

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 P.M., February 4th, 2019

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on February 4, 2019.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Richard Schmidt, Byron Lombard, Mark Lipscomb, Fatima Fields, Freddie Evans, and David Mapp were in attendance. Connie Hoyle and Kim Larkin, were absent. Also present were CEO Dr. Otho Tucker, Dr. Jody Worth, Dr. Ashley Funderburk, Natasha Cannon, and Jennifer Harper.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Byron Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019, regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by Freddie Evans. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Dr. Tucker gave the financial report. A motion was made by Freddie Evans to approve the report as information only. Seconded by Byron Lombard. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Parent Association Report:** Dr. Tucker and Dr. Jody Worth gave a Parent Association Report. The school will be presenting team dating and violence discussions for parents and students and a training on testing strategies and best practices.
- F. **CEO Report and Action Taken:**
1. Dr. Tucker gave an update on construction for the new high school classroom building which is expected to be completed in February with move-in scheduled immediately following spring break, and the Student life Center which is expected to be completed in late April. The baseball field is nearly complete.
 2. There are currently 278 applications for enrollment for FY'20
 3. Dr. Tucker discussed the relocation of the Pre-K to the LOA campus for FY'20. After discussion, Freddie Evans made a motion to return the LOA Pre-K to the main campus for FY'20. Seconded by Richard Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Dr. Tucker, Mark Lipscomb and Richard Schmidt discussed the issues surrounding the Federal Government shut down and the USDA loan as it regards progress payments for the high school construction project. Richard Schmidt presented a proposed resolution establishing a finance committee.
 5. Richard Schmidt presented a proposed resolution authorizing the finance committee to make decisions and take action regarding funding construction draws in the event of a return of the partial government shut down.
 6. Dr. Tucker and Mark Lipscomb discussed the need for additional classroom space necessary to move Pre-K to the LOA campus. The construction of additional modular classroom space would provide a roughly \$60,000 per year savings over the current rented space. Richard Schmidt presented a proposed resolution authorizing the purchase of the modular classroom space.

7. After discussion on the above 3 resolutions, Byron Lombard made a motion to pass a resolution establishing the finance committee, pass a resolution authorizing the finance committee to take appropriate action in the event of further government shutdowns, and a resolution authorizing the purchase of an additional learning cottage with 4 classrooms and restrooms in an amount not to exceed \$425,000. The motion was seconded by David Mapp. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The resolution is attached hereto.
8. Richard Schmidt presented a proposed policy on non-discrimination for review, with discussion and voting at a later meeting.
9. Dr. Tucker introduced Dr. Robert Marzano and Dr. Paul Wright who made a presentation on the Marzano Academy concept, which is a competency based learning model. Dr. Tucker and staff will further investigate use of the model and will bring any recommendations to the Board for further action, if any.

G. Executive Session: Richard Schmidt made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing student matters. Seconded by Byron Lombard. The Board discussed student matters and no action was taken in executive session. David Mapp made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Fatima Fields. The Board re-entered open session. No further action was taken regarding student matters.

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

Resolution of Lake Oconee Academy
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RESOLVED that Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors establish a Finance Committee initially composed of Dr. Otho Tucker, CFO Tim Hong, Chairman Mark Lipscomb, Vice-Chairman Byron Lombard and Secretary Richard Schmidt for the purpose of handling finance related matters for the board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Finance Committee shall have the responsibility and authority to make appropriate decisions and take all appropriate actions in the reasonable and informed discretion of the Committee, to keep the High School Construction Project on schedule during the United States Government shutdown or delays associated with the shutdown affecting the USDA approvals of construction draws, and shall report its activities to the board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Committee investigate the timing, costs, and methods and take such actions as are necessary to procure and install a modular building on campus with four classrooms at a cost not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand and No/100s Dollars.