

## Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 PM, Monday, December 6, 2021

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on December 6, 2021 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Mark Lipscomb, Michael Tompkins, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Richard Schmidt, Kim Larkin and Sarah Peacock were in attendance. Also present was Dr. Tucker.
- B. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Michael Tompkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Finance Report:** Otho Tucker gave the October, 2021 financial report. A motion was made by Michael Tompkins to approve the report as information. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Foundation Report:** Dr. Tucker gave the foundation report:
1. Denim and Diamonds will be held at the Todd Collins house on Oconee Heights Lane and Askew Road. The event will be held on April 23, 2022. The event is being managed by Teresa Sitler.
  2. Foundation will have its next meeting on December 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
  3. The new members of the Foundation are Ansley Vinson, Ginger DiMascio, Brian Quinn, and Mark Fordham.
  4. Dr. Tucker was pleased to welcome Jean Bauer as the new development director for the LOA Foundation.
- E. **Public Comment:**
1. Michael Lynch, chairman of the Greene County school Board asked a question regarding approximately \$400,000 in funds which were provided to LOA and which were utilized on capital projects, including the ballfield.
  2. Valerie Shell, spoke on an incident dealing with in-school suspension for certain children which participated in, and allegedly failed to warn another student about a malicious prank as required by LOA's "Bystander Rule".
  3. Matt Poyner spoke on the same issue.
  4. Jonathan Hill spoke on the same issue.
- Mark Lipscomb addressed the 3 parents and encouraged them to file an appeal to the Board.
5. Todd Ciavola proposed a change in the bylaws to require all Governors to be parents only, and remove business persons from the board; that all Governors

should be chosen by popular election; that one board member be appointed to work with Todd to make changes to the bylaws; and that the changes be reviewed in the January 2022 meeting and adopted in the February 2022 meeting.

**F. CEO Report:**

1. Dr. Tucker notified the Board that full board training would take place on Monday, February 14, 2022. Dr. Tucker also notified the Board that the Georgia Charter School Association's annual conference would be held at LOA on Friday, February 25 at which the Board could get all training for one year, by attending in person on Friday or virtually on Saturday.
2. There are 396 students on the waiting list, 5 of which are siblings.
3. Mark Lipscomb and Dr. Tucker discussed the change to the bylaws regarding how board members are appointed and proposed to establish an ad hoc committee made up of Sarah Peacock, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr and Michael Tompkins, with Michael Thompkins as the chair. After discussion Richard Schmidt made a motion to establish that committee. Seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Dr. Tucker gave an update on construction projects: the field is complete except for some limited fencing. The field house is expected to be completed next week as interior furniture and lockers, which have been held up by supply chain issues are expected to arrive this week.
5. Everything is submitted to the USDA and LOA is waiting on their approval to begin construction.
6. Dr. Tucker discussed helping with an LOA replication charter school in Braselton. After discussion, the board directed Dr. Tucker to help that school with its LOA replication process.

**G. Executive Session:** Kim Larkin made in motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and student discipline matters. Second by Kristina Jaskyte Bahr. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened. Kim Larkin made a motion to exit from executive session. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken following executive session.

**H. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kim Larkin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.