

**Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors**  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 P.M., January 9, 2018

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 5:40 P.M. January 9, 2018.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Richard Schmidt, Mark Lipscomb, Connie Hoyle and Fatima Fields were in attendance. Kim Larkin, Byron Lombard, and David Mapp were absent. Also present was CEO, Otho Tucker and Upper School Director, Jody Worth.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2017, regular monthly meeting. Seconded by Connie Hoyle. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Dr. Tucker presented the finance report. After discussion, Connie Hoyle made a motion to approve the report as information. Seconded by Fatima Fields. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Parent Association Report:** Dr. Tucker gave a Parents Association report. The Parent Association is working on the One Titan Project. The purpose of the project is to improve inter-student relations and educate and help guard against bullying and cyber bullying. The Titan trot, a 5K which raises money to purchase and ship shoes 2 needy children in the Dominican Republic is set for April 7. Parent Association meetings will be held during the months of March and February.
- F. **Foundation Report:** The high school construction loan closed on December 20 and construction has now begun. The Foundation will be reimbursed approximately \$1.1 million for monies advanced in preconstruction. Just under \$1million will be reimbursed to Lake Oconee Academy, Inc. for monies it advanced during preconstruction.
- G. **CEO Report and Action Items:**  

Dr. Tucker discussed a site security vendor which will be looked at to enhance or improve site security including student inventory and guest movements for the new high school and the existing elementary and middle schools.
- H. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Richard Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Connie Hoyle. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

**LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY**  
**GRADUATION AWARDS POLICY**  
effective as of December 5, 2017

To be eligible for all awards, honors, scholarships, and other recognition that would be afforded to any other graduate, a student must take at least one course during his or her sophomore year at Lake Oconee Academy, and all remaining high school or dual enrollment classes necessary for graduation from Lake Oconee Academy.

Any student who completes all high school requirements in less than four (4) academic years, and who declares his or her intention to graduate early prior to entering school the year of such early graduation, will graduate as a senior the year the student meets the then current graduation requirements, with all rights, privileges, and honors of any other student graduating in that spring semester.

Any student who completes all high school requirements in less than four (4) academic years, and who declares his or her intention to graduate early prior to entering school the year of such early graduation, and who is entitled to a midyear (December) graduation, will graduate with and be awarded the rights, privileges, and honors of the class graduating the spring of that academic year.

**NOTE: Pursuant to motion of the Board, during its passage, the requirement herein that a student declare his or her intention to graduate early prior to entering the school year of such early graduation shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day following the completion of the 2017 – 2018 school year.**