

Minutes of the 124th Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
Mobile Convention Center
Friday, November 19, 2021
11:30 a.m.

PRESENT Mr. Thad Wheat, Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Mr. John Peebles, Dr. Sandy Ledwell, Dr. Edward Thomas, Dr. Andrez Wierzicki, Dr. Johanna Massey, Honorable Steve McMillan Jr., Honorable Adline Clark, Ms. Sheila Roby, Ms. Sharon Magee, Mr. Tyrone Fenderson, and Mr. Daniel Commander.

ABSENT Honorable Jo Bonner, Dr. Mark Suto, Honorable Alan Baker, Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, Mr. Bragg Van Antwerp, Mr. Mark Foley, and Mr. Raymond Bell.

GUESTS Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Robert Campbell, Ms. Kristy Gunther, Dr. Samantha Church, Ms. Cecilia Godwin, Dr. Mitch Frye, Ms. Allyson McMaken, Ms. Kara Whitney, Ms. Kim Brunson, and Mr. Orren Kickliter.

OPENING Mr. Steve McMillan, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the September 17, 2021, Board of Directors meeting were presented for action. Upon a motion being made by Ms. Pam Doyle and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2021, 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 2021 fiscal year. Revenues consist mainly of funding from the Alabama Education Trust Fund (ETF) and salary reimbursements and grant funding from the ASMS Foundation. Apart from salary and benefits being the largest line items, other expenses are the campus lease, food service and utilities and repairs and maintenance. For the 2021-2022 school year, the legislature has appropriated more than \$9 million from the ETF budget for ASMS. This is a \$498K increase from the previous year. The school was able to rollover approximately \$264K from FY21.

**FINANCE
REPORT**

Ms. Gunther presented the Finance report to the Board (see page 9). The budget for fiscal year 2021 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. Upon a motion made by Dr. Rhinnie Scott and seconded by Mr. Thad Wheat, 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, presented the ASMS Report to the Board. There are some exciting things going on at the school even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction has started on two outdoor classrooms—a pavilion and an amphitheater. These projects will be completed in May 2022. The projects should be completed in May 2022. In late October, ASMS hosted Governor Kay Ivey. She toured the campus, attended classes, and met with Board Members and administrators. The energy efficient lighting upgrades in the Boy's dorm. We hosted 175 prospective students and family members on ASMS Day in early November. There will be a second ASMS Day in early December. In the fall, the ASMS Life Launch program was initiated to help students learn life skills. We're holding nine sessions this year, all of which have or will feature an instructor from outside of the ASMS community. There are challenges posed by COVID-19. We are closely monitoring and aggressively helping struggling students who are facing academic and mental health challenges. The pandemic halted the in-person AIMS summer camp for two consecutive years, and we're seeing the results of that now in our admissions cycle COVID-19 has also caused a decreased motivation among incoming students. Student mental health issues are on the rise here and ASMS is dealing with those issues as well. ASMS is planning to hire an additional mental health counselor. Dr. Hoyle stated that enrollment is down nationwide, while corporate recruiters are struggling to hire qualified professionals quickly. We are committed to solving these challenges and we have identified several strategies.

FACULTY REPORT

Ms. Daniel Commander Faculty Representative to the Board, presented brief report to the Board. He stated that departments have been meeting one on one during Covid to discuss any challenges or concerns. This year has been better since the students are all on campus and back in the classroom learning for in person instruction.

NEW BUSINESS

FACULTY CONTRACT

Due to a vacancy in the Chemistry department, Dr. Matthew Davenport has been hired as a chemistry instructor. Dr. Hoyle asked the board to approve a one-year faculty contract of employment for the remainder of 2021-2022 for Dr. Davenport. Upon a motion being made by Ms. Pam Doyle, and seconded by Mr. John Peebles, the board duly

RESOLVED to hire Dr. Matthew Davenport as a chemistry instructor at ASMS. The motion passed unanimously

SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR LONG TIME EMPLOYEES

Ms. Kim Brunson, Registrar; Ms. Andretta Hopkins, Housekeeping Coordinator; and Mr. Orren Kickliter, a Fine Arts Instructor; have 30 years of service to ASMS. We would like to present a resolution for each of them for their dedication and hard work to our beloved school. Dr. Hoyle asked the board to approve the resolutions stated above for Ms. Brunson, Ms. Hopkins and Mr. Kickliter for their service to ASMS. A copy of the resolution will be kept at the school. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Thad Wheat and seconded by Ms. Pam Doyle, the board duly

RESOLVED to approve the resolutions stated above. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Prepared by:

Ms. Pam Doyle
Board Secretary

Ms. Cecilia Godwin
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