

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

23 March 2021

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1733

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner; L Stapleford, K Yencer, v. Watson Zoom: C. Martin, R Capitan, J Berg, K Stark, L Gratteri, H Riegel

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: P Gallucci, COL B Wallace Zoom:

Motion to Approve Revised Agenda (Exec Session), 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Secretary's Report: 23 Feb and 23 Mar minutes presented. Motion to approve amended 23 Feb minutes, 2nd, passed 10 to 0.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: J Berg. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Noted payment to L. Stapleford for Board's yearly domain registration of \$154.90. Noted minimal interest earned. Noted numerous Board deposits to support coming construction as well as \$100,000 transfer from school to Board account. Checking account has approx. \$9600, and total in both accounts approx. \$235,000. Escrow accounts established and remain unfunded. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, passed 10 to 0

Finance Report: Commandant Gallucci. Estimated revenues for FY21 based on 458 Cadets from final 13 November count (delayed C-19). Local revenue funds show \$1.305m for the year. Outstanding revenues still include cafeteria funds, some sports fees. Spending is approx. 75% of FY '21 budget. Discussion about average spend monthly is \$156,000, but with the \$100k transfer, this month spending is much higher. Noted 2nd pay for NTN hit this month as well. Sports transportation costs are high. Transportation total for FY'21 still expected to be \$570,000. Discussed various federal grants. Dollars remaining in Cares Act I (ESSER) funds about \$10k; Cares Act II (ESSER II Grant) monies of approx. \$322,571 with \$148k remaining, but encumbered; ESSER III budgeted approx.. \$722k, plan is being developed. Outlook has risen to approx.. \$1.698m.

Web Report presented, Motion to approve Web Report, 2nd passed 10 to 0.

CBOC: S. Kidner. Next meeting scheduled for 20 May at 1:00 PM.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Discussion about enrollment for FY'21, with 264 cadets applied and 122 Cadets signed for September. Discussed the conversion rate is higher this year. Meetings are ongoing. No new Open House dates scheduled.

Commandant also presented an update on extension of FMAL to 30 September 2021. He also asked the Board to approve a change to FSMA's end of school year dates. Specifically, 7-10 June for final grades and meetings with families that need summer recovery.

Next, discussed how FSMA shall spend the ESSER III (\$722k) with a plan that must be submitted to DOE by 15 May. He noted that approx. 20% must be set aside for ELL. Additionally, another \$100k has been budgeted for technology. Discussed other areas for use that may include supplies, indoor air quality issues, professional development, PPE, low income families and educational recovery services. Final plan review will be presented at a potential Board meeting in early May.

SMI presented numerous events coming, all of which will be supported by Quantico to include a Raiders Competition in Boston 29 Apr to 2 May. FSMA took 2nd place overall against CR at recent meet. SLC will be 15 and 16 June followed by a Gettysburg Trip for Seniors on 17 June. No update on "HITT" box requisition from USMC. Also noted Awards Night is set for tomorrow night 28 April.

Discussed the Sr. Class project and Eagle Scout project.

Academics - Pat G. Discussion about "summer recovery" program and this year's graduation rate.

Athletics - Pat G. No report.

Executive Session:

Motion to go into Executive Session at 1907 for a personnel matter, 2nd, passed 10 to 0.

Motion to leave Exec Session at 1928, 2nd, passed 10 to 0.

Motion to accept the recommendation to hire Ms. Hope Rugemalira as Director of Instruction for the coming school year, 2nd, passed 10 to 0.

Committee Reports:

Facilities: Chair Kevin Y. Reviewed construction project and timing for demo of farmhouse, should start 3 or 4 May. Payment made to Diamond State, and trees removed around the parking lot.

Reggie C - Reported almost total completion by BrickDoctor on pavers. Also noted Mr. Eric Long of EP Henry will be coming down soon for ribbon cutting. He noted Paver Art has begun cutting the pavers for in front of Drexel Hall, and wanted approval from Board to place three corner blocks with EP Henry, Brick Doctor and Paver Art in recognition of their support.

Communication/Marketing/Enrollment: Chair Leslie S. Discussed creating a parent solicitation in support of the Longwood Application.

H/R (Open): This committee shall be discontinued until call of the Chair.

Organizational Issues:

Longwood grant supplemental report emailed on 13 April '21. Welfare Grant will be now submitted in Fall 2021.

Closing Remarks None. Meeting adjourned at 1951. **Next Meeting:** 25 May Media Center.