

State of Louisiana
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

December 7, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on December 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jimmy D. Long Boardroom, LSMSA, Natchitoches, LA. Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Sharon Gahagan
Ms. Connie Bradford
Ms. Amy Deslattes
Ms. Dianne Gauthier
Dr. Vickie Gentry
Ms. Marian Johnson
Mr. Gene Katsanis
Mr. Derek Little
Mr. Mike McGrath
Ms. Martha Smiley
Dr. Larry Tremblay
Mr. Arthur Welch
Mr. J.C. Wells
Dr. Margaret Wheat-Carter

Absent

Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Henry Burns
Mr. Ryan Jannise
Senator Eric LaFleur
Ms. Ellyn McKinney
Supt. Hollis Milton
Mr. Glen Monsour
Mr. Scriven Taylor
Mr. Lovan Thomas
Senator Mike Walsworth

AGENDA ITEM 1: Approval of Board Minutes

Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the Board minutes with the correction. Motion seconded by Dr. Gentry; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Call for Public Comment on Items Requiring Board Action

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of Recommendations from the Executive Committee

Regarding the Contract with the Executive Director

Mrs. Gahagan reported on this agenda item. Mr. Little made a motion to accept and approve the Executive Committee's recommendation regarding the Contract with the Executive Director. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Approval of a Sabbatical Replacement Teacher

Dr. Key reported on agenda item 4 regarding Board approval for the recommendation to hire Dr. Rondo Keele, a professor at the NSU Scholars' College, as the sabbatical replacement teacher. Ms. Bradford made a motion to approve the Sabbatical Replacement Teacher. Motion seconded by Dr. Wheat-Carter; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Revision to the Use of Educational Excellence Funds

Dr. Widhalm discussed and requested a revision in the use of EEF funds for the current school year.

Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the Approval of Revisions to the Use of Education Excellence Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gahagan asked for a motion to amend the agenda and take up item 7.
Dr. Gentry moved to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bradford; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion of Articulation Agreements, Dual Enrollment, Associate's Degree

Dr. Key discussed the articulation agreement, dual enrollment, and associate's degree process.
Report only, no Board action required at this time [no supporting documentation].

Ms. Bradford made a motion to return to the original agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Special Recognition of Dr. Arthur Williams Upon His Retirement

Mrs. Gahagan welcomed Dr. Art Williams and his wife, Dr. Sharon Williams, and congratulated him for 32 years of devoted service to LSMSA as Executive Director. Mrs. Gahagan read a special resolution from the Board of Directors that highlighted some of his impact on the school. Ms. Bradford motioned the acceptance of the Resolution for Dr. Arthur Williams. Motion seconded by Mr. Little; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Report on the Residence Hall Project

Dr. Widhalm referenced a schedule for the new residence hall that was presented at a meeting the week prior with the architects and a state representative from Facility Planning and Control upon the completion of the design documents.
Report only, no Board action required at this time [no supporting documentation].

AGENDA ITEM 9: Administrative Staff Reports

Mrs. Gahagan called the Board's attention to written reports from the four administrative areas and the Foundation and asked for questions. Report only; no Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Report from the Faculty

Mr. McGrath provided a handout with faculty activities and accomplishments that had been reported to him. Report only, no Board action required.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Date for Next Board Meeting – March 14, 2016

Mrs. Gahagan reminded members that the next meeting would be on Monday, March 14.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Other Business

Mr. Wells requested Executive Committee meeting notification be sent to all board members. Mrs. King reminded Board members that they must complete the state required Ethics Training by December 31.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Wheat-Carter made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Bradford; carried unanimously. Time: 11:33 a.m.