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State of Louisiana

BOARD OF DIRECTORS **LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS**

March 9, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on March 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Regents Conference Room, Claiborne Building, Sixth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Board Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Ms. Maura Brady
Mrs. Sharon Gahagan
Mr. Ryan Jannise
Mr. Gene Katsanis
Mrs. Judy McIntyre
Mrs. Martha Smiley
Mrs. Lou Taylor
Dr. Larry Tremblay
Dr. Arthur Williams

Visitors:

Mr. Ken Sills (School Attorney)
Mr. Eean McNaughton (Architect)
Mr. Michael Robertson (Foundation)
Mr. Will Sentell (The Advocate)
Dr. Joseph Savoie (Comm. of Higher Ed)
Mrs. Christie Weeks (Foundation Pres.)

Absent:

Superintendent Steve Bartlett
Commissioner Foster Campbell
Representative Carl Crane
Mrs. Mary R. Doucet
Dr. Vickie Gentry
Mrs. Tina Kendrick
Mr. Walter Lee
Senator Mike Smith
Speaker Joe Salter
Rep. Taylor Townsend
Mr. Lovan Thomas
Mr. Rodney Watson

In the absence of a quorum, and upon the recommendation of the school attorney, Mrs. Gahagan stated that the meeting would convene as a Committee of the Whole, and the Committee would adopt the Board agenda. The actions taken by the Committee can be ratified by the Executive Committee of the Board, or ratified at the next quarterly Board meeting in June.

AGENDA ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2006 BOARD MINUTES - Mr. Katsanis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Williams; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT FOR 2007-2008 - Mrs. Smiley made a motion to approve the school attorney's contract (with Hammonds and Sills) for 2007-2008. Mr. Katsanis seconded the motion. It was noted that Mrs. Bynog will be working with the Office of Contractual Review to make any boilerplate language changes to the contract that are required. If OCR has added or removed phrases, the contract will be amended accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Mr. Katsanis made a motion to approve the proposed 2007-2008 School Calendar. Motion seconded by Dr. Williams; carried unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO ALLOW ITEM 5 TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE ITEM 4 - Dr. Williams made a motion to amend the agenda as requested by the Board Chair, and allow Item 5 to be presented before Item 4. Motion seconded by Mrs. Smiley; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT ON IMPACT STUDY OF ENROLLING A SOPHOMORE CLASS - Report by Dr. Widhalm and Dr. Sharon Williams. No Board action taken.

MOTION TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL AGENDA - Mrs. Smiley made a motion to return to the original agenda (Item 4). Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACADEMIC AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE HANDBOOK – Dr. Widhalm and administrative directors presented this item. Mr. Jannise made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the academic section of the *2007-2008 Academic and Residential Life Handbook*. Motion seconded by Mrs. Taylor; carried unanimously.

Mr. Katsanis made a motion to approve the proposed changes (as amended) to the residential life section of the *2007-2008 Academic and Residential Life Handbook*, except the proposed changes to the *Removal of “No Exceptions” Policy for Participation in Interscholastic Sports*. Motion seconded by Dr. Williams; carried unanimously.

Mr. Jannise made a motion to amend the proposed policy entitled: *Removal of “No Exceptions” Policy for Participation in Interscholastic Sports* to state the following: Revision - Page 3, second paragraph, line 5, after “....participation in Interscholastic Sports” add: “*for the next grading period.*” Revision - Page 3, end of second paragraph, after the last closed parenthesis, add: “*If the student remains on Academic Probation or the LSMSA GPA continues to be below 2.5 for the following grading period, the student will forfeit their privilege to participate in Interscholastic Sports.*” Mr. Katsanis seconded the motion. Mrs. Gahagan asked for a roll call vote on the motion, as presented by Mr. Jannise. Results: motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT ON 2007-2008 BUDGET RECOMMENDED FROM DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION – Report by Dr. Ebarb. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE AUDIT – Mrs. Gahagan noted that since the exit interview has not yet occurred and the audit report has not been received, this item will be presented at the June meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT ON CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT – Report by Mr. Eean McNaughton, architect. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S ANNUAL EVALUATION – Report by Mrs. Gahagan. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS – Mrs. Gahagan noted that Administrative Staff Reports were included in the Board mailout. Dr. Findley presented an Academic Affairs Update. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 11: FACULTY REPORT – Report by Dr. Arthur Williams. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: FOUNDATION REPORT – Report by Dr. Widhalm. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 13: DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING - Mrs. Gahagan presented this item. The next Board meeting will be scheduled in June, hopefully in conjunction with a groundbreaking ceremony. Dates considered will be June 11 or June 18.

ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Smiley made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dr. Williams; carried unanimously. Time: 4:36 pm.