

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting
5:35 PM, Monday, June 1st, 2020

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. on June 1st, 2020.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Richard Schmidt, Byron Lombard, Mark Lipscomb, and Kim Larkin were in attendance. David Mapp and Freddie Evans joined the meeting shortly thereafter. Also present were CEO Dr. Otho Tucker, Dr. Jody Worth, Dr. Chris Harth, CFO Tim Hong, business manager, Mabelle Usry, Sarah Peacock and Michael Tompkins. The meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19. A call in telephone number was provided for the general public to attend. There were two unnamed attendees. Lipscomb, Schmidt, Tucker, Tompkins and Peacock attended in person.
- C. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Byron Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020, regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Tim Hong gave the April, 2020 financial report. A motion was made by Byron Lombard to approve the report as information. Seconded by David Mapp. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Budget Amendment:** Mabelle Usry attended to discuss an amendment to the budget. Approximately \$250,000.00 is available due to budgeted, but not required maintenance costs and utilities savings due to Covid-19. Ms. Usry proposed to move those monies from Budget Line Item 2600, Maintenance and Utilities to Budget Line Item 2220, Education, Media and Technology. After discussion, Byron Lombard made a motion to amend the budget to move \$250,000.00 from Line Item 2600, Line Item 2220. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Addition of Board Members:** The Board considered two new members to the Board of Governors, Sarah Peacock and Michael Tompkins. Both are members of the local community. Sarah Peacock works in banking and Michael Tompkins is retired with a background in accounting and real estate. Synopses of their background are attached. After discussion, Byron Lombard made a motion to appoint Michael Tompkins and Sarah Peacock to the Board of Governors for a three year term. The motion carried unanimously. Board of Governors now has eight members.
- G. **Foundation Report.** Dr. Tucker reported on the status of the foundation. The Foundation has applied for and is waiting to determine whether it has received a one year deferment of USDA principal payments in anticipation of and as a temporary solution to help deal with the lack of County BOE funding and a 14% reduction in state funding.

H. CEO Report and Action Taken:

1. Dr. Tucker discussed enrollment. The Wait list, as of June 1, 2020, has 354 students of which 31 are priority applications.
2. Dr. Tucker discussed the Pre-K budget. The State is reducing all education budgets by 14%. Accompanied with this are proposals to reduce the number of Pre-K classrooms statewide by 180, which could reduce the number of classrooms for LOA, as well as reduce teacher pay with an accompanying reduction in school days by 13 days from 180 to 167.
3. Dr. Tucker, Dr. Jody Worth, and Dr. Chris Harth discussed LOA contingency planning for the FY20/21 school year and current concepts and plans for holding school in the next school year. Those included following state recommendations and guidelines, class arrangements, class schedules, social distancing, student and parent expectations and communications, sports, assemblies, hygiene, cleaning, car line, visitors, safety protocols, extra technology needs and extra staffing needs. There is a Governors task force to reopen schools and many ideas and issues are under discussion. They have determined that there is a sweet spot in the respective amounts of virtual and in-person instruction, as well as a differentiation between student ages and the amount of in-person instruction required. In addition, they are considering the impact of in-person school attendance and child care and home instruction challenges for parents.
4. Dr. Tucker gave an update on temperature kiosks. There may be state funding for purchasing temperature kiosks, and so instead of purchasing them now, we will wait to see what the State can help with.
5. Dr. Tucker presented a proposed FY20/21 budget for review and vote at the next meeting.

- I. Closed Session:** Kim Larkin made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:45 PM to discuss legal matters. Seconded by Byron Lombard. The motion carried unanimously. The public was advised that the regular session would resume at 7:15 PM.

The parties exited closed session at 7:17 PM and the public telephone link was reestablished. Byron Lombard made a motion to exit the closed session. Seconded by David Mapp. The Board officially exited the closed session. No further action was taken based on the closed session.

- J. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kim Larkin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Mapp. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.