



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72<sup>nd</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-07)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 6</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 27, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Jinja Bar &amp; Bistro, Lake Mary</b>

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

"We are better together than we are separately."

Call to order at 7:30, introduction of directors and guests  
Joe Hodge Kaleidoscope Tours  
Music and Arts  
Allegro Music

### **Item 2: Members and Guests Present**

Introductions

Clayton Donnan, Crooms Academy  
David Allen, Greenwood Lakes  
BJ Meyer, Trinity Christian  
Dave Hedgecoth, Rock Lake  
John White, Markham Woods Middle  
Carey Wright, Campbell Middle School  
Andrew Kidd, Spruce Creek High School  
Sonya Shearer, Warner Christian Academy  
Adam McIntyre, Winter Springs High  
Ted Shistle, DeLand High  
Gary Ulrich, Tuskawilla Middle  
Joey Monahan, Indian Trails Middle  
Barbara Kaminsky, Lawton Chiles Middle  
Mike Torres, Ormond Beach Middle  
Bill Reinecke, SCPS  
Kerry Couch South Seminole Middle

Richard Young, Hinson Middle  
Angelo Lindine, Milwee Middle  
Barry Sturms, New SB Middle  
Michelle Seth, Southwestern Middle  
PL Malcolm, Seminole High School  
Michael Williams, Silver Sands  
Erik Johnson, Sanford Middle School  
Monique McIntyre, Deltona Middle  
Jeff Hoh, Seminole High School  
John Seth, Spruce Creek High School  
Todd Leighton, Lake Howell High  
Mark Barron, Private Instructor  
Brian Sullivan, New Symra Beach High  
Brad Gillette, Atlantic High School  
Mike Rice, Hagerty High  
Nancy Micklos Lake Brantley High

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

Motion to dismiss with reading of minutes – Allen - second by Kidd

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

End of Past Year's Statement: \$14, 780.74

Current Balance: \$ 13, 227.72

Proposed Current Year Budget: \$53, 600

♪ Late fees will continue to be enforced.

♪ MPA entries will be time-stamped electronically.

You must pay fee to district chair you will be locked out of MPA online until you do so if you are late in registration

- ♪ Districts are encouraged to create an “Emergency Fund” in case MPAs are cancelled. Executive Board has also created one that Districts may contribute to.

## Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

Tuesday, November 13, location TBA

Lake Mary High school has offered to host 7PM

## Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

New FMEA/FSMA website (*Legislative Information* link)

- ♪ Easier way to find your legislators (for your school and your home)
- ♪ Easy to view legislative alerts
- ♪ Sample letters to legislators
- ♪ Tutorials for speaking/meeting with legislators

Action Items to keep an eye on:

- ♪ Protecting the dedicated fine arts credit for high school graduation (non-arts lobbies want to alter)
- ♪ The need to have a middle school fine arts course requirement (on governor’s to-do list)
- ♪ 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 middle and high school).

Legislature meets in March & April but don’t wait until then to act.

Create/maintain a network of parents, boosters, community leaders to help respond to legislative alerts, and directors respond to them as well.

Capwiz is where you can view legislation

## Item 7: Announcements

FMEA fees to go up by \$5

Hotel reservations for FMEA Clinic/Conference to open on Sept. 1 @ 9AM. (Do not use a debit card!!!)

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. (Review/List awards in the Music Director magazine.)

There is a new Medalcraft price list on the FBA website

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Acceptance/Review of Correspondence

Review contents of packets

- ♪ Agenda
- ♪ Band director’s checklist of responsibilities /Calendar (salmon)
- ♪ Data sheet (green) **Turn this form in to Josh Langston right away.**
- ♪ FMEA – FBA Application (white)
- ♪ All-State Band application – Small School Honor Band – MS Honor Band (white)
- ♪ All-State participant’s contract (white)
- ♪ All-State audition scripts (blue)
- ♪ All-State Requirements (gold)
- ♪ 2007-2008 Classification form (pink)
- ♪ 2007-2008 Medals order form—send to Joann Kinder (white)

- ♪ Oliver Hobbs/Tom Bishop awards info sheet (purple)
- ♪ Oliver Hobbs/Tom Bishop awards applications (white)

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

Site selection for 2007-2008 MPAs

- ♪ Review of letters requesting to host
- ♪ Letter from Greenwood Lakes to reclassify from MC to MD – letter rescinded
  - All-State Auditions, Sept. 15, 2007-  
letter from Sanford Middle to host all state auditions- motion to accept by Allen second by Reinecke – PASSED
  - Marching Band MPA, Nov. 3, 2007- Spec Martin Stadium, Deland
  - HS Jazz MPA, Feb. 7, 2008-
  - HS S & E, Feb. 8-9, 2008-  
Motion to accept letter from Deltona High School – Malcolm. second by Scacia - PASSED
  - MS Jazz, Feb. 22, 2008-
  - MS S & E, Feb. 22-23, 2008-  
Motion to accept letter from Deltona High School to host – motion by Bottomley second by Scacia - PASSED
  - HS Concert MPA, Mar. 6-8, 2008-  
Discussion by Dr. Musgrave regarding Volusia county budget shortfalls which will effect money available for travel. This will also effect time scheduling for Volusia Bands. Discussion of the viability of split sites followed. Positive comments by Cindy Berry, Brain Sullivan and Monty Musgrave.  
Move to accept the split site from Lake Mary (Thursday and Friday) and NSB High (Saturday) passed. Move by Kidd – second by Malcolm.
  - MS Concert MPA, Apr. 17-19, 2008-  
Letter from Seabreeze High School to host festival  
Motion to table – Allen – second – Scacia,  
(conflicts with Passover – perhaps a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Festival)  
Committee to discuss options was created.

Split sites for MS Solo & Ensemble

- ♪ Dependent upon sites offering to host
- See above

Individual vs. Unit Assessments

- ♪ Presentation by Bill Reinecke

A detailed handout was presented by Bill Reinecke showing money spent in past on festival and what would be spent per band if a unit system was used. Various unit amounts were presented. It was decided that we not change and remain with the per unit assessment.

## Item 10: Committee Reports

none

## Item 11: New Business

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due **September 1** (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at [www.flmusiced.org](http://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 Sept. 30** 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](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Handbook—read rules before each event!! Handbook is posted on the FBA website.

All State Auditions: (forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) )

Site: Sanford Middle School

Date: Sept. 15, 2007

Deadline: August 31, 2007

Fees: \$15.00

- LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
- 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](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)
- Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

Marching Band MPA:

Date: Nov. 3, 2007

Site: Spec Martin Stadium, DeLand

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): Oct. 13, 2007

- Complete entry in MPA Online; submit hard copies to Josh Langston
- No assessment money collected at this time.
- Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors
- Admission cost:

MPA Online

- ♪ Do not need separate software
- ♪ Can do your own title changes
- ♪ Entries are time-stamped; from last time the entry is altered
- ♪ Must still submit hard copies/monies on time!!!

Creation of an emergency fund in our budget.

Table it to next meeting – Berry – Second by Allen

Mentoring

- Casual group gatherings, mentor pairings, in-services, “What’s on your mind?” forums, Tip-of-the-week e-mails, etc.

Members: Dr. Musgrave, John Seth, Gary Bottomley

MPA Commentaries

Table - Will be discussed at next meeting

Committee was formed – PL Malcolm, Bill Reinecke, Cindy Berry, John Seth

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

Terry Pattishall – nominated by John Seth second Barbara Kaminsky PASSED

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

Mike Williams – Silver Sands Middle Nominated by John Seth second by Scacia PASSED

## **Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites**

See “Unfinished Business” above

## **Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

Marching Band MPA; Josh Bula, Check Perego, Craig Daniels, Brian Wuttke, Joanne Dodge

## **Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

Bill Guthrie WW, concert bands – Jeremy Williamson, second by Scacia, - secret ballot - PASSED

## **Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

♪ Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):

♪ Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

## **Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board**

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

## **Item 18: For the Good of the Association**

Reminder that the more people that attend marching MPA the lower the district's assessment will be  
Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.

Greenwood Lakes – rescinded reclassification letter

Reminder from Michelle Seth that FBA and FVA S&E are being held concurrently-schedule your accompanists wisely

Dr. Musgrave encouraged all to support your feeders in the MPA experience. He also encouraged the group to foster a voice (band parents) when faced with challenges from the state – this voice must go beyond email.

Mention: there is an increasing # of counts of questionable ethics occurring statewide.

♪ executive board asked to address specific problems:

- Use of inappropriate language at events (specifically aux. events)
- Time limits on marching shows
- “Intentional” loss of scores @ MPA to go “comments only”
- Music selection for MPAs
  - Creating a “list” for jazz bands
  - Defining what an appropriate march is
    - Discuss reason for playing a march
- General increase in the request to legislate ethics

All-State Conference to be in Tampa through 2013.

Encourage interns to become FBA members. Hand them the FBA handbook and make them read it!

There will be a Jazz List posted on the FBA website. This is only to be used as a resource; it is not a required list for MPAs.

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

There is contract for the all state superscopes- all 14!! We will budget to spend under \$2000.00

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Reinecke – second by Rice