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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 15</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 24, 2002</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Pembroke Pines Charter School</b>

### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman O'Farrill. The Chairman thanked the parents and director at Pembroke Pines Charter M.S. for hosting today's meeting. Mr. O'Farrill reminded all attending to sign in and pick up Director's information packets at the door. Mr. O'Farrill asked that all directors stand, state their name, school they are teaching at and how many years they have been teaching.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

McMaughlin, Dough	American Heritage MS & HS
Nottage, Tavares	Apollo MS
Mengerson, Steve	Cardinal Gibbons
McClain, Leonard	Coconut Creek HS
Wright, James	Cooper City HS
Finn, Allan	Coral Springs Charter MS & HS
Dawson, Brett	Coral Springs HS
Luechauer, Joe	County Music Office
Brewer, Larry	Deerfield Beach HS
Morton, Paul	Driftwood MS
Williams, Anthony	Falcon Cove MS
Dorfman, Jay	Flanagan HS
Davis, John	Flanagan HS
Stair, Brandon	Forest Glen MS
Sponsler, Ty	Ft. Lauderdale HS
O'Farrill, Marline	H. D. Perry MS
Womack, Antonio	Hallandale Adult C.C.
LaBlanc, Duane	Hollywood Hills HS
Perdue, Lawrence	Lauderdale Lakes MS
Hammond, Jim	Lyons Creek MS
Heston, Curry	McArthur HS
D'mitrenko, Stan	Millennium MS
Jordon, Chris	Miramar HS
Flemming, Jermaine	New Renaissance MS
Hollander, Robyn	North Broward Prep MS
Lieberman, Daniel	North Broward Prep MS & HS
Salo, Steve	Northeast HS

Roth, Jamie	Nova HS
Weiss, Farryn	Nova MS
Van Landingham, Kim	Olsen MS
Shendell, Edith	Pembroke Pines Central Charter MS
Cabellero, Alejandro	Pembroke Pines Charter HS
Cole, Dayna	Pembroke Pines Charter MS
Wadman, Dale	Pine Crest
Pittman, Russell	Pines MS
Vagi, Glorida	Pioneer MS
Martin, Jimmy	Plantation HS
Lotocky, Walter	Pompano Beach HS
Nista, John	Ramblewood MS
Helm, Ron	Sawgrass Springs MS
Dzoba, Mike	Seminole Middle School
D'mintrenko, Stan	Silver Lakes MS
Rubio, Edgar	Silver Trail MS
Parsons, Jackie	South Broward HS
Friedman, Michael	South Plantation HS
Rusnak, John	Stoneman Douglas HS
Charles, Israel	Stranahan HS
Collier, Gary	Sunrise MS
Jenkins, Neil	Taravella HS
Pilato, Nikk	Taravella HS
Fegers, Glenda	Tequesta Trace MS
Walker, David	University/Nova MS & HS
Auguste, Jean	W.C. Dandy MS
Annis, Kim	W.C. Young MS
Carroll, Jeff	Wesminister Academy MS & HS
Giove, Steve	Western HS
Barrow, Ed	Retired

### **Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Dispensed

### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

Mr. O'Farrill had receipts for summer office supplies. There is a balance of \$15,027.63 in our account. Treasurer's Reports was accepted as read.

### **Item 5: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

Mr. O'Farril read a letter from Ty Sponsler and Ft. Lauderdale HS's Assistant Principal asking that the Ft. Lauderdale HS band be allowed to perform and participate in all FBA Performing Assesments. Motion passed.

The Chairman read a letter from Steve Salo of Northeast High School Band that their band be allowed to participate and judged for "Comments Only" for all events. McClain/Rubio. Motion passed.

The Chairman read an E-mail from Buglers Across America to provide bugels for volunteer organizations for mass taps on September 11th ceremonies. Anyone interested should contact Chairman O'Farrill.

The Chairman shared an E-mail stating that, for personal

reasons, John Nista was resigning his position as District Secretary. The chairman informed members that a discussion will be held later in the meeting to resolve this issue.

Sandstrom Fundraising provided samples at the meeting with information for interested Directors. Mr. O'Farrill went through a thorough and informative matter concerning all paperwork/materials in director's packets.

## **Item 6: Unfinished Business**

The following dates were provided to directors:

Dates for State Solo and Ensemble: March 31; April 1 & 2 at Satellite HS, Satellite Beach; State Concert Band South Site - April 22 -26; North State Band dates will be the same and we are still looking for sites.

Neil Jenkins encouraged all members and directors to use the FBA website.

Rehearsal sites for All-State performing groups: 11th-12th grade band - Tampa Convention Center; 9th-10th grade band - Radisson Riverwalk Hotel; Jazz Band - Tampa Convention Center.

The Chairman read the following dates for Certification of Adjudicators: Saturday/Sunday, 7/13 - 14, 2002 - Altamonte Springs; Saturday/Sunday, 9/14 - 15, 2002 - JP Taravella HS; Friday/Saturday, 12/6 - 7, 2002 - University of South Florida (in conjunction with Festival of Winds)

The Chairman stated that bands with second semester members changes can submit a letter requesting classification change to their District Chairman, FBA Executive Director and FBA President prior to January 30th of any school year.

Mr. O'Farrill stressed that students auditioning for All-State Band must turn in and sign the Student Authorization form. Directors must turn that in along with the list of student Application Forms. The chairman once again stressed that the audition fee was \$10.00 per entry.

A discussion of the restructure of Concert Band Performance Assessment at the state level will eliminate the sight-reading phase. An adjudicator will now provide a clinic for performing bands on their performances.

Discussion of eliminating district participation plaques for performing groups. Heston/Pilato to eliminate distribution of plaques for cost-cutting reasons. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

None

## **Item 7: Committee Reports**

None

## **Item 8: New Business**

(see hand-out)

## **Item 9: District MPA Dates and Sites**

Mr. O'Farrill stressed the importance of reviewing

## **Item 10: District MPA Adjudicators**

The Chairman read an update list of adjudicators for all events.

### **Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

Jermaine Flemming, New Renaissance MS would like to be added since he was an adjudicator in Dade County. He will need to do the necessary research.

Jaimie Roth, Nova HS for Jazz. Additional research is needed to see if Mr. Roth meets requirements.

### **Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees**

:Music Committee - concern of the amount of music for concert band have been removed and not replaced with equal quality. Also, not much music has been added to the list.

To eliminate Quick Step small print marches in the sight reading phase Concert Band Performance print was too small and difficult to read from performers/directors/adjudicators.

Clinic Committee - A) Clinic on starting elementary band programs; B) information for boosters programs concerning tax laws.

### **Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board**

None

### **Item 15: Other**

**Mr. Paul Morton, Driftwood was nominated and elected for the new District Secretary, effective immediately. Congratulations Paul!**

### **Item 16: For the Good of the Association**

Reminders that All-State Audition forms, student authorization forms and \$10.00 per entry are due to Mr. O'Farrill by Friday, August 30, 4:00 p.m.

Paul Karosow of Music Education Center welcomed back members and introduced two of his associates.

Neil Jenkins encouraged directors to read and write articles for the Music Director magazine. He also encouraged new directors to call veterans directors for help, advice, etc. Mr. Jenkins announced that London Symphony Brass will be featured at next year's summer conference. Mr. Jenkins also stated the clinicians for All-State performing bands. Mr. Jenkins encouraged all directors to bring their instruments and perform with the Broward Symphonic Band on Monday evenings from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Broward Community College, Central Campus Building in room 104. (please see enclosed brochure).

Nikk Pilato is collecting and refining a list of private music instructors. Please call.

Congratulations to Joe Luechauer on the birth of a new boy, Joe, Jr.! Mom and son are doing fine.

Larry Brewer and Deerfield HS are hosting a Marching Festival October 12. Bands are encouraged to sign up. Mr. Brewer added that it could be good rehearsal since our Marching Performance Assessment is at Deerfield Beach HS.

Ron Helm added for directors to be careful using inner school E-mail. The county is observing inappropriate usage.

Fred Schiff, All-County Music is sponsoring a Drum-off from the Pearl Corporation. Please call for additional information.

Anthony Williams - correspondence of discounts for band programs to be established.

Heston Curry - McArthur HS has approximately 150 green/orange/white uniforms that they would like to donate.

Best wishes to Fred Schmidt, recovering from back surgery.

### **Item 17: Next Meeting Date**

Next Meeting. . . Dates and Times:

Our next meeting will be at Deerfield Beach HS on October 19th. Charles/McClain. Motion passed.

The dates and schools of the following meetings were announced:

January 18 - South Broward HS; Rubio/Cole. Motion passed.

May 3 - Driftwood MS; D'metrenko/Nista. Motion passed.

### **Item 18: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Chairman O'Farrill thanked Dayna Cole and the parents of Pembroke Pines Charter School for hosting our meeting.

### **Name of District Secretary:**

Respectfully submitted,

John Nista

Secretary, District 15

### **Signature:**