

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Board Meeting
January 30th, 2018
5 PM

Agenda:

1. Roll Call - Present: Col Ebbert, Mr Bean, Mr Bush, Mr Downing, Capt Grace, Mrs McCall, Gen Mize, LtCol Shinn. Absent: Mr Charpentier, Ms Finkbeiner, Mr Staines, Mr Welker. Board has a quorum.

2. Approval of minutes – Motion to approve by Mr Downing; second by Mr Bean; all present in favor.

3. Board Member vote confirmation. Gen Mize, previously identified and unanimously agreed upon as a board member, should he be willing to accept the position, was officially and unanimously voted in as a NOMMA Board Member, by those present.

4. Reports and Recommendations
 - A. Financial – Mr Downing gave the financial report.
 - i. Overall financial position remains strong, highly liquid.
 - ii. NOMMA has approximately 2.67 months of Operational Reserve; Current Ratio of 5.63; Quick Ratio of 5.30.
 - iii. Deficit in Net Surplus through December was expected and budgeted and is due primarily to timing issues. Expectation is that this figure will move into surplus as additional revenue (federal grants, MFP “true-up”) is received later in the school year.
 - B. Academic 600 applications for 300 seats; Caroline is planning to bring a congressional contingent to visit NOMMA the week after Mardi Gras; the purpose is to build supporters as we await Type 2 lawsuit results and support for congress to fund charter facilities; visiting NOMMA because of our unique funding deal; 50 students have earned Adobe Certified Associate Industry Certification. 38 are University Diploma cadets.
Dual Enrollment with Delgado – Certificate of Technical Studies – Maritime pathway - 23
 - C. Facilities – worked through boil water advisory for Westbank and no damage with most recent freeze. NOMMA procured hand sanitizers and made them available for all cadets in the bathrooms. There was one broken pipe (due to freezing) on the roof that was quickly repaired and properly insulated; no internal damage. The Nash Bldg (266, MCJROTC Wing) hallway was repaired again since the first reparation was not acceptable. A no-cost Energy Audit of the facility was recently completed through ILSS. Results must be examined. A statue of General John A. LeJeune (13th Commandant of the Marine Corps) has been offered to NOMMA by Mrs Phyllis Taylor. Arrangements are being made for delivery. Gen Mize has familiarity with this statue (one of several) and offered to discuss placement and design options with the Commandant.

D. Development - \$343,000 approved from private grant foundations thus far, to include NO Jazz & Heritage, Pro Bono Publico and Selley, plus Youth Force Nola (\$300,000 over next 3 years).

5. Type-2 Lawsuit Update – Louisiana Supreme Court heard oral arguments on this case on Tues 5 Sep. LAPCS suggested the potential of a SC decision being released today. It was not released. Next anticipated release date is in March.

6. Old Business

A. Campus Expansion Update – FCRC, 8th grade, Fieldhouse/Gymnasium - NOMMA Leased 6 suites in the Federal City Retail Center (FCRC), Suites 101-106, referred to as the NOMMA Annex. Suites 101 thru 104 were renovated and put into use for current school year. NOMMA has committed to LDoE and the community to begin an 8th Grade of approximately 100 students for School Year 2018-2019. To support 8th grade for school year 2018-2019, additional classroom and office space is required. The goal is to complete renovation of remaining 2 suites, (Suites 105 and 106) to provide classroom, office, conference room space for a robust 8th Grade. Discussion of this topic included reference to the pending LA State Supreme Court decision regarding public nature and funding for new Type-2 Charter Schools and discontinuing Minimum Foundation Payments as a major funding and revenue source, which introduces a great deal of uncertainty regarding the future plan for funding NOMMA operations. Further, the timeline to complete renovations and have adequate spaces available for the 8th grade is short. Given this uncertainty, the anticipated cost of renovating both remaining suites, the fact that the Capital Campaign for the renovation is just beginning and has no money thus far, and NOMMA's current financial posture, the decision was made that it was not financially feasible as of today's date to proceed with all needed additional renovations and, to move forward with renovation of Suite 105 only. This will provide three (3) additional classrooms, offices, admin area. Should additional spaces be needed, the Commandant will make a plan to accommodate additional students between the Main Campus and the NOMMA Annex.

Doug Downing made a motion to authorize school leadership to engage in buildout limited to Suite 105 and otherwise existing spaces to accommodate 100, 8th grade students at a cost of less than \$150,000.

Carol McCall seconded; vote unanimous

7. New Business

A. Capital Campaign Plan: Peyton Bush presented the Capital Campaign Plan; goal is to raise \$750K by 30 Aug 2018 to support renovations to the NOMMA Annex. Doug Downing - Board agrees to pursue Capital Campaign Plan as presented by Mr. Bush.

Carol McCall seconded; vote unanimous

B. Pupil Progression Plan: In accordance with direction from LDOE, Principal presents new pupil progression plan to board members. Col Ebbert motion to accept pupil progression plan seconded by Carol vote unanimous

C. Upcoming Events: Parade participation.

- Friday 2 Feb: Excalibur (Metairie parade). Drill Team & Band
- Saturday 3 Feb: Choctaw (Uptown route). Drill Team Only
- Sunday 4 Feb: King Arthur (Uptown route). Drill Team & Band
- Wed 7 Feb: Marine Mounted Color Guard Visit
- April: Tall Ships Event

8. Public Remarks - None

9. Remarks from Board Members

10. Adjournment