

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 PM, Monday, May 8, 2023

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 8, 2023. Michael Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Michael Tompkins, Quincy Chaffin, Jennifer Vaughan, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Kim Larkin, and Sarah Peacock were in attendance. Richard Schmidt was absent. Also in attendance was Dr. Otho Tucker and Dr. Brad Bowling and Greene County Board of Education members Perry Lee, and Steve Kilgore as well as Todd Caviola and Mark Engel.
- B. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023, meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Finance Report:** Stella Smith with Prestige, gave the March 2023 financial reports. A motion was made by Kim Larkin to approve the report as information. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Foundation Report:** Dr. Tucker made a short report on the Foundation. He reported that Denim and Diamonds fundraiser grossed approximately \$300,000. Final numbers will be available after the remainder of the funds are collected and outstanding bills reconciled.
- E. **Public comment:** There was no public comment.
- F. **CEO Report:**
1. Waiting List: there are 327 applications still on the waiting list with 24 being priority students.
 2. Dr. Tucker gave the March highlights for academic and athletic activities. See attached.
 3. Dr. Tucker reminded the board members that board training needs to be completed by the end of this month (May). Dr. Tucker reminded the Board that board training modules are available online.
 4. Charter renewal. The new charter application has been sent to the Greene County School Board for review. The Green Counter School Board members attending said, “we are working on it.”
 5. Jennifer Vaughan stated that the Board had decided to hold quarterly public Town Hall Meetings. The dates are yet to be determined. She also stated that the board has decided to put together a monthly Board Update. The first one is expected to be available at the end of May 2023.
 6. There was a motion to amend the agenda to allow for an update on four items. Jennifer Vaughan made the motion and Sarah Peacock seconded the motion. It

carried unanimously. Dr. Tucker stated that he was working with Superintendent Houston on the purchase of the two buses. He also noted that he was working to procure bids to add new doors to the modular buildings. The present ones do not fit tightly. Also Dr. Tucker is investigating a clear coating material that makes breaking through the glass much more difficult. This will increase safety in case of intruders. That pricing is pending. All these items would be purchased with ESPLOST funds. Dr. Tucker is also investigating the cost of adding a foldable panel to aid to the large art room in the Art Building. This would allow the space to be used for two classrooms rather than one. This would need to be funded by the LOA Foundation.

- G. Closed Session:** Sarah Peacock made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously. Following closed Session, Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to enter into regular session. Seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously. The board returned to regular session. Action was taken after the executive session. A motion was made to hire Dr. Brad Bowling as the Executive Director of LOA. The motion was made by Jennifer Vaughan and seconded by Sarah Peacock. It carried unanimously.
- H. Adjournment:** There being no further business Kim Larkin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kristina Bahr. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.



Athletics and Activities Report 4.8.2023

- Cheerleading
 - Competition and Sideline Cheer
 - The entire middle school and high school programs completed a two week clinic and held tryouts before spring break. A record 79 girls came out to tryouts!
- Baseball
 - The middle school baseball team just finished a spectacular season. They were undefeated in the league. They won the league championship 11-1 over a strong Lincoln County team.
 - Varsity boys are continuing a season of strong improvement. They finish up the regular season next week to see where they will be seeded in the state playoffs. They are guaranteed a spot in the postseason.
- Soccer
 - MS, JV, and Varsity boys and girls soccer have had strong seasons. Both MS boys and girls play in the league championships at LOA on Thursday 4/13 at 4:30 and 5:30. They are both undefeated in the league. Both boys and girls varsity teams ended up number two in the region and will have first round "byes" in the state playoffs. They will play in the second round on April 17 (girls) and 18 (boys). 3 rd ST
- Tennis
 - Varsity boys and girls tennis finished outstanding regular seasons. The boys won their third region championship in a row, and the girls won their second in a row! Playoffs should begin on April 19 at home.
- Golf
 - MS and Varsity golf have begun. All teams are having great success. The MS boys and girls teams have excellent chances of winning both league championships on Tuesday, April 11 at Harbor Club. Both varsity teams will play in their Area Championships on April 18 at Harbor Club. They will play in the State Championships in late May.
- Varsity Region Championships:
 - Softball
 - Girls Cross Country



- Competition Cheer
- One-Act Play
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Tennis
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- Middle School League Championships
 - Boys Cross Country
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 - Boys Basketball
 - Baseball