

# MINUTES

State of Louisiana

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

March 13, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on March 13, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Natchitoches, LA. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Board Chairman.

### ROLL CALL:

#### Present:

Ms. Maura Brady  
(rep. by Dr. Sharon Williams)  
Mrs. Mary R. Doucet  
Mrs. Sharon Gahagan  
Dr. Vickie Gentry  
Mr. Gene Katsanis  
Mrs. Tina Kendrick  
Mr. Walter Lee  
Mrs. Judy McIntyre  
Mrs. Martha Smiley  
Dr. Arthur Williams

#### Absent:

Commissioner Foster Campbell  
Representative Carl Crane  
Supt. James Hoyle  
Mr. Ryan Jannise  
Dr. Robin Jarvis  
Speaker Joe Salter  
Senator Mike Smith  
Mrs. Lou Taylor  
Mr. Lovan Thomas  
Rep. Taylor Townsend  
Dr. Larry Tremblay  
Mr. Rodney Watson

AGENDA ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2005 BOARD MINUTES - Dr. Arthur Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2005 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Smiley; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF - Dr. Loftin introduced Ms. Lynette St. Ann, Administrative Assistant for the Louisiana Virtual School.

AGENDA ITEM 3: REPORT ON CURRENT BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR 2006-2007 - Report by Dr. Ebarb. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT ON THE USE OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FUNDS - Report by Dr. Ebarb. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT ON CLASS OF 2007 AND 2008 - Reports by Dr. Findley and Dr. Sharon Williams. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Item presented by Dr. Findley. Mrs. Smiley made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 School Calendar. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kendrick; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACADEMIC AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE HANDBOOK - Dr. Findley presented Academic Handbook changes. Dr. Widhalm and Ms. Shumate presented Residential Life Handbook changes. Mr. Katsanis made a motion to accept all of the proposed Handbook changes, pending review by the school's attorney. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee; carried unanimously. Dr. Gentry made a motion to amend the original motion to include the changes that were discussed [these changes will be inserted as per the amendment]. Motion seconded by Dr. Arthur Williams. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD CHAIR TO NEGOTIATE A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Mrs. Gahagan presented this item. Mr. Lee made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Chair regarding Agenda Item 8. Motion seconded by Mrs. Smiley; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: SELECTION OF A NEW ATTORNEY - Mrs. Gahagan presented this item. Mr. Lee made a motion to engage the law firm of *Hammonds & Sills* as the new school attorney, if they would agree to do so. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kendrick; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10: FACULTY REPORT - No report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS (submitted in writing). Academic Affairs Update by Dr. Findley. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: FOUNDATION REPORT - Report by Mrs. Christie Weeks. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT FROM ARCHITECT ON CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT - Report by Mr. Eean McNaughton. No Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 14: DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING - Mrs. Gahagan presented this item. The proposed dates for the next meeting will be sent to the Board for their response.

AGENDA ITEM 15: UPCOMING EVENTS - Upcoming events and dates were listed on the Board agenda; no discussion was necessary.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Smiley made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee; carried unanimously. Time: 11:55 am.