

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 P.M., May 2, 2017

Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mark Lipscomb, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Richard Schmidt, Mark Lipscomb, Byron Lombard, David Mapp and James Brooks were in attendance. Also present was CEO, Otho Tucker, and Greene County Board of Education Chairman, Mike Lynch, and Tim Hong, CFO.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Byron Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4 2017, regular monthly meeting and the April 13, 2017, special called meeting. Seconded by David Mapp. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Tim Hong gave a financial report on the February 2017 financials. A motion was made to approve the report as information by Richard Schmidt. Seconded by James Brooks. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Parent Association Report:** Scott Pattison gave a parent Association report. He indicated that meetings would now be held quarterly, that meetings would be broken out according to elementary middle and high school parents so that the meetings were each more relevant, that they would be looking at amendments to the bylaws to provide for differences in the elementary school and the high school, and that they were planning a teacher appreciation event.
- F. **Foundation Report:** Dr. Tucker gave a brief report noting that the capital campaign had reached approximately 80 to 85% of its goal.
- G. **Foundation Related Action Item:**

In connection with the Foundation Report the Board discussed Foundation Board nominations. Tim Hong and Derek Hudson both had expiring terms and Steve Mauro has resigned, having retired. Mark Lipscomb presented 3 proposed new directors to fill those positions.

After discussion, Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Allison Evans as a board member for the Lake Oconee Academy foundation for a 3 year term. Motion seconded by James Brooks. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Tommy Jeffords as a board member for the Lake Oconee Academy foundation for a 3 year term. Motion seconded by Byron Lombard. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Jeffrey Mauro as a board member for the Lake Oconee Academy foundation for a 1 year term. Motion seconded by Byron Lombard. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. **Faculty report:** Natasha Cannon made a presentation on the Positive Behavior Intervention System which will be utilized by the school starting in the upcoming year. The program generally teaches both teachers and students courtesy and positive thinking and behavior which leads to increased productivity, lifelong positive habits, and a better school environment for all. In

addition, the school will begin implementing the Perfectly Polished Program which is a youth etiquette training program.

I. Here was no public comment.

J. CEO Report and Action Items:

1. Dr. Tucker presented a letter which had been sent to the Greene County Board of Education requesting an expansion in the enrollment cap which would allow 29 additional students to matriculate and for the Greene County Board of Education to pay to LOA the costs for those students.
2. Dr. Tucker gave a USDA loan update. Currently the loan is being processed by the State of Georgia with the possibility of it being approved at the federal level. Federal funding through a continuing resolution was passed on this date which would allow for funding the loan. However, it is a political scramble to secure those funds. Stay tuned.
3. Dr. Tucker made a presentation on the modular classroom building to be placed on the Foundation Property which will act as temporary classroom space pending construction of the high school. Currently, the lease has been executed and an application for a building permit has been submitted. Grading and site work will commence on the larger high school site on May 3 which will allow for placement of the modular unit in June.
4. Dr. Tucker made a presentation on budget projections for fiscal year 2018.
5. Richard Schmidt made a presentation on the amended LOA lottery, waitlist, and enrollment policy and procedures. The amendment to the policy and procedures dealt with amending the enrollment portion of the policy to bring it into line with state regulations. Recently, the Georgia State Board of Education made charter schools subject to the same regulations regarding enrollment as other public schools. The LOA policy was brought consistent with those regulations.
6. Dr. Tucker made a presentation on site work for the new modular facility and the high school at large. In order to save the costs of mobilization de-mobilization and re-mobilization, in the event the USDA loan is not funded or approved, it is fiscally prudent to handle the site work all at one time, instead of handling the site work only for the modular unit. Following discussion, Richard Schmidt made a motion to authorize up to \$500,000 from the school's funds, to be reimbursed from construction proceeds in the event of an approval of the USDA loan, to conduct site work on the high school site. Further, JM Williams will be allowed to stage equipment and conduct that site work. Further, the school will be entitled to stop the work at any time.

K. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made James Brooks. Seconded by Byron Lombard. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.