



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year
DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES
(ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 15	MEETING DATE: August 25, 2007
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: J.P. Taravella High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Jamie Roth thanked the J.P. Taravella Band Patrons, Neil Jenkins and Cheldon Williams for graciously hosting the meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

American Heritage High School	Imerbsin, Kim	Dillard HSOTA	Dorsey, Chris
American Heritage Middle School	Vezina, Izabelle	Everglades HS	O'Farrill, Alan
Apollo MS	Malagon, Ramiro	Everglades HS	O'Farrill, Marline
Attucks MS	Rabin, Stewart	Falcon Cove MS	Loew, Ian
Bair MS	Ecklund, Christopher	Flanagan HS	Maina, Ed
Cardinal Gibbons	Mengersen, Steve	Glades MS	Hennen, Aaron
Coconut Creek HS	Calmer, Dean	Henry D. Perry MS	Collier, Gary
Cooper City HS	Schletter, Chris	Hollywood Hills HS	Roque, Nelson
Coral Glades HS	Larragoity, Ingrid	Indian Ridge MS	Brewer, Larry
Coral Springs Charter	Dinino, Marisa	J. P. Taravella HS	Williams, Cheldon
Coral Springs Christian	Horne, Rodger	J. P. Taravella HS	Jenkins, Neil
Coral Springs HS	Dawson, Bret	Lyons Creek MS	Hammond, Jim
Coral Springs MS	Puccinelli, Luis	Margate MS	Strattan, Kenneth
Cypress Bay HS	Friedman, Michael	McArthur HS	Curry, Heston
David Posnack Hebrew Day School	Cohen, Nataniel	Millenium MS	D'mitrenko, Stan
Deerfield Beach HS	Auguste, Jean	Miramar HS	Davis, Alvin
Deerfield Beach MS	Lisena, Mike	Monarch HS	Harrison, Jordan

Music Office	Luechauer, Joe	Rickards MS	Mosley, Clarence
New River MS	Jules, Ronald	Sawgrass Springs MS	Helm, Ron
North Broward Prep	Lupton, Ryan	Seminole MS	Roth, Jamie
North Broward Prep	Anthony Williams	Silver Lakes MS	Smith, Paul Southwood
North Broward Prep	Wexler, Seth	Silver Trail MS	Rubio, Edgar
Nova HS	Jefferson, Eric	South Broward HS	Cedeno, Octavio
Olsen MS	Scott, Emily	St. Mark's Episcopal Sch	Bassett, Dan
Parkway MS	Mustafa, Melton	St. Thomas Aquinas	Bradford, Richard
Pem. Pines Charter MS-Central	Shendel-Frankel, Edith	Stoneman Douglas HS	Rusnak, John
Pem. Pines Charter MS-West	Cole, Dayna	Stranahan HS	Chambers, Zach
Pinecrest School	Jadvani, Allison	Sunrise MS	Halil, Walter
Pinecrest School	Jones, Roland	University School of Nova SE	Walker, David
Pines MS	Pittman, Russell	University School of Nova SE	Russo, Mike
Pioneer MS	Vagi, Gloria	Walter C. Young MS	Annis, Kimberly
Piper HS	Kervens Jackson	Westglades MS	Schmidt, Fred
Plantation HS	Brown, Martin	Westminister Academy	Carroll, Jeff
Plantation MS	Crotty, Kathy	Westpine MS	Kuhla, Paul
Pompano Beach HS	Clark, Kristin	All-County Music	Schiff, Fred
Ramblewood MS	Nista, John	Retire	St.Claire, James

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Motion: Cole/Jefferson To dispense of the reading of the previous minutes. **motion passed**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Balance is \$376.26

Waiting for reimbursements from FSMA \$218.71 and Miramar High School \$181.50 (who turned in money at the meeting).

Last Year's additional \$5 per All-State Entry recovered \$1,665 of the \$5,390 spent on the Superscope Recorders. The remaining funds are needed to recuperate the loss.

Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

Date: October 13, 2007

Location: Seminole Middle School

Time: 9:00 am (8:30 am for all new directors and mentors who have questions)

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

- **Protect the dedicated fine arts credit for high school graduation.**
- **The need to have a middle school fine arts course requirement**
- **Including the fine arts in any revision of the Sunshine State Standards or World Class Standards**
- **Eliminating mandates that add requirements to the school day without adding minutes or funding- as the last effort for daily PE in grades K- 5 which can hurt other areas of the curriculum (particularly in the middle and high school)**

FSMA WEBSITE

What's Changed?

Please visit www.flmusiced.org to see the redesigned FMEA/FSMA website. We hope you will continue to find the website easy to use functionally.

What's New?

- **New Legislative pages** – it's easier to see the Legislative Alerts, current talking points, and FAQs.
- **Your School's Legislators** - A new feature is that it's now possible for you to look up your school and find out who the legislators are for that location. Your booster organizations are often the very best advocates for your programs and we hope it will be helpful for you to know who represents them.
- **Your Music District's Legislators** - You may also look up state senators and state representatives by your music district – and you continue to be able to look them up by inputting your own local address.
- **Sample Letters** - As many of you requested – a sample letter inviting legislators to a local performance has been placed on this page. We hope that you'll use it – and raise your local representatives' awareness of your outstanding music programs.

Please take time to “play” with these pages, so that you will be able to respond easily when Legislative Alerts are posted.

Legislative Meetings

August and September are months when it is easy to schedule a meeting with your state senator or state representative and if you choose to do that, please read the FAQ for that topic. The *districts for state representatives are generally very small* and often contain only one high school, one or two middle schools, and several elementary schools. If we are to make progress on our legislative program, it's REALLY important that they hear from you.

[Every time someone talks to a legislator about music education – importance is added.](#)

All politics are local! We appreciate your active participation in this part of supporting music education and the legislative program of FMEA/FSMA!

Item 7: Announcements

Chris Zeruth warned the membership about the effects of not using sun screen and its direct correlation to cancer. Please wear sun screens and hats when outside at all times. Unfortunately his father is suffering of brain tumors that can be directly related to the effects of sun and no protection from it.

Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at Coral Springs Middle from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM All state coaching sessions to be given by members of the New World Symphony.

The Billy Hunter Trumpet Master Class is scheduled for Saturday September 22 from 12-2PM at Nova High School. Please let me know if you need more details.

The Taravella Wind Orchestra has been selected to perform at the CBDNA conference in Columbus, GA in February of 2008.

Brett Dawson informs the membership that if you are teaching a college course, you can receive the amount of credits for teaching that course towards your certification.

Broward County will no longer allow teachers to receive in-service points for attending conferences. FMEA is working with the lobbyist to work that into a bill.

If you have a sound system you do not know how to use or put together you can contact Dean Calmer at Coconut Creek High School

Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

No Packets

Item 9: Unfinished Business

Motion Schmidt/Vezina to use Coral Springs Middle as the All-State Site. **Motion passed**

Item 10: Committee Reports

No Reports

Item 11: New Business

Motion by Helm/Sletter Coconut Creek High School to be exempt from the Marching Requirement. **Motion passed**

All-State assessment to include addition \$5 per student to a total of \$15.

FBA Website – Restructure

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due September 1, 2007 (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at www.flmusiced.org. Students will **not** be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 1st.

Classification Forms due **October 1st** (NEW this year) to the District Chairman. Principal and Director Signature Required

Report the enrollment of your ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just your band program.

Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate

Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders)

Middles School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only

FINE: 50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.

Form is on the FBA website: www.flmusiced.org/fba

All State Auditions: (type & Print forms are in August Bulletin and on <http://flmusiced.org/FBA/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ImBeqfVEjyk%3d&tabid=71&mid=523>)

1. YOU MUST E-MAIL THE ALL-STATE TEMPLATE FOUND IN THE FORMS SECTION OF THE FBA WEB PAGE TO edgar.rubio@browardschools.com
2. YOU MUST E-MAIL OR SEND A HARD COPY OF THE TYPE & PRINT ALL-STATE APPLICATION FORM.
3. YOU MUST HAVE A SCHOOL/BOOSTERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR TOTAL COST OF THE AUDITIONS TO JAMIE ROTH AT SEMINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL OR EDGAR RUBIO AT SILVER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL (NO PERSONAL CHECKS AND / OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED).

NOTHING WILL BE DONE TO ENTER YOUR STUDENTS UNLESS ALL THREE ITEMS ARE IN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31. (NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE)

YOUR TIME COMMITMENT FOR AUDITION DAY IS IN SHIFTS: (you will receive an email with all of the times in the near future)

Site: Coral Springs Middle School

Date: September 8, 2007

Deadline: August 31, 2007

Fees: \$15 per student

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline. **(please be advised that there is no 8th day calendar deadline due to the fact that the 8th day is the day of the audition and we WILL NOT be adding students on the day of the audition)**

Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for All-State.

Small School Honors Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination:
Forms are in August Bulletin and on www.flmusiced.org/fba

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

*****ALL-STATE PROCEDURES PRESENTATION*****

Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):

Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):

Oliver Hobbs Award - Requirements

The intent of this award is to recognize FBA members who have consistently done an exceptional job year after year in the position of band director.

Criteria

- FBA Member for at least 15 years and a current band director in the state of Florida
 - Attends FBA District and State meetings (July and January) on a regular basis
 - Superior (at least 75% of the time) ratings at the District Concert and Marching (if High School)
- MPA'S
- Participation and with outstanding results at the District SE MPA
 - Service to the profession. (District Officer, served on FBA/ FMEA/FSMA committees, etc, and/or helps with the MPA's and other FBA events.

Selection Procedure

- Each District may nominate one person (secret ballot, 75% positive vote of those present at the August or October district meeting)
- An application is completed by the nominee (due to the FBA Awards Committee Chair by Nov 1)
- Three letters of recommendation (School Principal, Recent Marching or Concert Band MPA Adjudicator of the nominee's band program, and one other FBA member due to the Award Committee Chair by Nov 1)
- A committee will select the award recipients based on the application and other outside knowledge
- 0 - 4 recipients selected per year

DISTRICT 15 Nominates (up to 4):

Gloria Vagi, Ron Helm, John Nista, Anthony Williams were nominated. After voting, District 15 will be nominating :Gloria Vagi

Tom Bishop Award

The intent of this award is to recognize a FBA member who has gone into a band program and turned the program around, making a huge positive difference in a relatively short period of time in the position of band director.

Criteria

- FBA Member and currently a band director in the state of Florida
- The nominee is teaching at the same school the year they are nominated.
- Attends FBA District and State meetings (July and January) on a regular basis
- Dramatic improvement in Concert and Marching MPA ratings from previous year(s)
- Participation and good results at the District SE MPA
- Band program has grown in numbers

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- No limit on the number of recipients

DISTRICT 15 Nominates (no limit):

Chris Sletter, Chris Dorsey, Melton Mustafa, Nicole Greco

At the conclusion of voting, the district could not come up with a candidate that received 75% of the votes.

Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites (PRINCIPAL LETTER REQUIRED)

Marching Band MPA

Date: November 3, 2007

Site: Charles W. Flanagan HS

Hard Copy of Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 13, 2007 (FBA Meeting)

***No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors (sign-up with district secretary)

Solo and Ensemble MPA (High School) – February 1/2, 2008

Will be held at either Monarch High School or Nova High School depending on who turns in their letter signed by principal

Jazz Band MPA (MS/HS) – February 20-21, 2008

Cypress Bay High School

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH) – February 22&23, 2008

North Site: Coral Springs Middle

South Site: TBA

Concert (JH/MS) – April 16-19, 2008

TBA

Concert (High School) – March 5-9, 2008

J.P. Taravella High School

We encourage schools to bring letters to the next meeting if interested in hosting.

*****MPA ONLINE PROCEDURES PRESENTATION*****

It is extremely important that you begin now the process of entering your names into the MPA online.

Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA

Nov. 3 rd	Adj. Name
Music	Paul Boren
Aux.	Tanya Jackson
Music	L.C. Coney
GE	OPEN
M&M	OPEN

L.C. Coney
Lee Ponder
Jason Duckett
Tanya Jackson
Addison Gilbert
Tina Laferrire
Cathi Leibinger
Chris Martindale
Randy Sontag
Bryan Alspach
Chris Bonner
Chuck Beutel

HS S&E Feb 1 & 2

Don Bradley
Bruce Brazinski
Tony Womack
Larry Harvey
Malena Calle
Paul Boren
Jennifer Frankenstein
Josh Bula

MS S&E Feb 22 & 23

Bruce Brazinski
Tony Womack

Larry Harvey
Rodger Faulman
Malena Calle
Robert Raabe
Jennifer Frankenstein
Joann Kinder
Gerri Hacker
Jim Hacker
Fred Kagi
Paul Boren
John McGallagher
Jason Duckett
L.C. Coney
Addison Gilbert
Beth Gottlieb
Cathi Leibinger
Chris Martindale
Manuel Suarez
Randy Sontag
Chuck Beutel
David Plack
OPEN
OPEN

HS Concert
MPA March 5-8 Tina LaFerrire
Jose Lopez
Ivan Wandsley
Sight Reading -> OPEN

MS Concert
MPA April 16-19 OPEN
Malena Calle
Manuel Suarez
Sight Reading -> Lee Ponder
Sight Reading -> Bryan Alspach

HS/MS Jazz
MPA Feb 20 & 21 Erich Rivero
Jim Hacker
Jeff Phillips
Clinician -> OPEN
Clinician -> OPEN

Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Motion by Helm/Imerbsin to allow JAMIE ROTH to begin the internship process to add to MARCHING (MUSIC, GE, & M&M). **motion passed**

Motion by Helm/Vezina to allow Ed Meina to enter the internship adjudication program in the field of Jazz. **Motion passed**

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

There needs to be clarification from the board on music purchased on the internet as downloads for solo and enemble. Students are not being allowed to use these purchased parts as originals.

Relay to the FSMA board that they could save money on postage if they purge their mailing list of the schools that have already paid. Many schools are receiving 2nd and 3rd invoices after their school has paid the dues.

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

None

Item 17: Correspondence

None

Item 18: For the Good of the Association

Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook.

Motion by Jenkins/Nista to show a vote of no confidence with Joelsch and their picture quality. The District would like to break the contract with Joelsch and move on to a different company. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Ron Helm announced information about the Gold Coast Jazz Society. Visit www.goldcoastjazz.org

November 18, 2007 will be the Hall of Fame Concert to induct Neil Jenkins in the FBA Hall of Fame.

Kim Annis is looking for a Teacher Aide. Please contact her at Walter C. Young Middle School.

Neil Jenkins invites you to encourage very good high school students to participate in the BCC Concert Band on Monday Nights.

Neil Jenkins is conducting the Florida Ambassadors tour in the summer of 2008. The band is for High School Students from all over the state of Florida. The group will be rehearsing once in February and then have more intense rehearsals in June before they leave for the tour. The cost is approximately \$4000 and it will last 16 days through several countries in Europe.

The Taravella Band commissioned a piece in honor of John Nista and it is available through FJH. It is listed as a grade 3.

All-County Music volunteered to print the programs for Marching Band MPA

Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 PM

Name of District Secretary:

Edgar Rubio