

First State Military Academy Board Meeting

May 24, 2016

Moment of Silence

Quorum present, meeting called to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0

Opening Remarks: Welcome Teresa Gerchman, Matt Swanson, and Casey Guerke from IS. Also, to bid goodbye to Board Member Kevin Phillipson, who leaves the Board effective 31 May 2016.

Board Members Present: S. Kidner ; J Berg; T. DeVary; D Fiore; J Durham; C Martin; K Donnelly; S. Sack (late); D. Dinger; K. Phillipson.

Founding Committee Members: Dave McGuigan, Dennis O'Brien. Staff: COL Bob Wallace and Arles Wood, BM.

Secretary's Report: April 26 '16 minutes presented. Motion to Accept, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

Public Comments: None

Treasurer's Report: Presented WSFS banking statements. Discussion about the \$52,000 and repayment to the school. Horizon accepted payment from April, and will pay remaining in June.

Finance Report: IS presented current budget numbers: Revenues are tracking as are expenses. Budget does look like there will be some surplus - unclear as to amount. Discussion about the summer incumbrances and posting - no due date, except in the 3rd year of operations, however he thinks we can make the decision this September. Discussion about FY17 budget. Budget Narrative for April 2016 presented by Casey Guerke from IS. Motion to accept the Web Monthly Finance Report, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Kevin D - AS#9 was approved by USDA on 10 May 2016. AS#10 will be submitted and placed again on fast track for Ventresca payment along with other vendors.

Discussion about closing - no date set. Further discussion about getting another meeting with USDA about next phase of construction as well as the additional \$630,000.

Capital Campaign: Discussion about re-starting this Board program.

CBOC: Chair Jenn D. No Report - next meeting in June.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Note a short payment to MSG Jordan. Asked for approval of make-up of the approx. \$8,800.00 due. Motion to make up the payments to MSG Jordan, 2nd , passed 10 to 0. Also presented current Cadet recruitment status/numbers.

Committee Reports:

Tony DeVary (Academic):

O Course location has been moved again.

FSMA will be adding 4 AP classes for next FY'17, discussion about Del-Tech Dual Enrollment program - did not work for this year. FSMA will also be offering National Honors Society program and Odyssey of the Mind Teams in FY'17. Also offered some discussion about Family Court system/impacts on FSMA Cadets.

Dawn Fiore (Communication/Marketing/Enrollment):

Discussion about a "Go Fund Me" site for the O Course funding - presentation next meeting. Further discussion about the logo and Board website. Still missing some postings of records, etc.

Dennis Dinger (H/R): EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion to go to Exec. Session on personal matters and potential litigation, and to allow COL Bob Wallace and Mr. Dennis O'Brien to attend, 2nd, passed 10 to 0 at 7:50 PM. Discussed the hiring of two new teachers; one for mathematics, and one for special education. Motion to close Executive Session, 2nd, passed 10 to 0 at 8:38 PM

Motion to hire the two new teachers for FSMA, 2nd, passed 10 to 0.

Dennis Dinger (Facilities): Morrell Hall update. 15 July is still expected delivery - on schedule. Windows and stairwell getting installed now, drywall is going up. "Change orders" are dropping off, with a total of 17 - equaling some \$17,000 in spending. Discussion about funding for Morrell Hall - budget is very tight.

Discussion about moving from VIOP to dedicated hard line copper for all telephone lines. Will be addressed in the next year's FY'17 budget.

Organizational Issues:

Board Retreat - 11 June 2016. Discussion about meeting with IS on new contract - set for 31 May after school. Meeting is open to all members of the Board.

Next Meeting: 28 June 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at First Military Academy, Clayton, DE.

Closing Remarks: Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Executive Session adjourned at 8:38 PM.