**State of Louisiana**

**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**November 14, 2024**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on Thursday November 14, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the Jimmy D. Long Board Room, LSMSA, in Natchitoches, LA. Dr. Vickie Gentry called the meeting to order. Anne Dejoie-Lucas recorded the minutes. Roll was called, and quorum was established.

**ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present**

* Dr Vickie Gentry (chair)
* Dr. Greg Handel (vice chair)
* Dr. William “Bill” Luster
* Dr. Kyle Stephens
* Dr. Steve Horton, LSMSA Executive Director (non-voting)

**Committee Members Absent**

* Regina Pierce

**Guests Present**

* Dr. Bill Ebarb, Deputy Executive Director & Director of Finance & Operations

**AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Gentry reported that she had no requests for public comment

**AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF LSMSA’S STIPEND DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

Board approval is required for the Stipend Distribution Plan to allow LSMSA to distribute the oone-time state-awarded stipends to unclassified employees by the December 15 deadline set by the Legislature.

The plan developed by the School’s Administration identifies the stipend amounts to be awarded based on each unclassified employees’ object and function code identified by the Department of Education ($2,000 for certificated faculty; $1,000 for support staff). An additional differentiated stipend provided by the Legislature for certificated teaching faculty was funded at $100, plus an additional $17 per year, for each year of service at LSMSA.

**Upon motion made by Dr. Luster, seconded by Dr. Handel and unanimously passed, the Executive Committee approved LSMSA’s Stipend Distribution Plan.**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Horton reminded the Executive Committee that the Board of Directors extends authority to the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board between quarterly meetings so that the school can continue to function without having to wait until quarterly meetings for approval. Agenda items of this meeting will be shared with the entire Board prior to the December meeting. Actions made at this Executive Committee meeting will be included on December’s Board Agenda for ratification.

There being no further business,

**Upon motion made by Dr. Luster, seconded by Dr. Stephens, and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Vickie S. Gentry, Ph.D. Steven G. Horton, Ph.D.

Chair Secretary