

DMA Board Meeting Minutes
Date: November 18, 2024
Start Time: 18:00 hours
Adjourn Time: 19:07 hours
Meeting Duration: 1 hour 7 minutes

Present: Brian Rostocki, Mike Berardi, Helen Barbato, Ken Gatson, Dan Newcott, Glen DiEleuterio, Scott Green, Jennifer McCloskey, CAPT Dan Bates, Jelena Batula, Don McLamb, Chris Kenny

Absent: Nicole Krajewski

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 18:00 hours, Chairperson Rostocki called the October 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 November meeting distributed for approval. • First: Rostocki • Second: McCloskey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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"> • All Federal grant paperwork has been completed and approved including the Perkins Grant. • Final grades are complete for Marking Period 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eight support meetings were scheduled with students and families failing one or more classes. • Attendance Update w/ follow up from last month's report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 92% are not chronically absent. ○ Average daily attendance is 94%. ● Sports Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volleyball is the last group standing for the playoffs. ○ Football's season ended on Friday, 11/15. ○ Winter season has kicked off with basketball and track. <p>ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Final leg of the Red Clay Charter Renewal process Wed. 11/20 ● Sewer pump issue permanent correction is still underway. The facilities team and administrative team have added some preventative care initiatives to alleviate any further complications with the current system. In addition, the lawyers from DMA and the lawyers from Lewis Circle group are in constant communication to get easement signed. <p>JROTC UPDATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vet Breakfast Recap – Special thanks to Ms. Batula and Firstrust Bank ● DMA trip to US Coast Guard ● December 14 will be Wreaths Across America ● Military infractions: 98% no infractions, 2% infractions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infractions are for grooming and uniform. <p>ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD AWARENESS AND/OR APPROVAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's Report 	<p>Treasurer's Report: Report Provided by Don McLamb Financials of 10/31/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33% through our Fiscal Year (4 of 12 months). <p>Revenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected 56% of Budgeted Revenue. That's approx. 2.8% less than last YTD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All expiring federal grants have been expended by the deadline of 11/30. This aligns with prior years. <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total actual expenses are 33.8% of budgeted expense. YTD Actual Expenses are approx. 3.8% higher than actual expenses last year. Personnel expenses (Salary & benefits) are approx. \$100k higher than last year – mainly due to being fully staffed with exception of 1 NSI opening and timing of Benefit payments. No items with unexplained material variances <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The question was asked if we qualify for Idle Loans? This is something we will further explore. There are two new grants this year: Athletic Trainer Block grant and the Minor Capital Improvement grant. <p>First: McLamb Second: Rostocki Vote: unanimous – approved</p>	<p>None required</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee 	<p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance committee met on 11/14/2024. • Reviewed the October 31, 2024, statements line by line. • Did not find any unreasonable variances • Next Finance committee meeting on January 23, 2025. <p>Citizens Board Oversight Committee (CBOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBOC will meet on 11/21/24. • We selected and will be reviewing transactions from April to September 2024, audited statements and 10/31/24 financials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • Meeting before the January 2025 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Excellence Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met on 11/14/24 • Discussions are underway on how we can put Math and English on the schedule for the entire year. Currently they are taught by semester. The freshman class takes a basic math class in the fall and algebra in the spring. • The curriculums at DMA are currently teacher created. The Math Department is looking at other potential curriculums that are tried and tested, more research based, that can take Math to the next level. The Math teachers will help pick the right curriculum that is fully aligned with Common Core Standards. • On the topic of Career and Technical Education (CTE), CTE is a graduation requirement for all students in the state of Delaware, but to be considered complete and receive a post-secondary certification like NAFTrack certification, they have to do an internship. We really need some help in identifying and putting in place some of those internships for our students to be able to complete those. • Some of the current challenges with internships are: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.

	<p>a. The students must be in school each day for Naval Science requirements.</p> <p>b. Potential sponsors don't want an intern unless that are 18 years old, at which age the students have already applied to college and the NAFTrack certification does not seem worth the effort.</p> <p>c. There are full time personnel at other districts managing all of this, while at DMA we do this in addition to other teaching duties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott is reaching out to companies that are providing internships to students in other schools. Scott is going to ask Dan to include in the Commandant's Corner a request for DMA parents to advise if companies for whom they work would be willing to offer an internship. • Scott is working to see if the regimental staff and yearbook staff can be given work-study credit for their roles at the school. • Scott would like to create a Career Day at DMA and will seek input. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Session 	<p>Motion to go into Executive Sessions at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First: Rostocki • Second: McCloskey <p>Start: 18:32</p> <p>End: 19:07</p> <p>Motion to come out from Executive Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First: Rostocki • Second: DiEleuterio 	
• Next Board Meeting	The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2024.	
• Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First: McCloskey • Second: Berardi • Vote: Affirmative – Unanimous • Adjourned 19:07 hours 	None required

Respectfully Submitted /s/ *Helen Barbato*