

BOARD MINUTES

State of Louisiana

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

March 8, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on March 8, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jimmy D. Long Board Room, Louisiana School, Natchitoches, LA. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Board Chair.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Sharon Gahagan
Dr. Vickie Gentry
Ms. Judy Huckabay
Mr. Ryan Jannise
Mr. Gene Katsanis
Mr. Walter Lee
Mr. Glen Monsour
Dr. Scott Norton
Mayor Tommy O'Con
Mr. Joe Salter
Ms. Martha Smiley

Mr. Arthur Welch
Mr. John C. Wells (rep. by
Ms. Catherine Credeur)
Dr. Margaret Wheat-Carter
Dr. Arthur Williams

Guests:

Mr. Ken Sills, Attorney
Mrs. Christie Weeks,
Foundation President

Absent:

Dr. Gary L. Jones
Senator Gerald Long
Ms. Ellyn McKinney
Representative Rick Nowlin
Ms. Amanda Porterfield
Mr. Lovan Thomas
Dr. Larry Tremblay

AGENDA ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2009 BOARD MINUTES - Dr. Gentry made a motion to approve the December 7, 2009 Board minutes, as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: PROPOSED 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Mr. Monsour made a motion to approve the proposed 2010-2011 school calendar, as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Huckabay; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PROPOSED NEW COURSES - Mr. Jannise made a motion to approve the proposed new courses. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: STUDY OF PARTICULAR LOUISIANA VIRTUAL SCHOOL COURSES TO MEET CURRICULAR NEEDS - Mr. Jannise made a motion to approve this study, as requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

Note of clarification: Approval is being given to study the benefit of enrolling students in four specific courses during the 2010-2011 school year [LVS Geometry, LVS Civics, LVS Free Enterprise, and LVS Health Education. Any additions to these offerings would require Board approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACADEMIC HANDBOOK AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE HANDBOOK - Mr. Salter made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Academic and Residential Life Handbook, as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor O'Con; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT ON FY11 EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND THE SCHOOL'S PREPARATION FOR A REDUCTION IN FORCE - Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the Reduction in Force Plan, as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Gentry; carried unanimously.

Note of clarification: This RIF Plan will reduce employment at LSMSA by seven people, as part of the school's response to the executive budget. This is the plan that it would take for the school to be able to match the budget and maintain staffing needed for that level of funding [along with approval of agenda items 7 and 8].

AGENDA ITEM 7: REQUEST TO INCREASE THE ROOM AND BOARD FEE - Mr. Jannise made a motion to approve this request to increase the room and board fee from \$750 to \$1,000 per year. Motion seconded by Mr. Monsour; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: REQUEST FOR USE OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FUNDS IN FY11 - Mr. Jannise made a motion to approve the request for use of Educational Excellence Funds in FY11, as requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: AFFILIATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LSMSA AND THE LSMSA FOUNDATION - Dr. Gentry made a motion to approve the Affiliate Agreement between LSMSA and the LSMSA Foundation. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10: SCHOOL ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT FOR 2010-2011 - Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the school attorney's contract for 2010-2011. Motion seconded by Dr. Wheat-Carter; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11: PROCESS FOR ANNUAL EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Mrs. Gahagan presented this item, and appointed the following members to serve on the Executive Director's Evaluation Committee: Ms. Martha Smiley – Chair, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Ms. Judy Huckabay, Mr. Arthur Welch, and Mr. Gene Katsanis.

AGENDA ITEM 12: CIPA COMPLIANCE UPDATE - Mrs. McIntyre presented this item. Report only; no Board action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS - Mrs. Gahagan noted that Administrative Staff Reports were sent to all members via email. No updates were presented.

AGENDA ITEM 14: REPORT FROM THE FACULTY – Dr. Arthur Williams presented this item. Report only; no Board action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM 15: REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION - Mrs. Christie Weeks presented this item. Report only; no Board action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM 16: DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – JUNE 28, 2010 - Mrs. Gahagan announced that the next quarterly Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 28th at the Louisiana School.

AGENDA ITEM 17: OTHER BUSINESS - Mrs. Gahagan noted April and May events on the school calendar.

ADJOURNMENT - As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mayor O'Con made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dr. Williams; carried unanimously. Time: 11:27 am.