

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 PM, Monday, December 4, 2023

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on December 4, 2023. 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, Dr Otho Tucker, Perry Lee, Greene County Board of Education chair and Maggie Kjer, Greene County Board of Education member.
- C. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6th, 2023, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Kelly Brolly. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Finance Report:** The financial reports for October and November were given by prestige. Sarah Peacock made a motion to approve the October 2023 financial reports as information. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously. Sarah Peacock made a motion to approve the November 2023 financial reports as information. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Executive Director Report:**
1. Dr. Bowling reported that the waiting list has 376 students, 30 of which are priority students.
 2. Dr. Bowling discussed the September academic and athletic highlights, which are attached hereto.
- F. Action Item:** Dr. Bowling went through the Greene County Board of Education's response to the charter petition. The Board of governors has agreed to waive its opposition to each of the unilateral amendments made by the Board of Education with one exception: the Board of Education insists that the funding cap (the number of which the Board of Education will pay for under the state funding formula and which is capped at 1144 students during the term of the charter) be the same as the number of students enrolled in the school. This creates a problem for LOA since the ability to grant a lottery priority to prospective teachers is a material benefit in attracting quality teachers. It is possible, in fact likely, that the statutory lottery priority would be precluded under the terms of the petition. LOA therefore has pressed to retain this ability but limit the number of additional students which can be enrolled in order to attract teachers. In addition, LOA has posed that it would not seek local funding, but in order to prevent improper payments to the Board of Education, LOA has requested that any state or federal portion of funds received for such students be paid to LOA. This allows LOA to continue to attract the best teachers, but at no additional cost over the funding cap to the Board of Education.

Jennifer Vaughan pointed out that under the Board of Education proposed language in the event any children were held back for academic or developmental reasons then matriculation of new students would have to be limited.

Following discussion by the Board Chairman Tompkins called for public comment. Todd Ciavola, commented that he believed the request was sound and prudent and would lobby the Greene County Board of Education to agree to the change in the petition.

Following discussion, Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the revised charter renewal petition to the School District as amended by the School District, but subject to the signing memorandum as follows: Lake Oconee Academy approve the charter as amended, but with a signing memorandum to be drafted and sent along with the petition to the State Board of Education which spelled out the issue with the flexibility in the enrollment cap for the purpose of using teacher lottery priorities to attract teachers, to waive any right to be funded for such students as matriculated over the funding cap provided however any state or federal funds would be payable to LOA.

The motion was seconded by Kelly Brolly. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the vote, general conversations between the Board and the audience were had.

- G. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Michael Tompkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kristina Jaskyte Bahr. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

LOA Counseling & Academic Report 2023-2024

November 29th, 2023

AP and Dual Enrollment Numbers

	2022-2023	2023-2024
# Enrolled in AP Class	134/274 48.9%	125/304 41.1%
# of AP Tests to Be Administered	247	250
# Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Quarter 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55/274 20% • 66 Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 59/304 19.4% • 87 Classes GMC-41 Students Athens Tech- 8 Students UGA- 2 Students Central GA Tech-1 Student Truett McConnel- 11 Students
# Enrolled In Dual Enrollment Quarter 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47/274 17.1% • 58 Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58/304 19% • 70 Classes GMC-41 Students Athens Tech- 8 Students UGA- 2 Students Central GA Tech-1 Student Truett McConnel- 11 Students
Students taking Welding at Greene County Career Academy (Dual Enrollment)	3	7

College Applications, Acceptances, Attendance

*78.6% of Seniors Have Applied to College (59/75)

*62.7% of Seniors Have been Accepted into College (47/75)

*97.3% of Seniors are Expected to Attend College (73/75)

(1 to join family business, the other unsure)

Scholarships Won

◆ None yet

HOPE/Zell

* _____ have completed FAFSA (Not Open Yet)

*62/75 82.7% are HOPE Eligible as of the start of senior year.

*33/75 44% eligible for ZELL @ above 3.7 GPA (SAT not factored in yet) as of the start of senior year.

College Athletic Signings (Some Include Significant Scholarship Money)

College	Student Committed
University of Tennessee Martin	Drew Williams (Golf)

Snapshot of the Year in High School Counseling

*Greene County Probe Fair was Friday, August 25th in the LOA Titan Center. 40 Colleges and around 250 students attended from neighboring schools.

*35/75 46.6% of seniors have had their individual college meeting so far.

*In person College Visits to KSU, Athens Tech, Georgia Gwinnett, UGA, Mercer, and Georgia Tech will take place over the next two months (in collaboration with Greene County).

*Apply to College Day was an enormous success. Over 30 college acceptances to UNG & KSU!

College Acceptances as of November 29th, 2023

Key**/ EA- Early Action/ ED-Early Decision/ RD- Regular Decision/ Roll-Rolling Admissions

College Final Decisions

***5/75 6.7%**

College	Number of Applications	Number of Acceptances	Number Attending
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	3	1	
Auburn	5		
Alabama	9	3	2
Appalachian State			
Augusta	4		
Austin Peay State University			
Athens Tech	2		
Belmont			
Berry	3	1	
Boston University			
Butler University			
Brenau			
Brown			
Chattahoochee Tech			
Citadel	1	1	
Clemson	2		
College of Charleston			
College of Coastal Georgia			
Columbia University			
Covenant College			
Dartmouth			
Davidson			
Duke			
East Georgia State			
Emory University	2		
Flagler College			
Florida Atlantic			
Florida International			
Francis Marion			

Florida State University	4		
Georgia College	10	7	
Georgia Gwinnett College			
Georgia Military College			
Georgia Southern	9	5	1
Georgia State	4		
Georgia Tech	3		
UGA	1	3 (3 deferred)	1
Kennesaw State	12	8	
Lee University			
Louisiana State University			
Mars Hill University			
Massachusetts College of Art and Design			
Mercer	7	2	
Michigan State			
Miami			
Middle Georgia State University			
Northeastern University			
Northwestern			
North Carolina State			
North Georgia	23	22	1
Notre Dame			
Ohio State			
Oglethorpe University			
Ole Miss	1	1	
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts			
Piedmont University	1	1	
Rhode Island School of Design			
Santa Fe College			
Savannah College of Art and Design			
Shanter University			
South Carolina	2		

Temple			
Toccoa Falls College			
Tufts University (Questbridge)			
United States Military Academy (Westpoint)			
United States Naval Academy	1		
University of California- Los Angeles			
University of Colorado Boulder			
University of Florida	3		
University of Hawaii			
University of Kentucky			
University of Pittsburgh			
University of Maryland			
University of Massachusetts-Amherst			
University of North Carolina at Asheville			
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill			
University of North Carolina at Wilmington			
University of Tennessee-Knoxville			
University of Tennessee-Martin	1	1	1
University of the South			
University of St Andrews			
University of Tampa			
University of Utah			
University of Virginia			
Utah State			
Valdosta State University			
Villanova University			
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University			
Waynesburg University			
Wake Forest			
Western Carolina			

Wingate University			
Young Harris			
TOTALS	172	61	111



Fall/Winter Athletics and Activities Report 11.28.2023

- Basketball
 - MS basketball boys and girls are well into their seasons. They are playing well and looking forward to the playoffs.
 - Varsity girls have lost only one game so far and are playing extremely well.
 - Varsity boys are very young this year but are working extremely hard and competing well.
- Cheerleading
 - Competition Cheer
 - MS finished 3rd in the State Competition.
 - Varsity placed 5th in the State Championship.
 - Sideline Cheer
 - MS and Varsity sideline cheerleading are doing an excellent job of representing the school and bringing the school spirit to all of the basketball games.
- Cross Country
 - The cross country program has grown tremendously this year. 28 runners on varsity and 20 on middle school!
 - MS has all top 5 finishes and earned the league runner-up trophy.
 - Varsity girls won the Region Championship! The boys earned runner up.
 - Varsity Girls and Boys ended up with their best finishes ever combined! The boys ended up 3rd in the state. The girls ended up 5th in the state.
- One Act Play finished 4th in the state.
- Varsity Region Championships:
 - Girls Cross Country
- Middle School League Championships
 - Softball



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Lake Oconee Academy, Inc. Board of Governors
Agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting
800 Building, Room 8103
5:30 PM, Monday, December 4th, 2023

- A. Call to Order *5:30 PM Pea*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Establishment of Quorum *Peacock, Schmidt, Tompkins, Bahr, Kelly, Brazilly, Vaughan*
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. November 6, 2023 meeting minutes *1 Vaughan 6-0 Appvd
2 Brazilly*
- E. Finance Report *Sarah Peacock*
 - 1. September Financials *1. Peacock 2. Vaughan 6-0 Appvd*
 - 2. October Financials *1. Peacock 2. Vaughan 6-0 Appvd*
- F. Executive Director Report (Information Items) *Dr. Brad Bowling*
 - 1. OCSA Conference- March 11-13th Atlanta Northwest Marriott
 - Whole Board Training- Feb. Meeting 2:00pm-5:00pm *Bowling*
 - 2. Waiting list *376/30*
 - 3. November Highlights *Bowling*
 - ◆ Academic ✓
 - ◆ Athletic ✓
 - 4. Charter renewal update
- G. Action items *Michael Tompkins*
 - 1. Amended Charter Petition *1 Schmidt 2 Brazilly*
- H. Public comment
- I. Closed Session
- J. Adjournment *1 Tompkins 2. ~~Peacock~~ Bahr*