

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2017

Board Members Present: Roslyn Holcombe, Brian James, Matthew Littleton (via telephone) Mark Mogge, Stacy Powell and Stephanie Price.

Board Members Excused: Howard Brown, Michael Hendrix, Lloyd Silva, Tiffany Stewart and Henry Wilson.

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, YLA Principal, Patsy Smith, YLA Director.

Call To Order: The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian James.

Public Input: None

Previous Month Minutes Approval: Stephanie Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Mark Mogge seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement: Patsy Smith presented the Financial Statements for March 2017. Ms. Smith reported that there was nothing that required further explanation. Mark Mogge made a motion to accept the report as information. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Report: Sandee Blankenship, Principal, reported that Spring Break is over for the students today and school resumes tomorrow. The school year is winding down and Awards Night is planned for Friday, May 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The winner of the House competition will be announced with the winners being treated to Frankie's Fun Park and eating at a Japanese Restaurant. Winners of the SPOTS Cards will be treated to tickets to see *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Representatives Neal Collins, Davey Hiott, Rex Rice and Gary Clary have indicated they plan to attend Representative Day at YLA that is coming up. The finals of the Amazing Shake competition is coming up on April 26. The 6th grade field trip to tour the Boeing Plant in Charleston will be May 2, 2017. The 8th Grade Dance is planned for May 20, 2017. The Celebration Field Trip is planned for May 30, 2017. The last day of school is June 2, 2017. On a very positive note, the school was recently awarded the School of Distinction Award by the SCPCSD, based on last year's test scores. Ms. Blankenship stated that details of a recognition celebration will be announced later.

New Business: As a matter of information, Patsy Smith reported that there will be a State Charter School Board Member training offered on May 1, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Nelson Mullins in Greenville. There is no cost for the training and there may be some reimbursement for mileage available for any Board members who attend.

Sandee Blankenship distributed copies of the Proposed 2017/2018 School Calendar for review. A few differences from the School District calendar include taking the whole week of Thanksgiving as holiday and moving an inclement weather make-up day to the end of the year. Matthew Littleton made a motion to accept the calendar as presented. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Mark Mogge reported that he would continue working on the Spirit Rock project and report at the next meeting. He hopes to have this in place by the beginning of next school year.

Executive Session, if necessary: Patsy Smith voiced a need for the Board to be called into Executive Session to discuss some personnel issues. Stacy Powell made a motion to call the Board into Executive Session. Mark Mogge seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mark Mogge made a motion to adjourn from executive session and resume the regular meeting. Roslyn Holcombe seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Matthew Littleton made a motion to adopt a policy, with Clemson University's approval, stating that in the event a teacher is placed on any performance improvement plan, the teacher would forfeit any step increase in salary at the next interval as well as any available performance bonus for the next interval. This policy will become part of the employee handbook. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Stephanie Price made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The state-mandated Board Member training will be presented immediately following this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Holcombe

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Recording Secretary