

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting

March 26, 2019

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, meeting called to order @ 1733

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

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:** SMI Col Wallace

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 6 to 0

**PSO - No Report**

**Secretary's Report:** No minutes from 26 February 2019 were presented.

**Public Comments:** Public comment from Cadet Tippy in ref to amending the school's Valedictorian policy to allow "early graduation" students to be considered for ranking.

**Treasurer's Report:** WSFS banking statements for Feb '19 presented. Report submitted shows no changes from previous month. Coming expenses include signage and annual board website fee to Delmarva Digital. Balance of \$7051.74 in both accounts.

**Finance Report:** Presented by Commandant Gallucci. Feb numbers and budget (Approved in Feb) narrative presented. Spending is about 66% of the budget for the FY '19 school year. Appropriations based on 30 Sept count of 436 Cadets. Revenues from the local school districts are 96.4% - question as to why not all local funds are in. Currently, able to meet 60 days cash and summer encumbrances (about \$450,000 this year). Discussion about FY'20 budget based on different student counts, as well as USDA lump sum and start of interest and principal payments for USDA loan in October. Overall financial position of school is good for the remainder of FY'19 - and to carry over as much cash for next year.

Motion to approve Web Monthly Finance Report, 2nd, Passed 6 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner Acting Chair- Meeting held on 21 Mar 2019 at 1:00PM. Reviewed variance report and approved budget. Discussion about the Federal revenues and when they will be spent - movement in these numbers. Also discussion about USDA lump payment and start of monthly debt service and school's financial position for FY'20. Next meeting, Thursday 16 May at 1:00 PM.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Current applications look to be 230 students - seeking to have enrollment for '19-'20 to be 460.

Commandant Gallucci reviewed the schedule of events coming: Open House scheduled for 30 March and 13 April - starting at 0900. Expectation to have a few others later in the spring. Discussion about Ms. McKays resignation and position filled already. Commandant and SMI reviewed coming dates for various events coming, including State Drill Meet on 13 April at Dover AFB, "Educator Lift and End of Year Awards on 1 May.

Discussion about Senior Class Project - completed and placement on campus is under review. Reviewed the National Raiders Championship in October - will require significant financial support from the USMC/Quantico.

Two new policies presented - Paid Parental Leave and Weapons Policy. Will be discussed at next Board meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Academic:** Chair Blair Newman. No Report Attached. Discussion about SAT's and PSAT's. Reviewed spring sports program. Winter sports fees are still lagging, however Spring sports are tracking as expected with most paid. Reviewed some of our Senior's post-high school plans.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Dawn F. Nothing to report.

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

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. Provided 6 different possible signs for our school's building. After discussion - motion to accept version E , 2nd, passed 5 yes 1 no. Total cost will be around \$900.

**Organizational Issues:** Scott K - Called for an **Executive Session** to review a Cadet Tippy's request for review of her ranking and school's overall ranking's policy.

Motion to go into Exec Session at 1843, 2nd, passed 6 to 0.

Motion to close Executive Session at 1857, 2nd, passed 6 to 0.

Return to regular Board meeting with no further action by the Board as to the school's current policy. Board Chair and Commandant will communicate with Cadet Tippy.

Reviewed coming dates for Board meetings, some adjustments were needed, as well as changing April's meeting to the fifth Tuesday of the month - 30 April.

**Next Meeting:** 30 April 2019, 1730 p.m., Location Media Center

**Closing Remarks:** Regular Meeting adjourned at 1905 hours.