

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting

28 January 2020

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, meeting called to order @ 1735

**Board Members Present:** S. Kidner; B Newman, L Stapleford, J Berg, K Yencer, C Martin, H Reigle, R Capitan,

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:**

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes presented for 17 December 2019. Motion to Approve minutes, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

**Public Comments:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** WSFS banking statements for Dec '19 presented. Report shows savings account with \$200,893.39 with the two USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k. Reviewed deposits of \$8.54 of interest. No other deposits made. Checking account has approx. \$6100.

**Finance Report:** Presented by Commandant Gallucci. Report attached. Spending is about 49.9% of proposed FY'20 budget. Revenues are based on "30 Sept Count" of 452 Cadets. Revenues continue to increase - estimate of \$4.4mm for FY'20. Revenues from the Districts are about 94.2% to date - virtually all paid. Transportation dollars tracking as budgeted. Discussion of expenditures including USDA payment, and LEA grant spending. Discussion about expenditures and Federal grant monies. Also discussed carryover for FY21' and 60 days cash issue.

Ongoing discussion about a "reserve account" issue and our Financial Performance Framework Review. FSMA needs to establish two reserve accounts for the two different USDA loans as prescribed in our loan covenant. Paperwork is approved, need signature page to be sent in for approval and set-up.

Motion to establish two new "reserve accounts" for the USDA loan with WSFS, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 8 to 0.

Web Report presented. Motion to accept Web Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 8 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner. Unable to attend on 16 Jan - Jim B reported about the PSO money discussing some details in spending that were reclassified as part of our ongoing efforts to adjust to DOE's new acct. system. Next meeting will be held on 19 March 2020 at 1:00 PM.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Current enrollment at 452 Cadets. Discussion about next Open House dates on 22 Feb '20 and 14 March '20. All dates are Saturday morning at 0900.

Discussion about a new Dean of Cadets staff position, as well as issues surrounding our custodial staff. Mr. Blair Newman as asked to leave the meeting since he has applied for the

Dean of Cadets position. Discussion about filling his role as coach and drivers ed instructor - his new duties will be the Dean, Transportation Supervisor and remains Athletic Director. Commandant is in favor of making this transition as soon as replacement can be found for his previous jobs. Additionally - we will need a new "teacher rep" for the Board.

Motion to accept Commandant's recommendation to name Mr. Blair Newman as the new Dean of Cadets, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 7 to 0.

**Executive Session:**

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a potential legal issue facing the school, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 8 to 0 at 1820.

Motion to return to regular agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 8 to 0 at 1920. No action required at this time.

SMI Col. Bob Wallace was absent. Reviewed the events schedule to include FSMA's Annual "Bulldog Classic" Drill Competition. Quantico field trip coming. Various dates noted for no school or in-service dates. 4 March SAT testing with makeup at 25 March. Discussed our Climate Survey, with 100% staff completed and 25% of parents.

**Committee Reports:**

**Academic:** Chair Blair Newman and Ms. Stacey Clark. Report attached. Discussed Winter Sports - Basketball team is over 50% this year. Provided a report of the Seniors post-graduation plans, noted a number of Norwich selections. Stacey C provided an in-depth review of our SAT scores - test levels coming into FSMA as compared to each cohort. Cadets are using Khan Academy to help provide additional support in preparing for the SAT. She also discussed the action plan's requirements for our other content. This 5-year plan was submitted to DOE last year and will drive growth in all subjects not just math.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Leslie S. No Report.

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

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. Discussion will resume in Feb. about Farmhouse and Staff's position of #3 Option - to level building, create a parking lot, and build a larger structure for sports and storage. Reggie C briefly discussed the EP Henry project. Still working to various aspects for the job done donated by other contractors. More to report in Feb.

**Organizational Issues:**

Discussion of the JA presentation. The Cadets will be back to discuss in at March Board meeting. Update on the Board by-laws at the February Board meeting.

**Closing Remarks** None

Regular meeting adjourned at 1945. **Next Meeting:** 25 February 2020, 1730, St. Michael's Hall.