

**New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Board Meeting
February 7, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

1. Roll Call – Col Ebbert, Mrs. Beaty, Mr. Downing, Dr. Grace, Mrs. McCall, Gen Mize, Mr. Shinn, Mr. Staines, Mr. Welker, MGySgt Young. Absent – Mr. Bean, Mr. Bush, Mr. Charpentier, Ms. Finkbeiner

2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from December 30 meeting approved.

3. Reports and Recommendations
 - A. *Financial Report given by Mr. Downing*
 - a. Currently tacking better than the budget
 - b. Cash reserves remain at approximately 2.5 months of operating budget
 - c. A community benefactor made a commitment of \$400,000 to NOMMA, to be paid over 4 years at \$100,000 per year, that will be funded in stock of a comparative value. The first installment of donated stock was received and in accordance with board approval/direction sold, at a price above the price when originally received.
 - B. *General School Update given by Commandant*
 - a. School year progressing well.
 - b. LDoE's new online federal grant application system is known as "Super App", intended to consolidate and streamline the process. Grant applications for SY 2019-20 were due by 31 Jan, about 7 or 8 months earlier than last year. NOMMA submitted application by Fri 25 Jan, among first in the state to do so.
 - c. Student counts: 1 Oct 2018: 865; 1 Feb 2019: 869.
 - d. NOMMA can support additional 25 students in 8th grade next year; target is 150 8th grade cadet.
 - e. New Marine Instructor on board, taking up back to T/O. Seeking additional instructor(s) to strengthen program.
 - f. LDoE Annual visit scheduled for Thurs 21 Feb at 12:30 PM. The visit usually takes about 2 hours.
 - C. *Academic Report given by Principal*
 - a. Graduation is Saturday afternoon, May 18th at the Alario Center. Approximately 160 cadets are on track to graduate
 - b. ACT testing was completed on March 12th. The state mandates that all 11th grade students must take the test. Seniors were allowed to take the test if they desired.
 - c. Permission was granted to actively recruit teachers from outside of the New Orleans area. NOMMA is currently signed up for "Teacher

Fairs” at University of Southern Mississippi, Louisiana Tech, Northwestern State, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and LSU.

Athletics:

- d. Girls Basketball – Finished the season with 2 wins 14 losses.
- e. Boys Basketball – 12 wins 7 losses. As of today, we are ranked 36th out of 50 Class 4A schools with 3 games left to play.
- f. Girls Soccer – 6 wins 9 losses 2 ties. Finished 29th out of 41 Division III schools. Top 24 made the playoffs.
- g. Boys Soccer – 9 wins 7 losses 2 ties. Finished 21st out of 41 Division III schools. Made the playoffs. First game was last Saturday where they played the 12th seeded St. Martinsville High School. In the only upset in Division III, we beat St. Martinsville 2-0. At 6:00 tonight, we play the 5th seeded E. D. White High School at Thibodaux.
- h. Wrestling – Participated in 27 meets. Sent 8 wrestlers along with both coaches to the state meet in Bossier City this morning.
- i. Power Lifting – 3 girls and 5 boys. First ever. 20+ schools. We actually had one of our female participants place 5th in an event.
- j. Baseball – Starts February 18th. With the approval of the commandant, we now have a batting cage with a pitching machine in the pavilion. Used for both baseball and softball.
- k. Softball – Starts February 18th
- l. Track and Field, girl’s and boy’s, begin February 25th

Other:

- m. Homecoming – Next week. 1st ever in the history of our school. Meet with senior class officers several times along with their class sponsors. They came up with a list of activities... Alumni Chapter. Oldest is probably 23 or 24 years old.
- n. Senior Trip – 1st ever. April 23rd depart for Orlando. They will do Universal Studios on Wednesday the 24th. Thursday will be at Islands of Adventure with dinner at Planet Hollywood in Disney Springs. Return trip will be on Friday.

D. Facilities Update given by Commandant:

- a. NOMMA successfully prepared for and completed first ever Food Service Audit on 14 January. Auditors described it as a “nearly perfect”.
- b. NOMMA will be required to re-compete the existing Food Service Management Company contract. School Food Solutions will take lead effort for this.

- c. **Fire Sprinkler System re-inspected at end of January. Good for another year.**

D. Safety/Security Update given by Commandant:

- a. **Monthly Fire Drill completed.**
- b. **Operations Officer working on revision/development of comprehensive school security plan.**

E. Development/Capital Campaign Report given by Commandant

- a. **Thurs 10 Jan: Hosted visit from interested community members and potential benefactors.**
- b. **Tues 29 January: Hosted visit from Louisiana State Treasurer, John Schroder. Provided overview brief of Academy. Secretary Schroder made presentation to designated cadets and had excellent interaction/discussion with cadets.**

4. Old Business

A. Campus Expansion Update: Commandant gave Campus Expansion Presentation (same presentation given to Algiers Development District Board at their 16 Jan Board Meeting). The presentation reflected the product of the work of architectural firm Sizeler Thompson Brown and NOMMA core team. Elements of the expansion proposal were explained to NOMMA Board members. Planning efforts will continue.

5. New Business – No new business.

6. Public comment period – No comments

7. Remarks from Board Members – No comments

8. Adjournment – Motion by Mr. Doug Downing, second by Mrs. Carol McCall: Motion Approved.

9. Announcements – Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 26th