

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 P.M., September 4, 2018

Chairman Mark Lipscomb opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on September 4, 2018.

- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Connie Hoyle, Fatima Fields, Richard Schmidt, Byron Lombard, Freddie Evans and Mark Lipscomb were in attendance. David Mapp and Kim Larkin were absent, Also present was CEO Otho Tucker, CFO Tim Hong, and Greene County School Board Chairman Michael Lynch.

- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Byron Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6 2018, regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by Freddie Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. **Finance Report:** Tim Hong gave the financial report. A motion was made by Connie Hoyle to approve the report as information only. Seconded by Byron Lombard. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. **Parent Association Report:** Dr. Tucker gave the Parent Association Report. The Titan Bash is set for the evening of September 14.

- F. Jody Worth gave a report on the new orientation process for Latino families. Currently the percentage of minorities at LOA is 28%, with Latinos making up 50% of those. Not all Latino parents are English speakers and have partially avoided applying because of their difficulty understanding the process. This year, an orientation was done by the staff completely in the Spanish language. Child care was available and it was heavily attended. The orientation was a huge success, with many of the families for the first time understanding what was going on with their children's school. Also, LOA has modified its website so that the entire website can be toggled into Spanish giving none English speaking parents the ability to participate directly with the school and teachers.

- G. **CEO Report:**
 - 1. AdvanceEd/SACS Report by our accrediting agency showed that LOA met or exceeded in all categories except one, new teacher orientation. We understand that no school gets a meets or exceeds rating in all categories. In response to the report, we forwarded AdvanceEd our proposed new teacher orientation plan which we've been working on for the past half-year, seeing that it needed work.
 - 2. Construction Update: Dr. Otho Tucker gave a construction update. Currently the construction timeline, completion of the classroom buildings is still expected to be mid-January and the student life center in mid-April. The baseball field base grading is complete, a contract is about to be finalized and construction is begins on September 10 with completion in approximately 90 days around Christmas will

3. The ATLAS homework dinner is changed from April 24 to March 13.

- H. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Connie Hoyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Fatima Fields. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.
- I. **Tour of new buildings:** After the meeting, the board members present toured the two new buildings under construction.