

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8461, January 19, 1998]

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
LANAO DEL NORTE CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a science high school in the Province of Lanao del Norte, to be known as the Philippine Science High School Lanao del Norte Campus, hereinafter referred to as PSHSLNC, which shall be under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology.

SEC. 2. The purpose of the said high school shall be to offer, on a scholarship basis, a free secondary course with special emphasis on the sciences and mathematics to prepare its students for science and technology careers.

SEC. 3. The head of this school shall be known as the Director of the Philippine Science High School Lanao del Norte Campus (PSHSLNC). He or she shall be appointed by the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Science High School, subject to the approval of the Board. The salary of the Director shall be subject to the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and shall be comparable to that being received by the Director of similar educational institution of like enrollment and standing. He shall not be removed from office except for cause. His functions, powers, and duties, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public high school.

SEC. 4. The PSHS Board of Trustees shall have, with respect to the PSHSLNC, the following powers and duties:

- a. To fix the site of the PSHSLNC in Mount Turong-Turong, Tubod, Lanao del Norte;
- b. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the high school;
- c. To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director, in connection with the employment of the professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the PSHSLNC; to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with existing laws on compensation and position classification; and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;
- d. To approve the curricula, courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as hereinafter provided;

- e. To provide fellowships for faculty members and approve the grant of scholarships, stipends and such other allowances to deserving students;
- f. To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- g. To provide its own rules of procedures and to prescribe for the administration of the high school such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the high school as defined in Section 2 of this Act;
- h. To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine for the benefit of the high school or for aid to any of its students; and
- i. To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students this shall include, among other criteria, competitive examinations among graduates of elementary schools in Northern and Central Mindanao, Region XII.

SEC. 5. There shall be a PSHSLNC Board, hereinafter referred to as the PSHSLNC Board, composed of the PSHSLNC Director as chairman; the regional director, Department of Science and Technology; the regional director, Department of Education, Culture and Sports; the president of the Parents-Teachers Association of the PSHS Regional School; the president of the Alumni Association; and two (2) representatives from the private sector to be appointed by the chairman of the PSHS Board of Trustees, as members.

Until such time that there shall have been organized a Philippine Science High School Lanao del Norte Campus Alumni Association, the president of the Alumni Association of the PSHS shall also be an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 6. The functions of the PSHSLNC Board shall be:

- a. To prescribe for the administration of the PSHSLNC rules and regulations as are consistent with this Act and the policies laid down by the PSHS Board of Trustees;
- b. To act as citizens' committee to interpret the educational needs of the region to the Board of Trustees; and
- c. To exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe or delegate.

A quorum of the PSHSLNC Board shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the PSHSLNC Board shall be served on the Director or secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of July each year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, and to both Houses of Congress, an annual report setting forth the progress, condition and needs of the high school.

SEC. 8. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Director, the heads of departments, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the high school as may be determined by the Director.