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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 15	MEETING DATE: 1-18-03
MEETING NUMBER: 2	MEETING LOCATION: South Broward High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Chairman O’Farrill called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. A special thank you to the band parents of South Broward High for the breakfast and for hosting the meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Rabin, Stewart	Attucks MS
McClain, Leonard	Coconut Creek HS
Finn, Allan	Coral Springs Charter MS & HS
Anastasio, Theresa	Coral Springs MS
Luechauer, Joe	County Music Office
Brewer, Larry	Deerfield Beach HS
Morton, Paul	Driftwood MS
Miles, Rick	Flanagan HS
White, John	Ft. Lauderdale
O’Farrill, Marline	H. D. Perry MS
LeBlanc, Duane	Hollywood Hills
Heston, Curry	McArthur HS
Dmitrenko, Stan	Millennium MS
Roth, Jamie	Nova HS
Weiss, Farryn	Nova MS
Vanlandingham, Kim	Olsen MS
Shendell, Edith	Pembroke Pines Central Charter MS
Wadman, Dale	Pine Crest
Bradford, Richard	Piper HS
Prudchenko, Slava	Piper HS
Martin, Jimmy	Plantation HS
Lotocky, Walter	Pompano Beach HS
Nista, John	Ramblewood MS
Helm, Ron	Sawgrass Springs MS
Dzoba, Mike	Seminole Middle School
Rubio, Edgar	Silver Trail MS
Parsons, Jackie	South Broward HS

Navardn, Andre's
Collier, Gary
Pilato, Nikk
Walker, David
Carroll, Jeff
Giove, Steve
Kluttz, Maria
Barrow, Ed

Stranahan HS
Sunrise MS
Taravella
University/Nova MS & HS
Westminister Academy MS & HS
Western HS
Westpine MS
Retired

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Miles/ Walker to accept the treasurer's report . PASSED

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The Chairman discussed the treasurer's report. Because of the success of marching festival, we have a low assessment this year.

MOTION: McClain/Dzoba to accept the treasurer's report . PASSED.

Item 5: Communications

The Chairman discussed the process of reclassification. A vote was taken on late reclassification requests.

MOTION: Miles /McClain to accept Millennium Middle School's request to participate in concert M.P.A. for comments only. PASSED

MOTION: Curry/Martin to host high school solo and ensemble at South Broward High School. PASSED

MOTION: Walker/Miles to accept Cardinal Gibbons School's request to participate in concert M.P.A. for comments only. PASSED

MOTION: Miles /Martin to accept Coral Springs Charter School's request to participate in concert M.P.A. for comments only. PASSED

Item 6: Unfinished Business

Reactions to board minutes: none.

Item 7: Committee Reports

Marching Band MPA report was discussed.

A discussion was held on directors that do not help at Marching M.P.A. and how this problem could be solved.

MOTION: Luechauer/ Dzoba To form a committee on Marching M.P.A. on how we can achieve more director's help running the festival. PASSED

Weiss, Wadman and Walker volunteered to be on the committee.

A thank you was given to Larry Brewer and his parent at Deerfield Beach for Marching Festival.

Item 8: New Business

Chairman discussed festival entries. 12 high schools have missed deadline for handing in forms. You must have a PC formatted disk when you hand in your forms. Due date means in the Chairman hands not post marked. Bands will be scheduled in order received.

High School Performance Assessment dates: Jazz – 2/13 at Flanagan;

S&E – 2/14 & 2/15 at South Broward; Concert – 3/19 – 3/22 at Taravella.

Middle School Performance Assessment dates: Jazz – 2/27 at Flanagan; S&E -2/28 – 3/1;

south site – Silver Trail, north site- Ramblewood; Concert – 4/2-4/5 at Taravella.

Item 9: State MPA Dates and Sites

Please your read state minutes. State Solo and Ensemble will be at Satellite High on March 31 through April 2, 2003

State Concert M.P.A. will be at North Port High School on April 26 and 27, 2003

All county band does conflict with state M.P.A. We are under contract and dates cannot be changed.

Item 10: District MPA Dates for Next Year

MOTION: McClain/Pilato to have Marching M.P.A. on November 1, 2003.

MOTION: Pilato/Rubio to have High School Solo and Ensemble on February 12-14, 2004.

MOTION: Rubio/ Walker to have Middle School Solo & Ensemble and Jazz on March 3-5, 2004.

MOTION: McLain/Bradford to have High School Concert M.P.A. March 17-20, 2004. **or**

MOTION: Curry/ Parsons to have High School Concert M.P.A. March 24-27, 2004.

MOTION: Rubio/ Dmitrenko to have Middle School Concert M.P.A. on March 31 through April 3, 2004

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

None

Item 12: Nominations of All State Clinicians

None

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

Allan Finn would like to see grade one music expanded.

Marlene O'Farrill would like to see more styles in grade one music.

PROPOSAL TO THE HONORS BAND SELECTION COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL: Students nominated to any of the All State Honors Bands must have participated in the All State audition process.

BACKGROUND: This year there were 750 students nominated for the 7-8 Honors Band from 215 schools. After the schools which had nominees make the 7-8 All State Band were removed there were still representatives from 175 schools left with only 125 spots to fill in the band. Therefore, 50 schools were left without representation in the All State Concerts.

RATIONALE: Considering the fact that the Honors Bands were created in order to give opportunities to all schools, I find it reprehensible that such a large number of schools were left out. I realize that this proposal may still not solve the "numbers crunch" but it may help while also increasing the level of proficiency of performers selected to the band and perhaps making the process more meaningful and fair. I personally have always had a policy to only nominate students who actually auditioned for All State because I screen my students carefully and make sure that they are qualified to perform at the All State level. I don't want to nominate a student who fails to learn all of the scales or prepared pieces and cannot perform at that level of achievement. By instituting this policy, we will assure that all students who are assigned to the Honors Bands will have at least "All State potential".

CAVEAT 1: District chairpersons MUST enforce the rule regarding director's attendance at All State auditions. For the past two years many directors and I have volunteered to do "double duty" at All State auditions because some directors could not be there. There is a provision in the rules for "extreme emergency" but I feel that some directors who don't assist in this process are being left off the hook too easily.

CAVEAT 2: Directors must assure that all students who take the All State audition are truly prepared for it. What we don't want are more unprepared students at the auditions, which already take the better part of a day in some districts. Since the new scale requirements were instituted, there has been a dramatic decrease in unprepared students at these auditions and I would not want to see this trend reversed.

CAVEAT 3: Some who hear this proposal may worry that there could be a lack of “color instruments” to choose from. If this is a valid concern, I propose that the nomination form include a box to check for students who have participated in the audition and that those students are placed first. Only if there were no available instruments from the auditioned students would the selectors be allowed to consider non-auditioned students.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Walker
University School of Nova Southeastern
FBA District 15
01/17/03

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

Nick Pilato suggested to close up loophole that schools are to be members of both F.S.M.A. and F.B.A. to participate in M.P.A. Motion Pilato/Rubio Passed
Rationale: Some bands directors thought they did not have to be a member of FBA to participate.

Item 15: Other

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

Ron Helm reviewed correspondence. Not happy with Embassy Suites as an All State housing.
Pine Crest High 1/24 free concert
Rick Miles recommends Dean Broadbend for show design.
Nikk Pilato is also available for show design and is very affordable.
Plantation Community School is starting a community band cost is \$39 dollars. The group will perform light fun music.
Jeff Geist is available for jazz clinics. 954-974-4403 or 954-562-7120
Edgar Rubio is looking for a professional recording of Nathan Hale Trilogy.
Paul Ayick sub for band, contact him by e-mail: bulos@earthlink.com
Thank you to Neil Jenkins and Ron Helm for putting North Area Honor Band back together.
Thank you to All County Music for donating instruments to Attucks Middle School and Coral Springs Charter School.
March 28 joint concert with both Pine Crest Schools. Call Dale Wadman for more information.
Congratulations to Heston Curry on the birth of his new baby boy Heston Jr.

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

May 3.2003 at Driftwood Middle School

Item 18: Adjournment

MOTION: Martin/Brewer to adjourn. PASSES

Name of District Secretary:

Paul Morton, District 15 Secretary

Signature: