

# 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, C. Martin, R Capitan, J Berg Zoom: K Stark, V Watson, L Gratteri, H Riegel

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

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0. Chair noted Facilities report will be presented once Dave Mcguigan, FSMA's CM joins the zoom call.

**Secretary's Report:** 23 Feb minutes were not available for review. Will approve both Feb and Mar minutes at April's board meeting.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** J Berg. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Noted minimal interest earned. Noted numerous deposits from Board members to support coming construction this summer, around \$3500. Checking account has approx. \$6237 and total in both accounts approx. \$156,000. Escrow accounts established. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 include cafeteria funds, some sports fees and partial Marine staff funding, all others are in. Spending is approx. 67% of FY '21 budget. Discussion about the budget narrative showing various grants received to date. Noted sports transportation costs picking-up. Jump in utilities past month. Noted transportation total for FY'21 still expected to be \$570,000. Discussed various federal grants, with no dollars remaining in Cares Act I (ESSERF) funds, and Cares Act II (ESSER II Grant) monies of approx. \$322,571 have been budgeted for approved encumbrances. Outlook has risen to approx.. \$1.551m.

Web Report presented, Motion to approve Web Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 10 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner. Reported meeting held and offered some further review of the current budget numbers and expenses. School overall in good financial shape. Also noted the resignation of Mr. Don Crews and Mr. Scott Dobie of Atlantic Tractor- but he will be replaced by Mr. Justin Reed for the next meeting in May.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Discussion about enrollment for FY'21, with 243 cadets applied and 91 Cadets have signed for September. Meetings are ongoing. Open House dates scheduled (27 March/10 families), and mailings are out. He did say a couple of families just got our mailer... clearly USPs is delayed in delivery.

Commandant presented FSMA's 2021-2022 School Calendar for review and approval; Motion to Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 10 to 0

Commandant also presented an update on the 10 Day Covid quarantine policy that was recently approved by DOE for teachers and staff.

SMI presented numerous events coming, all of which will be supported by Quantico to include a Raiders Competition in Mass, CR Drill meet, and Gettysburg Trip for Seniors. He noted "HITT" box requisition from USMC and approval was granted from Regional - could see delivery to FSMA as soon as July. Also noted Awards Night coming on 28 April.

Discussed the Sr. Class project and Eagle Scout project. Board asked for additional information about the Eagle Scout/Flagpole project in front of Drexel before final approval.

Academics - Pat G. Noted PSAT/SAT testing for three days.

Athletics - Pat G. Reported sports have begun, with some 26 home games this year. Season should end around 15 May.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. and Reggie C. Reviewed construction project and timing for remediation of farmhouse, demo timing and costs. Conex on property to store equipment. CM updated on permits, initial payment due Diamond State, trees, color selections, door facing, etc. Noted an easement issue relating to the gravel road. Board Counsel may need to get engaged.

Reggie C - Reported good conversation with BrickDoctor on finishing the pavers, maybe by 5 April. Also noted expenses for edging and base work increased to \$6500 - invoice will be submitted to school. He noted he had lengthy conversation with Mr. Eric Long of EP Henry seeking a "Ribbon Cutting" for their paver donation a year ago.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Leslie S. Discussed supporting the EP Henry "ribbon cutting" and pictures when that happens.

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

### **Organizational Issues:**

Longwood grant application completed. Welfare Grant is due 15 April - seeking \$100k.

Opened discussion about which three potential projects we should seek from Welfare. Review Commandant's suggested packet. Security program upgrades will be submitted. However, Board asked Commandant to seek some other items for support that may include renovation work in the science classrooms. Brief discussion about a 5- year strategic plan for Board which includes construction planning... to be considered for this summer.

**Closing Remarks** None. Meeting adjourned at 1950. **Next Meeting:** 27 April Media Center.