

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

Board Members Present: Howard Brown, Roslyn Holcombe, Matthew Littleton, Mark Mogge, Stacy Powell, Stephanie Price, Lloyd Silva and Henry Wilson.

Board Members Excused: Michael Hendricks, Brian James and Tiffany Stewart.

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

Call To Order: The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Stephanie Price.

Public Input: None

Previous Month Minutes Approval: Henry Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Mark Mogge seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement: Patsy Smith presented the Financial Statements for August 2017. Ms. Smith reported that the only explanation needed on the report was that the District changed the format for reporting financials that required some line items to be collapsed into others. Howard Brown made a motion to accept the report as information. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Report: Sandee Blankenship, Principal, reported that the Halloween Dance is coming up on October 31, 2017. The Drama Club will present their production on December 12, 2017 at Concord Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. A new monitoring software program called Securely will allow teachers and parents to monitor Chromebook search history at school as well as at home. The program sends an alert email to the administrator as well as the parent of any questionable search history. The Random Act of Kindness is going well and the students are taking it seriously. The first winner was a student, who consoled another student whose older brother had just left home for basic training. The student who was nominated gets order-out lunch and the student who submitted her name gets a SPOTS card. The 8th grade field trip to Dollywood will be this week. The pre-trip teacher packet was very impressive and contained lots of lesson plan information and activities that the students can complete at the park. October 12th is National Outdoor Classroom Day and the 6th grade will be a field trip to the Duke Power Bad Creek project. This coming Monday is a teacher-in-service day and the teachers will be participating in ALICE (Active Shooter) training provided by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. An age-appropriate version of this training will be offered to the students later, with parent's approval. This training will be discussed with the parents at Open House, scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017. Tuesday, October 17, 2017 will be the first Coffee with the Principal meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the training classroom. These meetings are intended to improve

communication between the parents and the school and will be held each nine-weeks at rotational times so that all parents have an opportunity to participate. Coyote Coffee will be supplying coffee and refreshments. The standardized testing dates have already been announced and will be communicated with parents so that planned absences can be avoided on these dates. Blitz Groups have been initiated, in which students are divided up according to test scores and identified weak areas. The students receive extra instruction on these topics in preparation for the upcoming tests.

New Business: Patsy Smith reported that Board Member elections are coming up and that Brian James, currently serving as an elected parent and Board President, has indicated that he does not wish to be re-elected. Roslyn Holcombe is currently serving as the other parent-elected member. Howard Brown is currently serving as the elected member from Clemson University Youth Learning Institute. Tiffany Stewart and Lloyd Silva are currently serving as elected local business persons. Henry Wilson is currently serving as the elected STEM representative. Matthew Littleton is currently serving an appointed local resident of Pickens County member. Stacy Melton Powell is currently serving as the certified Pickens County teacher member. Stephanie Price is currently serving as the representative from the Pickens County School District member. Michael Hendricks is currently serving as the appointed local community representative member. Mark Mogge is currently serving as the appointed STEM representative member. Matthew Littleton indicated that he would accept reappointment. Mark Mogge made a motion to nominate and re-elect Matthew Littleton to the Board as a local resident of Pickens County member. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

Executive Session, if necessary: Not necessary.

Adjournment: Matthew Littleton made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Howard Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Holcombe

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Recording Secretary