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**State of Louisiana**

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**ACT 374 COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JIMMY D. LONG SR. LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS**

**September 25, 2017**

The Act 374 Compliance Committee meeting of the Jimmy D. Long Sr. Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on September 25, 2017, at 1 p.m. in the Long Boardroom, LSMSA, in Natchitoches, LA. Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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| **Present**Ms. Sharon Gahagan, ChairDr. Arthur WilliamsMr. Bill NewMs. Kristina Donovan (by phone; lost contact at 1:15 pm)Mr. Jed CainMr. Jamie SmithMr. John Allen (ex officio)Dr. Steve Horton (ex officio) | **Absent**Dr. Vickie GentryMr. Mike McGrath**Guests**Mr. Ken Sills (LSMSA Attorney)Rep. Beryl Amedee (LSMSA) Board MemberMs. Angela Robinson, LSMSA FoundationDr. Kristine Coreil (LSMSA Alumnus)Mr. Ryan Crawford (LSMSA Alumnus)Mr. Thorn LaCaze (LSMSA Staff)Ms. Crystal Evans (LSMSA Staff)Ms. Anne Johnson (LSMSA Board) |
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**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call for Public Comment on Items Requiring Board Action**

Mrs. Gahagan reported that she received a public comment from Dr. Kristine Coreil. Dr. Coreil requested that this committee not take any action that would involve a change to the School’s name. She cited several reasons for her position with additional examples. Mrs. Gahagan and committee members both thanked her for taking her personal time to attend the morning’s Board meeting and also for sharing her thoughts with the Board.

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review Legislation and Establish Recommendations for how the School’s Legal Name Change would be implemented**

Mrs. Gahagan gave each member a copy of Act 374, which was signed by Governor Edwards. She reviewed the entire act and specifically the part that directed the School’s Board of Directors to determine exactly how Act 374 would be implemented. She reminded members that this special Board committee was formed to review the Act and make recommendations to the full Board at the December meeting.

Mrs. Gahagan shared Mr. McGrath’s submission of comments he gathered from the faculty, a majority of which encouraged no action be taken to change the name except what was required by state law.

Following a very brief discussion, Rep. Amedee did note that certain changes to the School’s name as they related to state budget were handled by the Division of Administration. Dr. Horton confirmed that these changes were indeed made.

Mr. New moved to recommend that no changes be made to the School name. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Following extensive discussion about the potential impact on the School’s branding, fundraising, recruiting, and various other issues, **Mr. Cain moved that the committee recommend that some type of plaque be placed in the High School Building that documented the entire history of the school, including both name changes enacted by Louisiana law over the school’s history. Dr. Williams seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Horton noted that he was working on the construction of a display cabinet that would be placed in the lobby of the main entrance to the HSB. His vision was to include memorabilia from both Natchitoches High School and LSMSA. He said that this cabinet would provide a great place to display this plaque since it would be such a prominent location.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Call for Adjournment**

Mrs. Gahagan thanked everyone for staying for the afternoon meeting. She said that she would submit the recommendation of this committee to the full Board at the December meeting.

As there was no other business to come before the Board, **Mr. Cain moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.** The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

 

Jed Cain, JD Sharon T. Gahagan, EdS.

Secretary Chair