

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

28 November 2023

Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1732

Board Members Present: In-Person: R Payus, S. Kidner, K Palaisa, G Bailey, K Yencer, H Contant. Via zoom: C Martin.

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: B Newman Principal

Motion to Approve Agenda 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 24 October Minutes 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

Public Comment: Parent Karyn Spruel offered some comments and concerns for the wrestling team and practice areas and need for more space.

Treasurer's Report: S Kidner. WSFS banking statements in the packet. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, passed 7 to 0.

Principal's Report: B Newman. Submitted. Reported 416 cadet count. Draft FY'24 budget showing an approx. 35% spend for the year. Discussion again around CSAC's concerns with the escrow accounts. Issue is how to fund these two accounts without tying-up a total of \$600k. Principal will speak with DOE Finance and S Kidner will speak with Board Treasurer as to exact requirements.

Brief discussion over FY '24 draft budget with improved cash position for June '24. Also noted most coding errors are fixed. Motion to accept Web Report as presented, 2nd, Passed 7 to 0.

"Dashboard" presented. Discussion around cumulative or monthly numbers and to note on next report.

Commandant's report. Submitted.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning and Development: H Contant - Reported the great response from the school as to supporting the USS Mesa Verde which is on deployment in the Med with supplies and cookies and various other goodies. School packed over 1000lbs of stuff, 100 cards in 62 boxes for the crew. She will write a letter to editor thanking FSMA for such great support.

Marketing/Communications: R Payus - No Report.

Finance/Treasurer: R Vascik - No Report.

Academic: K Palaisa - Noted grade level meetings are occurring, and Forensics Pathway is proceeding with dual enrollment. Discussed CTE pathway as well.

Board Governance: R Capitan - No Report.

CBOC: R Payus - Reported meeting was held and met all obligations and review of financials. Next Meeting in January '24.

Facilities: K Yencer - Discussion about 40x80 "pole barn" constructed building out by Q hut. Space needed for drill team and wrestling team. \$250k estimated for this type of building.

Organizational Issues: None.

Meeting adjourned 1836. **Next Meeting:** 19 December 2023 at 1730.