

New Life Academy of Excellence
September 19, 2015

Present: Stacey Adams, Dr. Parker Celeste Anderson, Dr. Gloria Forward,
Alphonsa Foward, Dr. Angela Lewis-Hawkins.

Next meeting: Saturday November 7, 2015

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:25 am by Dr. Angela Lewis-Hawkins
- II. Roll Call- all members except Carter Wilson- excused
- III. June and August minutes tabled until November meeting
- IV. Board updates:
 - a. Conflict of Interest forms completed and submitted
 - b. Board Terms reviewed and subsequent nominations and voting held
 - i. Motion by Stacey Adams to re-elect retroactively original board members: Dr. Gloria Parker, Dr. Gloria Foward, Celeste Anderson and Stacey Adams from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018; Second by Dr. Foward; Motion carried
 - ii. The next election will be held to re-elect subsequent board members to be held in the spring for the 2016-2019 term
 - c. Board training discussion resulted in decision to attend a state certified training in December sponsored by the Georgia School Boards Association. Dates are December 4-5 2015. Motion to attend GSBA training by Dr. Forward, second by Stacey Adams. Motion carried
 - d. Remaining 2015-2015 Board meetings revised and set for:
 - September 19, 2015 (in-progress)
 - November 7, 2015
 - December 4-5 2015 (GSBA Training)
 - January 23, 2016 (via conference)
 - March 12, 2016
- V. School Updates:
 - a. Georgia Milestones Assessment System- School continues to do well
 - b. A full-time special education teacher is working at the school
 - c. Parent Survey- parents are mostly satisfied with all aspects of NLAE
 - d. Charter Renewal- Letter is due to Gwinnett County indication our intentions to renew the NLAE Charter Motion by Dr. Angela Lewis-Hawkins to renew current charter, second by Dr. Parker. Motion carried
 - e. New Charter School- NLAE has been asked to consider opening another school in another area of Gwinnett County. The process must begin this fall in order to submit letter requesting a new charter in January. The Board discussed issues of staffing and new school leadership to ensure

these discussions are occurring along the way. A motion to begin the investigative process for opening a new school was given by Dr. Parker and second by Stacey Adams. Motion carried

- f. NLAE hosted 12 guests from China at the end of the summer. A video presentation was shown highlighting the event
- g. Enrollment settled at 604 students. Budget was updated to reflect lower enrollment
- h. Trip to Beijing will occur the second week of May

VI. Financial Updates:

- a. School Treasurer Ericka McGinnis review the financials. There were several things to note:
 - i. NLAE has moved to a FASB method of accounting
 - ii. The Treasurer will continue to present reports to us in GASB format
 - iii. A line item was added for Board training and travel
 - iv. While school finances have remained strong, this year we are tracking stronger financially than in years past.
 - v. \$10,000 of fundraised money was included for the China tripMotion to approved budget as revised by Angela Lewis-Hawkins, second by Celeste Anderson. Dr. Foward Abstained. Motion carried

VII. Meeting adjourned at 11:32am