

Minutes of the 139th Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
Montgomery, Alabama
Friday, February 2, 2024
11:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Ms. Erin Scott, Mr. Thad Wheat, Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Mr. John Peebles, Dr. Allen Landers, Honorable Jo Bonner, Dr. Andi Kent, Ms. Sheila Roby, Ms. Kesshia Davis, and Dr. Natalie Ortell.

ABSENT

Honorable Alan Baker, Mr. Dennis Engle, Ms. Sharon Magee, Dr. Lena Walton, Honorable Matthew Simpson, and Mr. Finis St. John.

GUESTS

Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Nash Campbell, Dr. Samantha Church, and Mrs. Cecilia Godwin.

OPENING

Ms. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Roll was called and a quorum was established after Mr. Raymond Bell, who was absent, designated Dr. Andi Kent.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 2023 and the September 2023 Board of Directors meetings were presented for action. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried and seconded by Mr. Jo Bonner, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the November and February Board of Directors meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Dr. Samantha Church presented to the Treasurer's report (February 2024), in absence of Ms. Kristy Gunther. This report represents financial activity for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2024. Revenue is slightly higher compared to the same period last year. This is due to both an increase in our ETF appropriation as well as an increase in the

salary reimbursement from the Foundation. Overall, expenses are about \$313K higher compared to the prior year (see report pages 11 and 16. The treasurers report (November 2023) was also presented at the meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Dr. Church explained the Finance report to the Board. The Education Trust Fund and the Student Auxiliary reports discussed. There were no questions regarding the finance reports. The board accepted the reports as stated. The reports are part of the budget which were voted upon and approved at the September 2023 board meeting.

GENERAL REPORTS

LEGAL

Mr. Nash Campbell presented his report. There are no lawsuits, no pending claims, or threats of claims against the school. The school is in good shape currently.

ASMS REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle, ASMS President, provided several updates to the Board. Construction on the E. O. Wilson Science Research Center is 80 percent finished, and the building will be ready for our June 14 ribbon-cutting ceremony. The 32K square foot facility will house Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Math, and Physics. With the opening of the research science center, will cause a domino effect of renovations. Funding for the projects listed (see page 21) comes from a \$6 million supplemental appropriation from the State and a \$1.3 million grant from the legislature and Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth. We have the opportunity now to be an instructional site for Bishop State Community College. This will enable us to offer dual enrollment courses that provide community college credit transferable to all Alabama postsecondary institutions and many nationwide. We have had 18 student withdrawals for the academic year to date. Some of the reasons include discipline, academics, and family/personal choices (See report pages 21-27).

FACULTY REPORT

Dr. Natalie Ortell gave a faculty departmental report to the board. Here are a few of the highlights. A paper published by June Ebersole in the journal *Paleoichtys* includes acknowledgements for the ASMS students and faculty who collected fossils during a 2023 trip to Dauphin Island. The students and faculty collected 100s of fish otoliths. Senior Chloe Dykes found a first of its kind in the state tooth. In the math department, Mrs. Natalya Prokhorova is teaching a new course: Financial Mathematics-Interest Theory. Financial mathematics involves applying mathematics to situations that involve financial transactions. Many of faculty members are helping in other areas besides their own classroom by taking part in outreach. Mr. Derek Barry is helping coordinate STEM classes and Mr. Kevin Dolbeare is teaching an ACT prep class across the state (See report page 28).

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Calendar 2024-2025 (revision)

The Board of Directors must approve the beginning and ending dates for academic calendar. The 2024-2025 Academic Calendar dates were approved last year, but due to upcoming summer construction projects the dates will need to be adjusted to give ample time for campus to be ready for opening day (see page 30). Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried and seconded by Mr. Jo Bonner, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the beginning and ending dates (revision) of the 2024-2025 academic calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The Board of Directors must approve the beginning and ending dates for the 2025-2026 academic calendar (see page 31). Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the beginning and ending dates of the 2025-2026 academic calendar. The motion passed unanimously

Graduation

Graduation will be Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Alabama Cruise Terminal. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried and seconded by Dr. Lena Walton, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the graduation date as Saturday, May 18, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVAL

Employment of Residential Life Coordinator

A full-time Residential Life Coordinator position has been filled by hiring Kendell Wilson.

Employment of Residential Life Coordinator

A full-time Residential Life Coordinator position has been filled by hiring Deja Monroe-Parker.

Employment of Maintenance Supervisor

A full-time Maintenance Supervisor position has been filled by hiring James Bunch.

Upon a motion being made by Mr. John Peebles and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried, the Board duly

RESOLVED to ratify the hirings listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.
The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, June 14, 2024.

Prepared by:

Dr. Rhinnie Scott Board
Secretary

Mrs. Cecilia Godwin
Board Administration Coordinator