

State of Louisiana

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

June 22, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on June 22, 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

Ms. Sharon Gahagan
Ms. Connie Bradford
Mr. Ryan Jannise
Ms. Marian Johnson
Mr. Gene Katsanis
Mr. Derek Little
Mr. Mike McGrath
Ms. Ellyn McKinney
Ms. Martha Smiley
Dr. Larry Tremblay
Senator Mike Walsworth
Mr. Arthur Welch
Mr. J.C. Wells
Dr. Margaret Carter

Absent:

Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Henry Burns
Ms. Amy Deslattes
Ms. Dianne Gauthier
Dr. Vickie Gentry
Senator Eric LaFleur
Mr. Glen Monsour
Mr. Scriven Taylor
Mr. Lovan Thomas
Superintendent Doris Voitier

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Board Minutes - Senator Walsworth made a motion to approve the March Board minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Bradford; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Proposed New Faculty - Ms. Smiley made a motion to approve the Proposed New Faculty. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Proposed New Course - Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the Proposed New Courses. Motion seconded by Mr. Little; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Review and Adopt Updated Federal Law Notices Including Directory Information, Revised Title IX Policy and Procedures, and Section 504 Notice - Mr. Sills, the school's attorney, detailed information regarding several policy updates, policy changes, directory information or surveys for various Acts which were passed.

Dr. Tremblay made a motion to approve the Review and Adopt Updated Federal Law Notices Including Directory Information, Revised Title IX Policy and Procedures, and

Section 504 Notice with the above modifications. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Appointment to LSMSA Board of Trustees - Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the Appointment to LSMSA Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Little; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Report on LSMSA's 2015-2016 Budget Pending the Governor's Signature - Report only, no Board action required at this time.

Agenda Item 7: Proposed Use of Educational Excellence Funds in 2015 – 2016 - Dr. Tremblay made a motion to accept the Proposed Use of Educational Excellence Funds in 2015 - 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Little; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8: Receive the Report and Adopt the Recommendation from the Executive Director Evaluation Committee - Mr. Jannise moved that the board move into executive session under the Louisiana revised statute 4217 A1 to review the work of the Executive Director Evaluation Committee. Dr. Wheat-Carter seconded the motion, and a roll-call vote was taken.

Senator Walsworth made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Ms. Bradford; carried unanimously.

Senator Walsworth made a motion to add the Executive Director's New Contract to the September and/or December Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bradford; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9: Proposed Evaluation Tool for Board Members of the Executive Director - Mr. Little made a motion to accept the three components of the Proposed Tool for Board Members of the Executive Director Evaluation. Motion seconded by Mr. Wells; carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Report from the Faculty - Report only, no Board action required at this time.

Agenda Item 11: Administrative Staff Reports - Report only; no Board action taken.

Agenda Item 12: Proposed Dates for 2015 – 2016 Meetings - The quarterly Board meetings will take place on Mondays at 9:30 – September 14, December 7, March 14 and June 13. Report only; no Board action taken.

Agenda Item 13: Other Business - Mr. Little asked for an update on the search for a director of admissions. Mr. New and the LSMSA Foundation Trustees were recognized for their contributions to the school's work. Dr. Wheat-Carter commended Dr. Widhalm for serving the past year as president of the Natchitoches Rotary Club, and for serving on a national board for STEM schools.

ADJOURNMENT - As there was no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Bradford; carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.