

Minutes of the 128<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the  
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science  
Mobile, Alabama  
Friday, November 18, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

- PRESENT** Dr. Larry Turner, Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Mr. John Peebles, Mr. Dennis Engle, Ms. Marietta Urquhart, Dr. Allen Sanders, Dr. Joel Billingsley, Dr. Lena Walton, Ms. Sheila Roby, Ms. Sharon Magee, Mr. Mike Windom, and Mr. Daniel Commander.
- ABSENT** Mr. Thad Wheat, Honorable Matthew Simpson, Honorable Alan Baker, and Mr. Raymond Bell.
- GUESTS** Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Robert Campbell, Mr. Nash Campbell, Ms. Kristy Gunther, Dr. Samantha Church, Ms. Cecilia Godwin, and Dr. Mitch Frye.
- OPENING** Ms. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the September 16, 2022, Board of Directors, meeting were presented for action. Upon a motion being made by Mr. John Peebles and seconded by Dr. Lena Walton, the Board duly  
  
**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- TREASURER'S REPORT**  
  
Ms. Kristy Gunther, the Director of Finance, gave an overview of the Treasurer's report. This report represents financial activity for the completed 2022 fiscal year. There were some significant expenses for the 2021/22 school year. Apart from salary and benefits being the largest budget line items, other expenses consisted of campus lease, food service, utilities, and repairs and maintenance. Last year's repair expense included the renovation of the Makerspace.
- FINANCE REPORT** Ms. Gunther presented the Finance report to the Board (see page 9) The budget for fiscal year 2022 shows a comparison from last year. Ms. Gunther referenced the balance sheet (see page 10), which shows a

yearly comparison of funds for quarter ending. The Student Auxiliary budget is provided as well (see page 11). Upon a motion made by Ms. Sheila Roby, and seconded by Mr. Mike Windom, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the Finance Report as given.  
The motion passed unanimously.

## **GENERAL REPORTS**

### **LEGAL**

Mr. Robert Campbell presented his report to the Board.  
There are no lawsuits, no pending claims, or threats of claims against the school.

### **ASMS REPORT**

Dr. John Hoyle, ASMS President, gave an update on the school in the ASMS Report. The school recently received over \$66K from the Baldwin County legislative delegation in honor of Steve McMillan. Each year for 42 years, a memorial gift will be made to one returning student to cover their student activity fee. Dr. Durga Paudel, along with an ASMS student and parent presented research on different panels at the 2022 American Physical Society Conference. Dr. Hoyle stated that this demonstrates our ongoing commitment to prioritize research. The Admissions department hosted 23 informational meetings across the state, and 125 visitors attended our open house earlier this month. We're happy to report a flashing crossing light has been installed at the crosswalk on Ann Street, on both sides. The City of Mobile plans to widen the crosswalk. "It's a beautiful, blinking light" stated Dr. Hoyle. We applaud City Councilman Mr. William Carroll and board member Judge Mike Windom for their support. We're also happy to report construction on the E.O. Wilson Science Research Center has begun (see full report pages 13-14).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **New Markets Tax Credit Updates**

Mr. Nash Campbell stated a resolution needed to be entertained to approve a short-term bridge loan (\$10M) and a leverage loan (\$8M) by the ASMS Foundation to help fund the new science research center. The School Board will not take out any loans, only support and approve a resolution for the ASMS Foundation Board to do so. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Allen Landers, and seconded by Dr. Sandra de Graffenried Sims, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve a resolution in support of a short-term bridge loan and a leverage loan in the amount listed above to be borrowed by the ASMS Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

## **AGENDA AMMENDED**

Mr. Robert Campbell stated the agenda needed to be amended so a vote could take place on two items associated with the New Markets Tax Credit program that were discussed in the ASMS Foundation meeting prior to the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Campbell asked for a roll call, and the quorum was met. Upon a motion being made by Mr. John Peebles and seconded by Ms. Sheila Roby, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve an amended agenda with two new items associated with the New Markets Tax Credit program.  
The motion passed unanimously.

### **ASMS Supporting Organization: Board of Directors Member**

The ASMS Board of Directors must assign a member to the supporting organization for the New Markets Tax Credit program for the building of the research science center. Ms. Pam Doyle has been nominated to serve as a member. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Mike Windom and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Ms. Pam Doyle to serve on the supporting organization representing the Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

**ASMS Supporting Organization: Foundation Board Member**

The ASMS Foundation Board must assign a member to the supporting organization, Caroline Avenue Property, for the New Markets Tax Credit program for the building of the research science center. Mr. John Peebles has been nominated to serve as a member. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Mike Windom and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Mr. John Peebles to serve on the supporting organization, Caroline Avenue Property, representing the Foundation Board. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Employment of Evening/Weekend Receptionist**

A part-time position for an Evening/Weekend Receptionist position has been filled with the hiring of Ciara Allen.

**Employment of Library Assistant**

A part-time position for a Library Assistant has been filled with the hiring of Tina Williams.

**Employment of Area Coordinator**

A full-time Area Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Shawntel Taylor.

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A full-time Area Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Steffani Gonzales.

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A full-time Area Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Paolo Gorme.

**Employment of Hall Coordinator**

A full-time Hall Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Hunter Allen.

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A full-time Hall Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Nhykia Rita.

**Employment of Hall Coordinator**

A full-time Hall Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Drew Watson.

**Employment of Hall Coordinator**

A full-time Hall Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Makeala Williams.

**Employment of Hall Coordinator**

A full-time Hall Coordinator, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Elyza Woods.

**Employment of Community Liaison**

A part-time Community Liaison, an overnight residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Mary James.

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A part-time Community Liaison, an overnight residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Graylin Moore.

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A part-time Community Liaison, an overnight residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Synita McNeal.

**Employment of Hall Assistant**

A part-time Hall Assistant, a residence hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Victor Rhyne.

Upon a motion being made by Dr. Rhinnie Scott and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the employment of the positions and names listed. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Courses**

When ASMS faculty members develop new courses to be taught, these must have Board approval. The new courses are listed below:

***Flight Works***

The Physics of Flight teaches students creative ways to design, invent, and innovate as they engage in a work-like STEAM environment. The Physics of Flight will equip students with the skills to design and create innovative solutions to a real-world industry-based challenge. Students will dive deeper into the world of engineering, manufacturing, and computer science skills.

### ***AP World History***

In AP World History: Modern, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from 1200 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change over time. The course provides six themes that students explore to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.

Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid and seconded by Ms. Sharon Magee, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the two classes listed above, Flight Works and AP World History. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Final Remarks**

Mr. Daniel Commander, the faculty representative, made a few remarks. Classes and the school year is going strong, stated Mr. Commander. We would like to congratulate Dr. Natalie Ortell on winning a Golden Apple Award from WKRG TV and their sponsors. The award honors local teachers who are making a difference in the classroom.

Dr. Larry Turner, Board member and former ASMS President, added a few remarks. He asked the board to support Dr. Hoyle. Dr. Turner says operating ASMS is no small task. It's a tough and challenging job. He's very appreciative and thankful to the board for their support of this great school.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.  
The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, February 10, 2023, in  
Montgomery.

Prepared by:

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Dr. Rhinnie Scott  
Board Secretary

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Ms. Cecilia Godwin  
Board Administration Coordinator