

State of Louisiana  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS  
March 7, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on March 16, 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. Amy Deslattes  
Mrs. Sharon Gahagan  
Dr. Vickie Gentry  
Mr. Ryan Jannise  
Ms. Suzy Johnson  
Mr. Gene Katsanis  
Mr. Mike McGrath  
Ms. Martha Smiley  
Mr. Arthur Welch  
Mr. John C. Wells  
Dr. Margaret WheatCarter  
Mr. Scriven Taylor, Sr.  
(arrived during item 5)

Absent:

Mr. Tony Davis  
Ms. Diane Gauthier  
Ms. Ellyn McKinney  
Sup. Hollis Milton  
Mr. Glen Monsour  
Sen. "Blade" Morrish  
Mr. Lovan Thomas  
Dr. Larry Tremblay  
Sen. Mike Walsworth  
Sup. John White

AGENDA ITEM 1: Approval of Board Minutes from December 7, 2015 Meeting  
Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes [reference Item 1 support document]. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Call for Public Comment  
No one indicated a desire to speak on an agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Proposed 2016-2017 School Calendar  
Ms. Smiley made a motion to approve the Proposed 2016-2017 School Calendar. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Proposed New Courses  
Dr. Key informed the Board of the proposed new courses that reflect the training of the faculty and interest of the students.  
Dr. Gentry made a motion to approve the Proposed New Courses [reference Item 4 support document]. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Proposed Changes to the Student Handbook  
In addition to the handout provided to Board members, Ms. Shumate shared a presentation to provide an overview for the changes.  
Dr. Wheat-Carter made a motion to approve the Proposed Changes in the Student

Handbook. Motion seconded by Ms. Smiley; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Proposed 2016-2017 Contract for the School Attorney  
Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the Proposed Contract for the School Attorney. Motion seconded by Mr. Katsanis; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Proposed Process for Executive Director's Annual Evaluation  
Mr. Jannise made a motion to use the modified process for the Executive Director's Annual Evaluation. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson; carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Report on Current Year and FY17 Executive Budget  
Dr. Widhalm presented on this agenda item.  
Report only; no Board action taken.

Mr. Wells asked for the agenda to be amended in order to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee that was established to conduct the search for a new Executive Director. This motion was seconded by Ms. Smiley and a roll call vote was taken with unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes from the Executive Committee  
Approval of the Executive Committee minutes gave ratification by the Board of Directors  
Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Executive Committee.  
Motion seconded by Dr. Gentry; carried unanimously.

Ms. Johnson moved to return to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Ms. Smiley.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Report on the Search for a New Executive Director  
Dr. Gentry, who is chairing the search committee made this report.  
Report only; no Board action taken

AGENDA ITEM 10: Report from the Faculty  
Report only; no Board action taken

AGENDA ITEM 11: Administrative Staff Reports  
Report only; no Board action taken

AGENDA ITEM 12: Date for Next Board Meeting – June 13, 2016

AGENDA ITEM 13: Other Business

#### ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Gentry made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Smiley; carried unanimously.