

DMA Board Meeting Minutes
Date: January 26, 2026
Start Time: 18:01 hours
Adjourn Time: 18:45 hours
Meeting Duration: 0 hour 45 minutes

Via Zoom: Helen Barbato, Dan Newcott, Jelena Batula, Cheryl Davis-Robinson, Jennifer McCloskey, CAPT Dan Bates, Nicole Krajewski, Brian Rostocki, Chris Kenny, Jennifer Dempsey, Andrea Spahr, Ken Gatson

Absent: Scott Green, Don McLamb

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 18:01 hours, Chairperson McCloskey called the January DMA Board meeting to order, following the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary's Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretary's report for December 2025 meeting distributed for approval. First: McCloskey Second: Batula Vote: unanimous – approved 	None Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commandant's Report 	<p>ACADEMIC AND PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marking period 2 is complete, mid-terms were held last week. It's officially midway through the year. Report cards were distributed on Friday, January 23, 2026. • Academic Board will be meeting in the next couple of weeks for those that are in academic danger. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Academic Calendar for next year is in process. Labor Day is late this year. The first day of school will start before Labor Day, on 8/31/26. • Reviewing the master schedule, 7 period a day is a lot. ELA and Math will still be held every day. • Sports Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wrestling is currently #1 in the state, having a strong year. ○ Girls' basketball team is 7-5, Boys' basketball team is 5-7. ○ Swimming is having a good year, not a lot of wins, but they are enjoying the season. <p>ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Education was held on 12/16/25. They toured the school, classrooms and witness the indoor parade. • Special education audit was held on 12/17/25. They randomly selected files to ensure completion. Currently awaiting feedback on the visit. • School Choice interviews lasted 4 days. Currently, there are 421 applicants. The applicant numbers for the last 5 years are as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2026: 421 applicants ○ 2025: 386 applicants ○ 2024: 354 applicants ○ 2023: 423 applicants ○ 2022: 435 applicants 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Trust Grant updated: DMA was approved for the Crystal Trust Grant for \$200,000. <p>JROTC Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The indoor modify parades are working well. • DMA is hosting the Seahawk Classic, which is a large drill meet for 8 school on this Saturday, January 31, 2026. This may need to be rescheduled due to the weather forecast for Saturday. • CAPT Bates has been partnering with the VFW. VFW will be donating several thousands of dollars, which will help with the cost of the leadership academy. • Area Manager Inspection (AMI) is scheduled for February 25, 2026. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's Report 	<p>Treasurer's Report: Report Provided by Don McLamb</p> <p>Financials of 12/31/2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% through our Fiscal Year (6 of 12 months) <p>Revenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YTD DMA has collected approximately \$9.1M or 95.8% of Budgeted Revenue. In month of November, we collected over \$3.9M. Mostly local revenue from districts and state funding. • Local funding: All except one district (Appo 65%) has paid 100% of their required amount based on our final cadet count. • Navy Aid & ROTC YTD revenue: This amount is up \$86K from November • Minor Capital improvement Revenue: This amount is up \$58K from November and 100% of Budget 	None required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Fee & fundraising YTD: Revenue collections have slowed in December <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.88M YTD expenses have been incurred, which is 51.4% of budgeted expenses. • Expenses to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salaries are over YTD budget amount by approximately \$117K, which is 2.7% of total salary budget. ○ Health Insurance expense: over YTD budget amount by 13% or \$52K. This is about the same percentage as October and November. • There are no items of Revenue or Expense that have an unexplained material variance from budgeted amounts. • Currently have a YTD surplus of \$4.2M. • Local Fund (cash) Balance: As of 9/30/2025, the balance is \$3,676,910. Approx \$2.9M is unrestricted and \$371K is our capital reserve. Ken is providing a quarterly report of the local fund balances to the finance committee. <p>First: McCloskey Second: Batula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote: unanimous – approved 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met on January 15, 2026. • Discussed individual lines item variances and possible reasons. The Committee was comfortable with the statement as presented. • Next meeting is scheduled for 3/19/26. 	None required.

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	<p>Citizens Board Oversight Committee (CBOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is reviewing September-December 2025 transactions. • Next meeting is on 2/18/2026. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First topic is to vote in two new Board members: Jennifer Dempsey and Andrea Spahr • Motion to approve: First: Rostoki Second: Barbato Vote: unanimous – approved • Second topic is the change to the bi-laws. Changes are being finalized and will be circulated to the Board in the next two weeks for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add zoom to the bi-laws if there is inclement weather ○ Requirement of alumni on the board is not mandatory • Next meeting will vote to approve and answer any questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Excellence Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Davis-Robinson met with Deb Certesio on 1/16/26. • They reviewed goals and expectations and the desired need for the Committee. • Cheryl will be meeting with Dan Newcott to prioritize goals and next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad hoc Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY26 audit is scheduled for the week of July 13, 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Board Meeting 	<p>The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2026.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Session 	<p>Motion to go into executive session First: McCloskey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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	Second: Barbato Start: 18:23 End: 18:45 Motion to come out of executive session First: McCloskey Second: Rostocki	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First: McCloskey • Second: Rostocki • Vote: Affirmative – Unanimous Adjourned 18:45 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.

Respectfully Submitted /s/ *Helen Barbato*