

NLAE Board Meeting

Saturday, October 20, 2018.

- I. Call to Order – 9:30AM
- II. Roll Call – Alphonsa Foward, James Sledge, Theresa Thomas, & Dr. Mary Parker.
Celena Cater, Celeste Anderson, & Dr. Yum excused.
- III. Review of minutes from board meeting September 15, 2018. Theresa made a motion to accept the minutes. James Sledge 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- IV. Updates:
 - a. CogAT, IOWA Testing – completed.
 - b. IOWA Data Overview – for grades 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades outperformed Gwinnett County. English-Language Arts
 - c. Fall Fundraiser still in progress – funds from fundraiser have been allocated for our library media center and to increase our technology in purchasing computers and interactive white boards.
 - d. Middle School Campus update – at State level for review. Another exit door with sidewalk is recommended towards rear of building. Connect fire alarms between all tenants in building. Door openings require 1-hour firewall. Reviewed fire code compliance 1002, 1006 and 1015 – acknowledged request to have drawings reflecting outstanding needs.
 - e. Charter Renewal – approved by Gwinnett County Public Schools for a 5-year renewal in June 2018. NLAE School Board Members, CEO, and CFO had an interview with Georgia Department of Education Charter School Division on Wednesday, October 17th – and we are awaiting feedback.
 - f. Board Policy Update – in progress with completion by end of year.
 - g. Enrollment: 572 current enrollment, 300+ on waiting list. Re-enrollment for school year 2019-2020 will begin November 15, 2018 – January 15, 2019. Open enrollment for school year 2019-2020 will begin December 15, 2018 – February 1, 2019.
- V. New Business
 - a. Succession Planning – In the event the Director role becomes vacant the Board will place the assistant Director in the lead role as the interim director until the role is filled. The Board would pull candidates and vet them for interviews until the board will select a new director.

- b. It has been determined professional development will be targeted for potential candidates to not only replace but carry on mission of the school.
 - c. Lastly, discussion was held to consider employing another assistant director to assist with succession planning.
- VI. Annual Report Review – Detailed review of school from Information, Governance Accountability, Academic Accountability, Financial Accountability, Operations, Innovations, and Flexibility.
 - a. Board will plan for an annual guided classroom walk-through.
- VII. Academic Committee – tabled until next meeting.
- VIII. Governance Committee – in progress.
- IX. Approvals – tabled until next meeting until quorum can be met for voting.
 - a. Board Training provided by GSBA or GCSA
 - b. Strategic Planning Proposal
- X. Financial Update – Report was reviewed in detail. Theresa made a motion to approve all financials as read. James Sledge 2nd. All in favor.
- XI. Adjournment – 10:44am Theresa called for meeting to adjourn. All in favor.