

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

26 January 2021

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1737

**Board Members Present:** In-Person: S. Kidner; L Stapleford, K Yencer, Zoom: K Stark, V Watson (late), J Berg, L Gratteri, R Capitan. H Riegel

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

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

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to Approve Dec 9 "Special" and Dec 30 "2<sup>nd</sup> Special" Board minutes 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 8 to 0.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Berg. WSFS banking statements for Dec '20 presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Noted minimal interest earned. Checking account has approx. \$5,887. Escrow accounts established. He noted he did receive the USDA summary of payments document. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 8 to 0

**Finance Report:** Commandant Gallucci. Estimated revenues for FY21 based on 458 Cadets from final 13 November count (delayed C-19). Revenue numbers have increased. Local funds for year are \$1.305mm and all paid. Spending is approx. 50% of FY '21 budget. Discussion about salaries running at faster pace than normal, almost 60%. Increase in use of substitutes, two more teachers, and step increases approved for this budget year all contributed. Transportation total for FY'21 still expected to be \$570,000, but state share increased to approx. \$465,000. Noted increase in postage/ad spending for Open House dates. Discussion about Cares Act II (ESSER II Grant) monies of approx. \$322,571 and suggested encumbrances - general acceptance to allow Commandant to pay for 7 outlined items (attached) to replace general fund money.

Web Report presented. It was noted the version presented at the CBOC was wrong, and therefore, was not approved. Motion to approve Web "revised" Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 8 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner. Reported review of FY'21 budget at last meeting held on 21 Jan. We will be presenting the "final" FY'21 Budget at the next Board meeting. Noted new CBOC member Mr. Kraig Ford who just joined in January. Next meeting 18 Mar. 2021 at 1:00pm, Media Center.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Discussion about enrollment for FY'21, with 182 cadets applied for September and meetings have started. Discussed Open House dates coming.

Commandant discussed the "Stand-Down" conducted with our teachers. Both he and Stacey C noted a positive reaction and responses from teachers, a lot of good interaction. Feed-back

was positive on our culture and norms. He provided a power point that was used during the event.

SMI offered his thoughts on possible “Bull Dog Classic” Drill Meet - unlikely, but a plan was submitted to DPH and placed on hold by them. Discussed doing one school events. Stacey C discussed the beginning of the MP3 and DPAS V growth measures will be under review - as part of our renewal a few years from now.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Academic:** Stacey C. Given during Commandant’s report earlier.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Leslie S. Discussed a potential “temperature check” of our parents in the next couple of weeks. Also will be providing a paper/leave behind for our Longwood and Welfare grant applications due 1 March. Discussed starting Commandant’s Meetings again in February.

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

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. and Reggie C. Reviewed the project and timing for Farmhouse, parking lot, demo of garage. Offered we should consider getting another CM to manage these projects. Scott K will reach out to Dave M to see if he would return as a consultant/CM. Snow’s Painting - will start in the Spring ’21. Nothing new on pavers.

#### **Organizational Issues:**

Longwood and Welfare grant applications are due electronically by 1 March. FSMA will be seeking financial support to pay for the entire Farmhouse Project.

**Closing Remarks** None. Meeting adjourned at 1906. **Next Meeting:** 23 February 2021, Cafeteria.