

Minutes of the 132nd Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
Mobile, Alabama
Friday, November 17, 2023
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT	Dr. Larry Turner, Ms. Erin Scott, Mrs. Pam Doyle, Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Mr. Dennis Engle, Honorable Jo Bonner, Dr. Lena Walton, Ms. Sheila Roby, Ms. Sharon Magee, and Dr. Natalie Ortell.
ABSENT	Mr. John Peebles Mr. Thad Wheat, Honorable Matthew Simpson, Honorable Alan Baker Mr. Mike Windom, and Mr. Raymond Bell.
GUESTS	Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Nash Campbell, Dr. Samantha Church, Mrs. Cecilia Godwin, Dr. Mitch Frye, and Mr. Kevin Abel.
OPENING	Mrs. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We were unable to obtain a quorum, therefore, items requiring a vote will be placed on the February 2024 meeting agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes of the September 15, 2023, Board of Directors, meeting will be presented for a vote at the February 2024 meeting.
TREASURER'S REPORT	Ms. Kristy Gunther, the Director of Finance, was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Samantha Church presented the Treasurer's report. This report represents financial activity through the 4 th quarter of fiscal year 2023. Revenue is higher compared to the same period to the same period last year. This is due to an increase in our ETF appropriation (including rollover 2022) in the salary reimbursement from the Foundation (See report page 8).

FINANCE REPORT

Dr. Church presented the Finance report to the Board. The budget for fiscal year 2023 shows a comparison from last year. The balance sheet (see page 10) shows a yearly comparison of funds for quarter ending. The Student Auxiliary budget is provided as well (see report pages 11-12). The Board will accept the Finance report at the February meeting.

GENERAL REPORTS

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Mr. Nash 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. Niche ranked ASMS the **#1 Best High School for STEM in Alabama** this year. Niche considers numerous variables, and a great deal of data is submitted before rankings are formulated. Some factors are out of our control, such as geographic location. The school submitted a grant proposal to address residence hall issues, and we will receive \$1.3 million in funding. We hosted Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth and his Chief of Staff on campus before the application deadline. We will address worn doors and floors, old AC units, plumbing leaks, and paint and ceiling concerns. Chemistry instructor Dr. Elisa Rambo is the 2023 NCSSS Innovative STEM Teacher of the Year. The short video featuring Dr. Rambo was played for the board members. Dr. Rambo had a few words to say and thanked everyone for their support. This year, the Research Fellows program has 64 students participating, working with 16 ASMS faculty members and six faculty members from other universities/organizations. Students will present their findings each spring at the Spring Research Forum. For a list of this year's projects, see report page 13. The admissions department hosted 23 informational meetings across the state and ASMS day earlier this month. The team is working with 407 inquiries for the 2024-2025 application cycle. To view the full ASMS Report, see report pages 13-18.

**Faculty
Report**

Dr. Natalie Ortell, the faculty representative to the board, gave a brief report. Deborah Gray, a computer science instructor, is mentoring a group of students to be part of the MIT CREATE program where they will focus on creating a Stem solution (a tech app) to help with a psychiatric disability. In the Chemistry department, Mr. Kevin Dolbeare spoke about his expertise in the UAB course *Comics, Cartoons, and Communication*. He was invited by an ASMS alum and then the class had to move to a different room because so many ASMS alums were also present. Dr. Ortell's 8 Biological Research students have started their experiments with the goal of competing at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair and they were invited to visit the College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama (see report page 19).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, February 2, 2024, in Montgomery.

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