

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 PM, Monday, October 3, 2022

- A. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Sarah Peacock called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on October 3, 2022. Sarah Peacock led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Quincy Chaffin, Jennifer Vaughan, Richard Schmidt, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr and Sarah Peacock were in attendance. Kim Larkin attended via phone. Also in attendance was Dr. Otho Tucker.
- B. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Stella Smith and Brian Cilone, with Prestige, gave the September 2022 financial reports. A motion was made by Jennifer Vaughan to approve the report as information. Seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously. Brian Cilone is the COO of Prestige. Stella Smith, CPA with Prestige has 30 years of GA public school finance experience.
- E. **Foundation Report:** Tees for Titans will generate somewhere between \$45-\$50K, the numbers are not yet final. Denim and diamonds planning has begun.
- F. **CEO Report:**
1. Waiting List: there are 402 children on the waiting list; 11 are priority students.
 2. Incentive Plans: Dr. Tucker discussed incentive plans in the form of student incentives for test performance. The Board is looking for a developed plan by mid year.
 3. Construction Update for the arts Building: Windows are in. A certificate of occupancy is expected by mid October. The furniture will not arrive until November 2. Some of the furniture will be moving from the existing High School Building.
 4. Introduction of new board members: Quincy Chaffin. Quincy Chaffin is a Greensboro resident, he runs a construction company. His first daughter graduated from Lake Oconee Academy. Also introduced was Mike Kelly. Mike was the founding Board Chair and one of the initial persons responsible for bringing LOA into existence. Having returned to the area, he is now looking forward to continuing to serve the children of Greene County.

5. Strategic Plan: Dr. Tucker introduced Dr. Montgomery and Dr. Boling who discussed the school's strategic plan. Currently the school is beginning the recertification process with Cognia, previously Sacks. In connection with that process a strategic plan is required, which plan will be utilized and adopted as the school's official strategic plan. Dr. Boling and Dr. Montgomery discussed using that planning process to streamline existing educational processes within the school, including teacher evaluations, classroom environment, class culture, whole person teaching, all classroom environments, and creating an environment which allows all students to succeed. Public Information meetings are proposed to gather information from the public in connection with that plan.
6. Dr. Tucker gave the academic and athletic highlights from August and September.
7. Dr. Tucker reminded the Board about Board training dates.
8. Richard Schmidt discussed the conflict of interest policy and reminded members to get their conflict of interest statements signed and turned in

G. CEO Report (Action Items) Kim Larkin made a motion to adopt the new attendance policy. Seconded by Sarah Peacock the motion passed unanimously.

H. Public comment: Todd Ciavola appeared and discussed creating a school remediation plan to bring up grades, increase Board and stakeholder transparency, create a strategic plan, and create a working relationship with the Greene County Board of Education. Michael Lynch, Greene County Board of Education chair, complimented Prestige on its financials presentation. Donna Ellison, a new Greene County resident thanked the Board for creating LOA and giving her and her family a much-needed educational choice.

I. Closed Session: Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Quincy Chaffin seconded the motion. Following the executive session, the Board reconvened. Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Quincy Chaffin and the board returned to regular session. No action was taken during or after executive session.

J. Adjournment: There being no further business, Richard Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.