was contacted and is in the process of creating the collateral agreement at this time.

Old business: Expansion continues, with the completion of a board room and office, and grading to remove the old guard shack and concrete pad to make room for new classroom modulars.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: All Board members introduced themselves and welcomed new Board members Lee Hammonds and Boyce Dunn. Patsy Smith reminded all Board members that training is required, and that she will keep them updated on training dates available.

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Lloyd Silva made motion to adjourn. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Smith

Filling in for Secretary Cathy Moore