

YLA Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 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 Hodgin

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

Call to Order: The YLA board held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Allen Sherwood called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: NA

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

Special Information: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

Last week State Superintendent Molly Spearman sent out a letter encouraging districts to provide 5-days of face to face instruction for families who prefer that. Additional guidelines are that teachers who are delivering face to face are not allowed to also teach the virtual classes.

For YLA, the option is either 5-day face to face or completely virtual. The district has contracted with a program called K12 to deliver virtual. It costs \$350/license/total for the school year – monitored by a certified teacher on staff. The initial parent survey showed 10 parents interested, and after phone calls, only 2 were still interested in virtual learning. Sandee is currently working with the 2 parents. One student is for sure. Sandee continues to communicate with the other parent. Quarantined students are not considered “virtual” learners.

If Sandee’s plan is approved by the board, YLA will go to full 5-day face to face instruction. 100% of staff approved the 5-day face to face plan. Students can decide each 9 weeks if they want to continue face to face or change to virtual. If plan is approved, October 5 is start date. Sandee recommends we provide after-school care. We only have a handful of students, and it will be easy for them to social distance.

DHEC numbers will determine extracurricular activities: 10% COVID rate in our school would cause YLA to change to completely virtual. All guidelines will be put in place for quarantine, masks, and social distancing. Teachers are now considered essential employees.

Matthew Littleton suggested to consider the plan for sending an entire grade level home; that will be newsworthy, and it would be valuable to have a communication plan. Sandee reported that we are required to report to DHEC if we have a positive case on site.

Steve Duzan made motion to approve. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New business:

NA

Old business: NA

Questions, Comments, Concerns: NA

Executive Session: NA

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine R. Moore

Secretary