

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting

26 May 2020

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

**Board Members Present:** S. Kidner; L Stapleford, J Berg, V Watson, H Reigle, R Capitan, L Gratteri, C Martin, K Stark.

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:** P Gallucci, S Clark, COL B Wallace

Opening Statement and induction welcoming our newest Board Member Ms. Katie Stark, who has taken Blair Newman's role as the teacher member. Motion to Approve Katie Stark as the Teacher Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 8 to 0.

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 9 to 0

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes amended to reflect WSFS account amounts, presented for April 2020. Motion to Approve amended minutes, Savings Account should show \$125,362.03, not \$150,304.672 - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 9 to 0.

**Public Comments:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** WSFS banking statements for Apr '20 presented. Noted ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month. No deposits other than interest of \$4.13. Checking account has approx. \$5,882.74. Escrow WSFS accounts established. Waiting for PSO's request for half of the "gift cards" for staff and teachers at approx. \$1750.

**Finance Report:** Presented by Commandant Gallucci. Report attached. Spending is budgeted for 83% of final FY'20 budget. Revenues are based on "30 Sept Count" of 452 Cadets. Revenues are tracking as expected. Revenues from the Districts are 101.6% to date. Ongoing discussion on uncollected revenue from cafeteria and USMC for MI pay. Discussion of expenditures including USDA payment. Transportation, utilities, fuel, and supplies are below budget due to ongoing school closure for the rest of the year. Expectation savings may total \$80k/mnth for May and June. Carryover for FY21' at about \$1.124k by 30 June.

Discussion about not funding the USDA escrow accounts of approx. \$137,000 for next year, its impact on the operating budget, and our Performance Framework metrics from DOE. Motion to not fund the USDA Escrow Account, contingent upon the loan covenants, for the foreseeable future, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 9 to 0.

Web Report presented. Motion to approve Web Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 9 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner. Reported the overall financial position of the school - looks very positive with carryover cash exceeding \$1mm. Also discussed the potential of a 2% cut in DOE funding for FY 21, and the issues surrounding the USDA Escrow Account. Finally - noted the loss of Mr. Curtis Larrimore who has resigned because he is moving to FL. Next meeting of the CBOCX will be 18 June at 1:00pm via Zoom.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Current enrollment at 452 Cadets. Open House still a go - June 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 0900. Accepted applications is 264, and total for September is expected to be 460+. Lengthy discussion on graduation - and to move to 1 June to allow for 250 or less cadets and direct family members. Discussed meeting livestream, speeches, holding to CDC requirements and other details.

Motion to move the FSMA Graduation to 1 June 2020 at 6:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 9 to 0.

Discussed a new teacher hire for math, Mr. Jacob Robeson. Motion to approve hiring of math teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 9 to 0.

SMI discussed Seniors turn-in uniforms, lockers, yearbooks. SLC and SOC moved to August - 6,7 and 11-14 respectively. Discussed potential 2 new MI's joining the staff in August.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Academic:** Ms. Stacey Clark. Provided lengthy report on the school's activities as to our 9<sup>th</sup> week of on-line learning. Discussed grading issues for seniors. Discussed some changes with staffing and the ELA department. Discussed her selection as a member of the "Operations Task Force", which is one of three different groups, formed by the Governor to review opening schools in September.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Leslie S. Reported she is looking for updated data on our Seniors to re-do our "Snapshot" card. Discussion about selling the school more effectively.

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

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. absent. Reggie C reported the stone dust and dump loads have all been delivered and awaiting use for the paver project. He would get with Brick Doctor to send FSMA the invoice from Diamond Material.

### **Organizational Issues:**

By-Laws Update. Chair Verity W. reported overall changes made to document. Asked for Board members to review one more time for additions - discussion as to whether language can be added to allow for electronic meetings outside of declared emergency. Expectation we will vote to approve in June.

**Closing Remarks** None

Regular meeting adjourned at 1923. **Next Meeting:** 23 June 2020, 1730, via Conf Call.