

## Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 PM, Monday, January 8, 2024

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on January 8, 2024. Michael Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- B. Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Michael Tompkins, Sarah Peacock, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Jennifer Vaughan, Kelly Brolly, and Richard Schmidt were in attendance. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Bowling.
- C. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Kelly Brolly. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Finance Report:** Sarah Peacock presented the November financials. Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the November financial reports as information. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Committee Reports:** Jennifer Vaughan gave an update on communications. The town hall meetings were sparsely attended. A new effort is being made to get information out of the Internet. Richard Schmidt gave a status on the governance committee. The committee had not yet met but would have report for the February meeting. There was no report for strategic planning. Kristina Jaskyte Bahr reported that there would be a report ready for the February meeting.
- F. Executive Director Report:**
1. Dr. bowling reported that the GCS a conference would be held March 11-13 at the Atlanta Northwest Marriott Hotel.
  2. Dr. Bowling reported that the waiting list has 122 students in.
  3. Dr. Bowling discussed the September academic and athletic highlights.
  4. Dr. Bowling gave a charter renewal recap and discussed the specific terms of the charter petition. The process now moves to an interview with the state Department of Education in March.
  5. Dr. Bowling gave a presentation of the CCRPI scores. The scores show that LOA is significantly above the state average, is at the high end of schools in the region and is significantly higher than Greene in the two surrounding lake counties, Putnam and Morgan.
- G. Action Item:** Sarah Peacock discussed and then recommended termination of the Prestige back-office accounting contract. Sarah Peacock advised the Board that we currently have the personnel to manage the back-office accounting and that she would bring recommendations in the near future for a permanent solution. After discussion by the Board, Sarah Peacock made a motion to terminate the contract. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end.”

— Roy T. Bennett,