

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors
Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 PM, Monday, August 2nd, 2021

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on August 2nd, 2021. The Meeting was held in the High School. The public was invited in person.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Michael Tompkins, Mark Lipscomb, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Richard Schmidt, Kim Larkin, Elizabeth Plaza and Sarah Peacock were in attendance. Freddie Evans was absent. Also present was Dr. Tucker, newspaper reporter Mark Engel and school board members, Steve Kilgore and Perry Lee. Also present was citizen and tennis coach, Todd Ciavola.
- C. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Kim Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3rd, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Plaza. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Tompkins made a motion two approve the minutes from the July 5, 2021, monthly meeting. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. **FY'21/'22 Budget:** Dr. Tucker presented the FY'21/'22 budget. After discussion, Kim Larkin made a motion to accept the budget. Seconded by Kristina Jaskyte Bar. The budget is notably absent the funding for those students which are attending, but which are not being paid for by Greene County. The motion carried six in favor with Tompkins voting against.
- E. **Finance Report:** Otho Tucker gave the July, 2021 financial report. A motion was made by Kim Larkin to approve the report as information. Seconded by Michael Tompkins. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Parent Association and Foundation Report:** Currently work is underway on Tees and Titans and Denim and Diamonds. Tees for Titans will be held at the Reynolds National golf course on September 20, 2021. Denim and diamonds will be held April 16, 2022
- G. **Public Comment:** There was one comment. Todd Ciavola, tennis coach, commented that with the loss of the Reynolds tennis courts, and that the county courts are in poor condition. He requested that five tennis courts be constructed somewhere on Lake Oconee Academy or foundation property.
- H. **CEO Report:**

1. Dr. Tucker gave an update on applications and student population. There are 1051 students. 389 are on the waiting list of which ten (10) are priority students.
2. Dr. Tucker presented the new Covid protocols for the 2021-22 school year.
3. Dr. Tucker gave an update on the state funding cut reimbursement. The county has not agreed to pay LOA's share of the state funding cut reimbursement to LOA and continues to refuse to do so.
4. Dr. Tucker gave an update on monthly payments required under the charter Per the per student funding formula. The Greene County School District has not made the regular July payment as of August 2 and is now one month in arrears.
5. Dr. Tucker discussed the School Districts intention to unilaterally determine whether or not any midyear transfers from the Greene County Schools to LOA will be allowed. There exists an old policy from 1995 which the School Board put in place to control the flow of students from Greensboro to the new elementary school in Union Point. The School District has proposed to enforce that policy by granting the authority to the superintendent to determine whether or not any students on the waiting list then attending Greene County schools would be allowed to transfer.
6. The Board, is currently taking proposals from several public relations companies for website maintenance, public relations, social media, email marketing, foundation website maintenance, and statistical analytics.
7. Dr. Tucker gave an update on the Football/Soccer Field Project. The ballfield construction is nearing completion, much of the turf is in place and striped. Approximately 2 to 3 weeks till completion. The field house construction has commenced and is expected to be completed in approximately ninety days.
8. Dr. Tucker discussed the arts building project. Requests for proposals have been advertised with proposals due early September.
9. The Teacher Staff appreciation outing was a big success.

I. **ACTION ITEMS:** There were no other action items except approval of the budget.

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Elizabeth Plaza made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kim Larkin. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.