

# YLA Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

Revised

**Board Members Present:** Stephanie Price, Treasurer, Roslyn Holcombe, Secretary, Ashley Clark, Michael Hendrix, Stacy Powell and Lloyd Silva.

**Board Members Excused:** Mark Mogge, President, Matthew Littleton, Vice-President, Howard Brown, Tiffany Stewart and Henry Wilson.

**Others Present:** Sandee Blankenship, YLA Principal.

**Call To Order:** The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Academy Board Room #1. Stephanie Price, Treasurer called the meeting to order.

**Public Input:** None

**Previous Month Minutes Approval:** Stacy Powell made a motion for the minutes from the March meeting to be approved as presented. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Statement:** Sandee Blankenship presented the Financial Statements for March 2018. Ms. Blankenship reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report on the Financial Reports. Ashley Clark made a motion to accept the reports as information. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**School Report:** Sandee Blankenship, Principal, reported today was the first day of school following Spring Break last week. All 48 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been registered for high school. Ms. Blankenship took 16 students on a reward field trip to see a movie for being voted most kind by their classmates. A 6<sup>th</sup> grader won the Amazing Shake contest by a large lead over other contestants. The International Day went well with many countries represented. Howard Brown planned the event with exchange students at Clemson. Career Day was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and it went very well. The last round of House Games was completed. MAP testing was completed with significant gains in scores. The last Coffee with the Principal will be held tonight at 6:00. Ms. Blankenship will be asking parents for feedback from the entire year to get ideas for improvement for next year. Several end-of-the year events are coming up: 7<sup>th</sup> graders field trip the Escape Room; Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders Orientation; PASS testing planned for May; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance May 19<sup>th</sup>; Awards Nigh May 24<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> grader field trip to Camp Hannon and Carowinds; the last day of school for students will June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:** Sandee Blankenship explained some staff changes planned for next year. There are 4 teachers with Master's and an increase in salary is being recommended. The Special Ed teacher will not be returning next year, but the position has been offered to an applicant with

over 15 years experience. Hopefully this will be a smooth transition being there will be lots of IEPs next year. Also, Cindy Gravely, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Science teacher has submitted her resignation to pursue a position at another school as an Instructional Coach. Ms. Blankenship reported that she will be taking applications for this position. Michael Hendrix made a motion for Ms. Blankenship to continue with the reported changes for next year, including the salary increases for the 4 Teachers with Master's. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Ms. Blankenship stated that, as a follow-up to the attendance issue reported in the last meeting, all information has been turned over to Attorney Brian James for review. The student will be promoted to 9<sup>th</sup> grade without any high school credits earned this year. There may still be a need to work on an Attendance Policy for the school later. Ms. Blankenship will keep the Board updated on this issue.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** None.

**Executive Session, if necessary:** Not necessary.

**Adjournment:** Michael Hendrix made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Ashley Clark seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roslyn Holcombe*

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Recording Secretary