

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

23 April 2024

Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1743

Board Members Present: In-Person: R Payus, K Palaisa, K Yencer, R Capitan, H Contant;
Zoom: R Vascik, G Bailey

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: B Newman Principal, B Wallace
Commandant

Motion to Approve Revised Agenda with Executive Session, 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

Secretary's Report: Mar '24 minutes were presented. Minor changes were recommended which included a correction of spelling of a board member name, and a correction to the date of minutes which were approved during the meeting. Corrections were heard and a motion was made to approve minute of the Mar '24 minutes as amended, 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: R Vascik. WSFS banking statements posted on Board Docs. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Escrow withdraw made, shown in March statements. Board member donation received. Motion to Accept Treasurers report of 23 Apr, 2nd, passed 7 to 0.

Principal's Report: B Newman. Submitted. Reported 413 cadet count. 237 Applications for next school year, 91 signed. FY'24 budget showing an approx. 73% spend for the year at 75.3% of the budget year. On tract to finish on budget or in the black. School was awarded the designation of Purple Star School which recognizes support for students of military families. PSAT 9/10 showed academic improvement in three of four measures, and significantly outpaced state averages on all measures.

Motion to accept Budget Report, Principal's Report, and Web Report as presented, 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

"Dashboard" presented.

Commandant's report. Submitted. Noted that RAIDERS Team competing at RAIDERS National Meet, and a detail of 40 cadets will unfold the flag at NASCAR race at Dover Speedway.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning and Development: H Contant - No Report. Noted that we have items to discuss regarding Kennedy contract in executive session.

Marketing/Communications: R Payus - Regarding communications, continuing to make monthly reports as required by DOE.

Finance/Treasurer: R Vascik - As given during Treasurer's Report.

Academic: K Palaisa - HOSA program applied for and was awarded a grant by the NFL Play 60 organization to operate a garden. Coordination to operate the garden has been made between janitorial and food service staff. Cadets expect to provide free produce to fellow cadets.

Board Governance: R Capitan - No Report. Unrelated to board governance, in negation to receive donations of labor and materials to construct a concrete drill pad.

CBOC: R Payus - No report. No CBOC activity since last board meeting. Next CBOC meeting is May 16.

Facilities: K Yencer - No Report. Noted that lead time to begin work is approximately 120 days.

Organizational Issues: R. Payus - Indicated the need to hold executive session for the purpose of making a recommendation to the chairman regarding capital fund raising campaign/marketing contract.

Motion to go into Exec Session at 1818 to discuss amended contract terms for Kennedy Consulting, 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

Motion to close Exec Session and return to regular meeting at 1852, 2nd Passed 6 to 0.

There were no motions for action resulting from the executive session.

No final comments, motion to adjourn Board at 1854, 2nd Passed 6 to 0.

Next Meeting: 28 May '24 at 1730.