

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 PM, Monday, August 1, 2022

- A. **Call to Order:** Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. on August 1, 2022 by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Michael Tompkins, Richard Schmidt, Jennifer Vaughan, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr and Sarah Peacock, were in attendance. Kim Larkin attended via telephone. Also present was Dr. Tucker.
- B. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11th, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Finance Report:** Sarah Peacock and Dr. Tucker gave the May and June 2022 financial reports. A motion was made by Jennifer Vaughan to approve the report as information. Seconded by Richard Schmidt. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Tucker reported that the annual audit is underway.
- D. **Board Election:** Richard Schmidt made a motion to add an item to the agenda for a board officer election. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan.

Richard Schmidt made a motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Peacock as treasurer and to nominate Jennifer Vaughan as treasurer. Seconded by Sarah Peacock the motion carried unanimously.

E. **CEO Report:**

1. Dr. Tucker presented the enrollment status. Currently there are approximately 386 prospective students on the waiting list, 11 are priority students.
2. **Construction Update for the Arts Building.** Construction continues on schedule. The building remains on track for an October opening.
3. Chrishandra Perkins, presented the testing review and presented the NWEA scores and comparisons. With several exceptions, LOA is generally performing on an average of roughly 20% higher than the state and 30 to 40% higher than Greene County school District.

F. **Public Comment:** Public comment was spirited.

Dan Quinn asked for better accountability, transparency and in the NWEA scoring comparisons, to utilize comparisons with other high-performing schools as opposed to Greene County and State averages.

Roger Fields requested that LOA make haste in finding a settlement with the Board of Education lawsuit

Todd Caviola suggested that test scores are generally moving downward and regressing; that Lake Oconee Academy is not addressing issues head-on; that there is no written plan to address the downward trend in scoring; there is no written long-term strategic plan.

Kristina Bahr responded by requesting that the parties attempt to work together to deal with issues as opposed to the simply making criticisms.

- G. Executive Session:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Second by Kristina Jaskyte Bahr. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered executive session.

The Board reconvened. Sarah Peacock made a motion to exit from executive session. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken following executive session.

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