Minutes of the 135th Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
Mobile, Alabama
Friday, September 13, 2024
10:45 a.m.

PRESENT	Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid, Dr. Edward Thomas, Mr. Matt Womble, Dr. John Cleary, Honorable Matthew Simpson, Honorable Alan Baker, Ms. Sheila Roby, Ms. Sharon Magee, Ms. Kesshia Davis, and Dr. Natalie Ortell.
ABSENT	Mrs. Erin Scott, Mr. Thad Wheat, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Mr. John Peebles, Ms. Angela Martin, Dr. Lena Walton, and Mr. Raymond Bell, Jr.
GUESTS	Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Nash Campbell, Ms. Cecilia Godwin, Ms. Kristy Gunther, Dr. Samantha Church, and Dr. Mitch Frye.
OPENING	Ms. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, opened the meeting with a warm thank you to all in attendance. Roll was called but a quorum was not established. All business items requiring a vote will be added to the November meeting agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes of the June14, 2024, Board of Directors meeting will be presented at the November meeting for approval.
TREASURER'S REPORT	Ms. Kristy Gunther, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's report. The report represents financial activity through June 30, 2024. Revenue is lower compared to the same period last year due to lower summer camp revenue. There were also some grants that did not repeat in FY24. The largest increases are salary and insurance expenses (see report page 13).
FINANCE	Ms. Gunther explained the Education Trust Fund for the remainder of the school year to the Board. The current fiscal year budget will end on September 30, 2024.

REPORTS

LEGAL

Mr. Nash Campbell reported that there were no lawsuits, no pending claims, or threats of claims against the school.

ASMS REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle, President, presented the ASMS report to the Board. Some of the highlights that Dr. Hoyle mentioned the upcoming visit of Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth next week. We received $1.3 million from the Lieutenant Governor's Alabama k-12 Capital Grant Program, which was used to renovate the student center and residence halls. This year, we plan to apply for the Lieutenant Governor's Alabama K-12 Capital Grant Program for funds that could be used to replace a large HVAC cooling tower that services several buildings. This year, 60 students are participating in the ASMS Fellows Research Program. Students will present their findings annually at the Spring Research Forum. Dr. Hoyle thanked the board members who attended the Strategic Planning Retreat in early August. The meeting was profitable, and ASMS will continue to explore ways to increase enrollment and expand the campus. Right now, ASMS is exploring the possibility of purchasing the former Rite Aid nearby the school. We have spoken with a local realtor and the owners are "highly motivated to sell" and a "tax write-off" would be a central component of any transaction with ASMS. Dr. Hoyle stated the school needs a new gym, a regulatory one. This former Rite Aid building could possibly serve as one. This year, we have 274 students enrolled, with 52 counties representing. Some of the challenges on campus include the Administration building elevator. Rogers and Willard, contractor, and Kone had to change the mechanical plans after a state inspector requested that fire dampers tie into the emergency annunciation systems. In the Admissions department, we've updated the application process by creating a 3-step process. There will be 16 sites around the stated used to host October Informational meetings. Also, the school has partnered with local community organizations to increase awareness of Informational Meetings. For a complete review of the ASMS Report, see report pages 16-18.

FACULTY REPORT

Dr. Natalie Ortell, the Faculty Representative to the Board, reported a great start for the new school year. Dr. Ortell shared with the board that she was awarded a Yale Education of Excellence award. The award recognizes teachers and counselors who inspire and support their students to achieve excellence. Drs Rebecca Domangue and Natalie Ortell are excited to have 6 amazing Women in STEM for BioResearch this year pursuing research on oysters and the impact of ocean acidification. We have three abroad students reigniting the program post covid. This summer Kevin Dolbeare and Dr. Ortell will host a 3-day summer camp in Selma, it will be focused on STEM. For full report details, please see report page 19.

NEW BUSINESS

The new business items will be added to the November meeting agenda for approval due to not obtaining a of quorum during this meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
The next meeting will be Friday, November 15, 2024, on campus.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Dr. Rhinnie Scott	Ms. Cecilia Godwin
Board Secretary	Infrastructure and Board Admin. Coord.