

**DMA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 28, 2022

**Start Time:** 18:01 hours

**Adjourn Time:** 18:45 hours

**Meeting Duration:** 44 minutes

**Present:** Tony Bariglio, Mike Berardi, Al Di Emedio, Ken Gatson, B Hill, Heath Kahrs, Jennifer McCloskey, Glenn Outten, Dominick Papa, Anthony Pullella, General Frank Vavala

**Absent:** Kristen Doughty, Zane Gordy

**Guest:** Diane Behnke

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
○ Call to Order	○ At 18:01 hours, Chairperson Bariglio called the February DMA Board meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Bariglio addressed the January Minutes.	○ None required
○ Secretary's Report	○ The January Minutes had been distributed for review prior to the meeting. On behalf of the Secretary, Chairperson Bariglio inquired about additions or deletions to which corrections were noted relative to the Finance Committee and a representative to be named from the DEDOE versus a cadet representative as earlier noted. Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to approve the Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Motion to approve the Minutes as amended:</li><li>○ General F. Vavala</li><li>○ B. Hill</li></ul> Vote: Affirmative	○ None required
○ Chairperson's Report	○ As has been past practice, Chairperson Bariglio shared information from the Director of the Charter School Leadership Council including the change in the masking policy emanating from the Governor's Office and effective March 1, 2022.	

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	<p>Additionally, he encouraged Board Members to read the documents from the Charter School Leadership Council, previously shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chairperson Bariglio encouraged Board Members to support the scheduled DMA Golf Outing to which B. Hill and others immediately pledged financial support!</li> <li>○ Finally, Chairperson Bariglio called upon Commandant Pullella to highlight information from the Commandant’s Report.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commandant’s Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commandant Pullella shared the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ emphasized support of the Director of Charter Schools suggestion to form individual parent “cheerleading” groups (5 members) from each Charter School whose function it would be to make “public” all the wonderful elements of Charter Schools; and,</li> <li>○ the need to bring strategic Delaware politicians into the actual school setting enabling them to see what wonderful “things” are occurring in Charter Schools.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Commandant Pullella was disappointed to share that DMA had not been selected as a SuperStars! In Education Award recipient ☺ However, he was happy about the status of the Class of ’26: Applied: 188; Offered: 150; Confirmed: 100.</li> <li>○ Commandant Pullella provided commendations to Master Chief King and the outstanding rating received from the Annual Military Inspection . . . it was a Team effort!</li> <li>○ Commandant shared that the projected building expansion is not viable at this time as estimates were in the \$6 – 6.8M range and these without costs for land and equipment! This goal may be considered “down the road.”</li> <li>○ The following information was also shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spring sports begun;</li> <li>○ Testing begun;</li> <li>○ Masking ends, but, should cadets choose to wear masks, they must be worn properly;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mental Health Awareness Program scheduled for March 22, 2022 and would include a visit by therapy dogs;</li> <li>○ DMA Commencement scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at the Chase Center; and finally,</li> <li>○ Cadets had been informed about DMA's Vaping Policy which was well-received by the cadets and parents.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasurer's Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ G. Outten presented the following Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relative to January 31, 2022, Final Budget vs Actual results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ currently at 58.3% of the budget year having received \$7.1M (90.9%) of anticipated revenue for the year compared to 120.1% (due to the one time grant in the previous fiscal year) for the same period in the prior year;</li> <li>○ in line historically when comparing budgeted revenue items and with the majority of state and local funds having been received with the rest expected by fiscal year-end;</li> <li>○ expenditures are at 57.4% for the seven months ended versus 58.1% for the same period in the prior year; and, as mentioned previously, capital expenditure projects caused Building &amp; Land Improvements to be over budget; however, expenses overall are in line with budget expectations as most expense items are in line with projections.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Discussion related to unforeseeable expenses-nothing material noted.</li> <li>○ Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report:</li> <li>○ B. Hill</li> <li>○ General F. Vavala</li> <li>○ Vote: Affirmative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finance Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ G. Outten shared the following related to the Finance Committee:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ there was no Finance Committee meeting in February with the next meeting to be March 7, 2022; additionally,</li> <li>○ the initial CBOC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As recently appointed Chairperson of the Governance Committee, M. Berardi indicated that the Committee was in the early stage of development.</li> <li>○ More</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Academic Excellence Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In K. Doughty's absence, she shared the following Academic Excellence Report via email . . . .</li> <li>○ The Academic Excellence Committee met on February 1, 2022, accordingly:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K. Doughty met with Deb Certesio and Amy Tocyloski and informs that the State of Academics Report is a fluid report which is updated 3 times a year;</li> <li>○ there exists an increasing overview and focus in the PSAT and SAT in Naval Science;</li> <li>○ electives are added to candidates based on cadet interest;</li> <li>○ DMA is piloting AP Spanish III as well as having added Honors statistics and will be adding AP microeconomics;</li> <li>○ WILMU is now a dual enrollment partner and is adding courses that align with the CTE business pathway while keeping costs for dual enrollment at \$70 and under; finally,</li> <li>○ The Committee reviewed the plan for Naval Science moving forward, this plan having been discussed at the last DMA Board Meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Academic Excellence Committee will continue communication regarding CTE plans for new building.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None required</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thank you to the DMA for all their hard work and continued focus on academic excellence.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fund Development Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None required</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alumni Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ J. McCloskey shared information relative to the creation of a DMA database for multiple purposes . . . Essentially this Project, conducted by students at the UDE – identified previously but resume`s attached – is paraphrased as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “An opportunity to create a database for Delaware Military Academy (DMA) to store alumni contact information. Project members will collect data from alumni of the last 20 years . . . and will deliver an organized system that allows DMA to easily look up alumni and contact alumni. The group (UDE) will train the board members that will be managing the database so DMA can manage it on their own. The group will also aid the board in developing a process to collect and update alumni contact information in the future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Several Board Members have met with this very impressive group of individuals and discussed “wants and desires” resulting in the proposal.</li> <li>○ J. McCloskey has asked the DMA Board Members to consider the proposal and to share their thoughts and suggestions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion to approve the Proposal:</li> <li>○ T. Bariglio</li> <li>○ General F. Vavala</li> <li>○ Vote: Affirmative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None required</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chairperson Bariglio indicated that four (4) current DMA Board Members would be rotating off the Board; and, D. Papa indicated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None required</li> </ul>

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	that he may also need to resign given his current state of business affairs. The specific Board Members retiring would necessitate the selection of a Vice President and a Secretary. More discussion around this item will occur next meeting.	
○ Old Business	○ N/A	○ None required
○ Additional Items from the Floor	○ D. Behnke, DMA PTA, shared the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Friday lunches continue, but more volunteers are needed;</li> <li>○ recent membership surged with approximately 100 new members responding to a request to become involved;</li> <li>○ unfortunately, Designer Bingo has been tabled, and an event is being researched for the fall; and, finally,</li> <li>○ Staff Appreciation continues!</li> </ul>	○ None required
○ Next Board Meeting	○ The next Board meeting will be <b>Tuesday, March 29, 2022</b> , 18:00 hours.	○ None required
○ Adjournment	○ Hearing no additional business, Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to adjourn the February DMA Board meeting at 18:45 hours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion to approve: J. McCloskey</li> <li>○ Second: General F. Vavala</li> <li>Vote: Affirmative</li> </ul>	○ None required

Respectfully Submitted:

**Alfred D. Di Emedio**