

Minutes of the 122nd Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors of the  
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science  
Virtual and In-Person  
Friday, June 11, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

- PRESENT           Honorable Jo Bonner, Mr. Thad Wheat, Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Mark Suto, Mr. John Peebles, Mr. Bragg Van Antwerp, Mr. Mark Foley, Dr. John Usher, Dr. Daniel Boyd, Dr. Lena Walton, Honorable Steve McMillan, Mr. Raymond Bell, Ms. Sheila Roby, Honorable Alan Baker, and Ms. Sarah Brewer.
- ABSENT           Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, Dr. Nicholas Giordano, Ms. Sharon Magee and Mr. Tyrone Fenderson.
- GUESTS           Mr. Robert Campbell, Dr. John Hoyle, Ms. Cecilia Godwin, Ms. Kristy Gunther, Dr. Samantha Church, Ms. Allyson McMaken, Mr. Ken Robinson, and Ms. Kara Whitney.
- OPENING          Mr. Steve McMillan thanked everyone who was in attendance, in person and those attending virtual. Roll was called and a quorum was met.
- APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES          Minutes of the February 5, 2021, Board of Directors meeting were presented for action. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Daniel Boyd, the Board
- RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2021 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- TREASURER  
REPORT           Ms. Kristy Gunther, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. The report represents financial activity for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of fiscal year 2021. These statements include an additional \$350,000 in special CARES appropriation for the renovation of the Remote Learning Center. Other revenue also includes CARES reimbursement as well as funding from the Remote Learning and Health and Wellness grant (See report page 7).

## FINANCE

Ms. Gunther explained the Finance report (see report pages 8-10). The combined Appropriations/Revenues and Expenses are provided on page 8 in the Board packet. Ms. Gunther stated all areas are in line with the budget. A couple of expenditures increased this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The advertising and textbooks expenses were more costly this year, due to lack of travel for the Admissions department and remote learning. The student auxiliary budget is also provided. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Steve McMillan and seconded by Mr. John Peebles, the Board duly

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

## GENERAL REPORTS

### LEGAL

Mr. Robert Campbell stated there were no claims, threats, or lawsuits against the school at this time.

### ASMS REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle, President, presented a report full of all the great things happening at ASMS. The school earned Cognia STEM certification and accreditation. Dr. Hoyle reported that no faculty or staff contracted COVID-19 because of time spent on campus. Our COVID -19 plans were sound and carried out efficiently. Mobile's Architectural Review Board has approved our Edward O. Wilson Research Center plans and two outdoor classrooms. We have submitted plans for state approval. We were given \$7.4 million to fund both projects. Right now, the school is securing new estimates for the science building as construction prices have spiked. One of our computer science instructors, Deborah Gray, is the recipient of Teach Cyber's 2020 Cyber Security Teacher of the Year "Pathways to Cybersecurity" Award. The class of 2021 is one of the most successful in the history of the school. They earned approximately \$10 million in scholarships. Many have chosen to remain in-state and receive generous financial packages from state schools. Others have committed to out-of-state institutions, including Harvard, Duke, Stanford, Emory, Georgia Tech, Pomona, UCLA, and Harvey Mudd. Human Resources plans to hire several positions this summer, including faculty and staff positions. One of those positions will be a Research Coordinator, to help our students with research opportunities.

The first and second floors of the Girls' dorm will be renovated this summer, with new flooring, paint and lighting. We have paused on our

generator project because the State asked us to file an insurance claim. We hope to have an answer soon so that we can move forward. COVID-19 presented major challenges for the Admissions Team which mirrored that of our schools within NCSSS. The Admissions Team was not able to travel this year due to COVID, but the team used social media platforms to fill in the gaps. Student Affairs partnered with MCHD to host two COVID-19 Vaccine clinics for our students. Roughly 70 members received both shots of the vaccine. Nearly 100 percent of faculty and staff are fully vaccinated. Mrs. Whitney deserves a big thanks for the work that her department and staff did to manage COVID and keeping students engaged when on campus. There were various activities and most of them were held outside to keep the students active and safe.

The Development department launched the President's Society to recognize donors who give \$1000 or more. President's Society members are given special opportunities to hear from the President and they receive internal school updates directly from the President. ASMS also hosted an alumni panel in April (see report page 14). The inaugural year of the Jo Bonner Leadership Academy has concluded with inducting the first cohort of 57 students as official members. The school held an end-of-the-year celebration, and students received JBLA pins to wear at graduation. The interview and selection process for the second cohort of JBLA students has also been completed for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EMPLOYMENT OF RESEARCH LIBRARIAN/MEDIA SPECIALIST**

Ms. Angela Mollise has served ASMS for 19 years as the Librarian. She retired on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will miss her tremendously. We would like to welcome Ms. Asia Frey as the new Research Librarian/Media Specialist. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the employment of Ms. Asia Frey as the Research Librarian/Media Specialist. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Personnel Contract Renewals**

#### **A. Contract Renewals for ASMS Faculty Members**

Explanation: The contracts of the faculty members listed below are expiring at this time. The Board must act to renew these contracts.

### **Contract Renewals for ASMS Faculty Members**

Dr. Hoyle recommended the Board approve the following faculty contract renewals:

#### 1. Faculty Contract for Dr. Rebecca Domangue

Dr. Domangue, biology instructor, has completed her first 1-year contract of teaching at ASMS. This will be her second 1-year contract. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Mr. Raymond Bell, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Ms. Rebecca Domangue for a second 1-year contract 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Faculty Contract for Dr. Keith Lindley

Dr. Lindley, a world languages instructor, has completed his first 1-year contract of teaching at ASMS. This will be his second 1-year contract. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Raymond Bell and seconded by Dr. Mark Suto, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Dr. Keith Lindley for a second 1-year contract 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Faculty Contract for Dr. Elizabeth Jones

Dr. Jones, an English instructor, has completed her first 1-year contract of teaching at ASMS. This will be her second 1-year contract. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Raymond Bell and seconded by Dr. Mark Suto, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Dr. Elizabeth Jones for a second 1-year contract 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Faculty Contract for Mr. Bill Brouillet

Mr. Brouillet, a physical education instructor, has completed 10 years of teaching at ASMS. Because he does not have a master's degree, he is being renewed for another 1-year contract for 2021-2022. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Raymond Bell and seconded by Dr. Mark Suto, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Mr. Bill Brouillet for a 1-year contract, 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Faculty Contract for Dr. Karen Palazzini

Dr. Palazzini, a history instructor, has completed her second 1-year contract of teaching at ASMS. She will be renewed with a 3-year contract. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Mr. Raymond Bell, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Dr. Karen Palazzini for a 3-year contract 2021-2022 to 2023-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Faculty Contract for Dr. Durga Paudel

Dr. Durga Paudel, a physics instructor, has completed his second 1-year contract of teaching at ASMS. He will be renewed with a 3-year contract. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Mark Suto, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Dr. Durga Paudel for a 3-year contract, 2021-2022 to 2023-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Faculty Contract for Mr. Brian Sayler

Mr. Brian Sayler, an English instructor, has completed his second 1-year contract at ASMS. He will be renewed with a 3-year contract. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Dr. Mark Suto, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Mr. Brian Sayler for a three-year contract, 2021-2022 to 2023-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Faculty Contract for Mr. Kevin Dolbeare

Mr. Kevin Dolbeare, a chemistry instructor, has completed a 5- year contract. This will be his 15th year of teaching at ASMS. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Mark Suto and seconded by Mr. Jo Bonner, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Mr. Kevin Dolbeare for a three-year contract, 2021-2022 to 2025-2026. The motion passed unanimously.

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Faculty Contract for Mr. Grey Gaillard

Mr. Grey Gaillard, a computer science instructor, has completed a 3- year contract of teaching at ASMS. This will be his first 5- year contract. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Mark Suto and seconded by Mr. Raymond Bell, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Mr. Grey Gaillard for a five- year contract, 2021-2022 to 2025-2026. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Retirement of Dr. John Petty

Dr. John Petty has retired from ASMS after 30 years of teaching chemistry as of May 31, 2021. We are thankful for his dedication and love of teaching at ASMS. We wish Dr. Petty all the best! Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Daniel Boyd, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the retirement of Dr. John Petty. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Retirement of Ms. Angela Mollise

Ms. Angela Mollise has retired from ASMS after 17 years of serving as the school's librarian. We are thankful for her dedication and wish Ms. Mollise all the best! Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Mark Suto, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the retirement of Ms. Angela Mollise. The motion passed unanimously.

## 12. Appointment of ASMS Vice President

ASMS has made significant improvements in the past two years. To continue to push forward requires the expansion of a department. With the new construction of the E.O. Wilson Science Research Center, Mr. Bonner explained that a title change is fitting for Dr. Samantha Church as she begins a capital campaign. Mr. Jo Bonner made a statement about the appointment of Dr. Church as Vice President of Development and Outreach. He stated that she is loyal to the school, works hard, and has a big job ahead of her. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Dr. Daniel Boyd, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve Dr. Samantha Church as the Vice President of Development and Outreach. The motion passed unanimously.

### NEW COURSES FOR 2021-2022

When ASMS faculty members revise and develop new courses to be taught, these must have Board approval. The courses are listed below (see report pages 20-21):

#### **Biology**

- Veterinary Medicine BL309

#### **Chemistry**

- Organometallic Chemistry CH216

#### **Computer Science**

- CyberSecurity I, II, and III CS314, CS315, CS316

#### **Fine Arts**

- Walt Disney's America MU125

#### **Mathematics**

- Introduction to Game Theory MA209

#### **Physical Education**

- Group Exercise PE110

Upon a motion being made by Mr. Alan Baker and seconded by Mr. Thad Wheat, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the courses listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT AUXILIARY BUDGET FOR 2021-2022**

Dr. Hoyle requested the Board approve the Student Auxiliary proposed budget for 2021-2022 (See report page 22). Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Mr. Alan Baker, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the Student Auxiliary proposed budget for 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

Due to the passing of Mike Jenkins, the ASMS Board must assign a Board Secretary. Mr. Campbell, Board attorney, asked the board to postpone items number 5 and number 6 under New Business. He stated that the Executive Committee must submit officer nominations to the full board. The Executive Committee did not meet prior to the June meeting. A meeting will take place before the September board meeting to decide on a nomination for Board Secretary and Treasurer. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded by Mr. Alan Baker, the Board duly

**RESOLVED** to postpone items number 5 and 6 under new business until the next board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by

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(Vacant Seat) Secretary

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Cecilia Godwin  
Executive Assistant to the President