

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors
Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 PM, Monday, January 3, 2022

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on January 3, 2022, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Mark Lipscomb, Michael Tompkins, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, and Sarah Peacock were in attendance. Kim Larkin attended virtually. Richard Schmidt was absent. Also present was Dr. Otho Tucker.
- B. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Michael Tompkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2021, meeting. Motion seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Finance Report:** Otho Tucker gave the October 2021 financial report. A motion was made by Kim Larkin to approve the report as information. Seconded by Michael Tomkins. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Foundation Report:** Dr. Tucker gave the foundation report:
1. Teresa Sitler and Jean Brower gave an update on Denim and Diamonds that will be held at the Todd Collins house on Oconee Heights Lane and Askew Road. The event will be held on April 23, 2022. The vendors and entertainment have been secured. The food menu is still under review. All items are moving on schedule.
 2. Foundation will have its next meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 5:00 PM.
- E. **Public Comment:**
1. Michael Lynch, chairman of the Greene County school Board asked a question regarding approximately \$400,000 in funds which were provided to LOA, and which were utilized on capital projects, including the ballfield. He also asked about \$1.4 million of salary accruals. The stated Dr. Tucker had not been responsive to his emails. He was later notified that he had lost the email where the finance department and Dr. Tucker had offered to meet with him. He also asserted that the LOA board was not doing its financial due diligence and that he should have preferential treatment due to being the chair of the county board.
 2. Todd Ciavola proposed a change in the bylaws to require three parents seats to be elected by parents; the reason for a decline in test scores; and question the exodus some employees.
- F. **CEO Report:**

1. Dr. Tucker notified the Board that full board training would take place on Monday, February 7, 2022. Dr. Tucker also notified the Board that the Georgia Charter School Association's annual conference would be held at LOA on Friday, February 25 at which the Board could get most or possibly all of the required training for one year, by attending in person on Friday and virtually on Saturday.
2. There are 387 students on the waiting list, 3 of which are siblings. There are 77 new applications for the 2022-23 school year after three days of having the window for applications. 17 of those applications are for siblings of students already enrolled.
3. Dr. Tucker gave an update on construction projects: the field is complete except for some limited fencing and some additional concrete in areas of high traffic. The concrete will protect the integrity of the field service and add a place for additional seating. The field house lockers are in place completed except for some minor furnishings. Everything is submitted to the USDA and LOA is waiting on their approval to begin construction.
4. This item was discussed in the board training discussion.

G. Executive Session: No executive session was held.

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