

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

December 8, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on December 8, 2014 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
Mr. Ryan Jannise
Ms. Marian Johnson
Mr. Gene Katsanis
Mr. Walter Lee
Mr. Mike McGrath
Mr. Scriven Taylor, Sr.
Dr. Larry Tremblay
Mr. John C. Wells
Dr. Margaret Wheat-Carter

Absent:

Rep. Chris Broadwater
Dr. Vickie Gentry
Sen. Eric LaFleur
Mr. Derek Little
Ms. Ellyn McKinney
Ms. Stephanie Marcum
Mr. Glen Monsour
Ms. Martha Smiley
Mr. Lovan Thomas
Rep. Jeff Thompson
Sup. Doris Voitier
Sen. Mike Walsworth
Mr. Arthur Welch

AGENDA ITEM 1: Approval of Board Minutes - Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the Board minutes of the September 8, 2014. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of New Courses - Dr. Widhalm presented the new courses that could be offered in the spring semester and an additional modification to the dance curriculum. Mr. Katsanis made a motion to approve the New Courses. Motion seconded by Mr. McGrath; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Discussion of Articulation Agreements, Dual Enrollment, and Possible Associate's Degree - Dr. Delery reported on this item. Report only; no Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Position Searches – Director of Academic Services and Coordinator of Virtual School and Outreach - Dr. Widhalm reported on this item. Report only; no Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Report and Presentation on New Residence Hall Project - Mr. Doug Ashe, from Ashe, Broussard, and Weinzettle in Alexandria made a formal presentation about the new residence hall project as it stands at the end of the Design Development phase. Report only; no Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Administrative Staff Reports - Mrs. Gahagan asked for questions from the written administrative staff reports. Report only; no Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Report from the Faculty - Mr. McGrath directed the Board's attention to the list of faculty activities. Mrs. Gahagan added recent news that Dr. Olson's composition for the Natchitoches Tri-centennial concert has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Report only; no Board action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Date for the Next Board Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Other Business - Mrs. Gahagan introduced the 2014-2015 Student Government Organization, President Neel Reddy. Vice-President, Shiva Velingker, and Secretary, Waania Beg. The faculty sponsor is Dr. Victor Feske. Mrs. Gahagan thanked Mr. Velingker for his volunteer work to redesign parts of the City of Natchitoches website, spearheading an ACT workshop, which is sponsored by the LSMSA Interact Club.

ADJOURNMENT - As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dr. Margaret Wheat-Carter; carried unanimously. 11:53 a.m.