

Maine School of Science and Mathematics
Board of Trustees
Saturday, September 24, 2022
9:00 am – 12:30 pm
VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY
MINUTES

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared at 9:03 am.

Attendance:

Voting Board Members: Joe Siddiqui, Ray Rice, Marian Reagan, Craig Cunningham, David King, Stephanie Dolan, Brent Berwin, Trey Cox, Sadhana Prasad, Paul Stanicioff, Timothy Beaulieu, and Trynitee Fallon.

Non-Voting Board Members: Dr. Eustis-Grandy

Also attending was Executive Director Sam Critchlow, Debbie McGann, Ryan McDonald, Millie Rhodes, Mark Tasker, David Ferguson, James Havu, and Marie Beckum.

SWOT Analysis: The Jamboard Google Doc was shared with all attending via the internet to review and add to as well as discuss.

Marian Reagan discussed Mood and Culture of MSSM. David King discussed the Budget and being flat funded. Mark Tasker discussed location and the struggle of hiring. Millie Rhodes discussed Math Team. Joel Pike discussed mission appropriate students and the student living situation. Sam Critchlow discussed Staff housing. Joe Siddiqui discussed the possibility of beginning partnerships with other Aroostook County agencies to work on recruiting in the area. Ray Rice discussed the revamping of spaces and how that was successful at UMPI. Art Thompson brought up a possible Foundation fundraiser just for Science labs.

Public Comments were opened by the Board Chair.

Department Chair, Mark Tasker opened public comment with statements regarding the anger and frustration with faculty and staff regarding of the handling by LCS with the lead in the water and lack of response or sense of urgency when attending LCS School Board meeting, more time was spent talking about placement of score board then about the handling of Lead situation.

Department Chair, Dr. Eustis-Grandy echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Tasker and discussed that it was in her board report.

Craig Cunningham and Tim Beaulieu both discussed possibilities of work with the Limestone School Board, possibly MSSM BOT Member attending one of the LCS meetings or possible workshops together patching the relationship that have been strained.

A motion to accept the May 28, 2022 and September 15, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes as presented a motion was made by Joel King and seconded by Craig Cunningham. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the motion and no discussion was needed.

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The Management Report was brought into discussion as the next agenda item and it was discussed by Sam Critchlow that we both have a smaller enrollment number of staff members. Good start to the School Year even though the late addition of staff members and the delay of the 2020-2021 School Audit. The Lead in the Water and Covid numbers have been issued but kudos to Ryan on mission appropriate students and to the Foundation for the record amount of money raised and Grants that have been sponsored.

A Motion to accept the Management Report as presented was made by Joel Pike and seconded by David King. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting took a 15 minute break from 11:00 to 11:15 am.

Committee Reports were presented to the Board by Committee Chairs, or members as follows:

The Advancement Committee reported that they are focused on assisting with the MSSM Gala, which was scheduled June 4th. They are waiting for marching orders from both the Foundation and the Student Senate and are in a transition stage with new BOT members just being sworn in.

The Audit Committee reported that they had a special BOT meeting to approve the 2020-2021 academic year audit. With that being said the 2021-2022 audit season is upon us and the Auditor is scheduled to begin on October 12th. It was stated that the Business Office is going to file for an extension due to the draft being due shortly after Audit begins. Marie Beckum stated that the Business Office is doing the best they can with only 2 staff members.

Governance Committee it was stated that David Fergusin has been filling in but no meeting has been held recently so no report to be given..

The Finance and Facilities Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. At their last meeting the 2020-2021 Audit was discussed as well as on-going Facility Issues that need to be done. The Solar Project was discussed. Marie Beckum brought up the underground fuel tank that is under the dorm facilities past its date. Dave Martin has been in discussion with Honeywell. The BOT should consider speaking with the State as this could be a Million Dollar Job. Sam Critchlow stated that the Dorm Roof and the HVAC system is also going to need updating in the upcoming years.

The Program Committee meets every 6 weeks. They have not had a meeting since June. They did work on the Student Survey that was done by a 3rd party company, Learning Company. There were 23 indicators on the survey which is always done during Spirit Week in April, due to a student death and Covid outbreak about half of the students did complete the survey which did provide good feedback that students were happy with staff. Discussion was had to conduct study earlier in the year so that feedback could be used by staff. Learning Bar was on a 1 year trial and should we continue with them? Dr. Eustis-Grandy asked that results be shared.

The Student Welfare Committee is waiting for Tracy to update the calendar with scheduled meetings and has not met at this time so no update has been meeting.

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A motion to go into executive session pursuant to **Title 1 Sec. 405, 6A** was made by Joel Pike, seconded by Craig Cunningham. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session was entered into at 12:05 pm.

The Executive Session was exited at 12:25 pm.

Both Joe Siddiqui and Sam Critchlow expressed a Thank You to both Former BOT Members as well as Newly Sworn in BOT Members. A motion to adjourn was made by David King, seconded by MArian Reagan.. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.