



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73rd year DISTRICT MEETING #1 AGENDA (ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 6	MEETING DATE: 8/25/08
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: Millennium MS

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Things to think about....

- Transformation
 - What can we/you do to reach the % of general student population not enrolled in music?
- Creativity, Innovation, Quality
 - How do we keep our profession relevant in the face of changing times?
- What is our/your mission?
 - MENC: The mission of MENC: The National Association for Music Education is to advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all.
 - FMEA: The mission of the Florida Music Educators Association is to promote quality, comprehensive music education for all Florida Students as a part of their complete education.
 - FBA: The mission of the Florida Bandmasters Association is to promote and support band programs in the state of Florida by providing opportunities for in-service growth, program evaluation, and student performance.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM

Thanks to River City Catering and Music and Arts and Allegro Music for sponsoring tonight's dinner.

Comments made by Josh Langston regarding the issues in Item 1 of this agenda.

PRESENT:

Butricco, Krissy	Heritage MS	Seth, Michelle	Southwest MS
Mills, Tim	Heritage MS intern	McIntyre, Monique	Indian Trails MS
Johnson, Erik	Sanford, MS	McIntyre, Adam	Winter Springs HS
Newhouse, Andrea	Seminole HS	Malcolm, PL	Seminole HS
Ferland, Kyle	Deltona Middle	Ulrich, Gary	Tuskawilla MS
White, John	Markham Woods MS	Couch, Kerry	South Seminole MS
Hinkley, James	DeLand MS	Bottomley, Gary	Teague MS
Williams, Mike	Silver Sands MS	Hendon, Duane	FBA
Norona, David	Lake Mary High	Hedgecoth, Dave	Rock Lake MS
Burgess, Dustin	River Springs MS	Kaminsky, Barbara	Chiles MS
Villa, Matt	DeLand HS intern	Line, Dennis	Oviedo HS
Shistle, Ted	DeLand HS	Sullivan, Brian	New Smyrna Beach HS
Rice, Mike	Hagerty HS	Reinecke, Bill	SCPS
Robinson, Paul	Pine Ridge HS	Leighton, Todd	Lake Howell HS
Guthrie, Bill	Creekside MS	Meyer, BJ	Trinity Christian
Sturms, Barry	New Smyrna Beach MS	Benedick, Steve	Altamonte Christian/ Covenant Arts
Butler, Michael	Spruce Creek HS	Shearer, Sonya	Warner Christian
Kidd, Andy	Spruce Creek HS	Williamson, Jeremy	Jackson Heights MS
Valastyan, Karen	Campbell MS	Kolodinsky, Marc	Deltona High School

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. White. Seconded by Reinecke. PASSED

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

End of Past Year's Statement: \$1,340.70 (after we receive check from FSMA)

Proposed Current Year Budget: \$59, 860.00

- Budget increase due to increase in mileage rate for adjudicators and the \$.10 per entry increase that each district will pay the state FBA Office (from \$.80 to \$.90 per entry).
- We went over budget for 2 main reasons:
 - Cost of pianos for S&E
 - Cost of extra judges for HS Concert MPA
 - Extra custodial services/booster reimbursement for hosting MPAs
- Action Items for "New Business"
 - Do we want to ...
 - explore the use of clavinosas/electronic pianos for S&E to cut costs OR
 - bear the brunt of this is expense, which has been included in the new budget?

Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

Monday, Nov. 17, 7PM, Site- Millennium Middle School

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

Presented by Josh Langston with additional comments made by Duane Hendon

Bill 610: Physical Education

- Students in grades 6-8 will be required to take one class period per day for one semester of each year beginning in the **2009-2010 school year**
- The PE requirement can be waived if: the student is enrolled in a remedial course, the student's parent requests in writing to enroll the student in another course, the student is participating in physical activities outside the school day equivalent to the mandated requirement
- Each school district must notify the student's parent of the option related to this requirement BEFORE scheduling the student to participate in PE

Bill 1712: Relating to Ethics in Education Act

- If you are convicted of a felony you will forfeit your retire benefits. Basically, anything much more than a traffic violation
- If a teacher resigns from a position in lieu of termination, the school board is required to report the misconduct to future employment references if the misconduct affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student
- School board members will be penalized for not disclosing misconduct
- Charter and private schools are included in these provisions if they receive scholarship students
- A teacher will be suspended if they know of and fail to report actual or suspected child abuse or misconduct which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student

Bill 1908: Relating to Designation of High School Grades

- Language related to the fine arts credit for high school graduation to include "practical arts courses that incorporate artistic content and techniques of creativity..."
- In the 2010-2011 school year the FCAT writing should not be earlier than March 1, and the rest of the test not be administered earlier than the week of April 15
- A statewide standardized end-of-course test be administered in the last two weeks of the course
- School districts will not be able to suspend regular school classes to administer practice tests or other test-prep activities for state wide assessment

Amendment 5 – Removal of Ad Valorem taxes (Has been removed from the November Ballot. An appeal is expected.)

- **Intent of amendment:** To make the tax structure more fair for property owners; boost real estate market

- **What amendments says:** Removes & seeks to replace ad valorem taxes required by the legislature with other funds for education
- **Effect of amendment:** Removes \$9.5 billion from state education budget...seeks to replace:
 - With sales tax increase
 - Other budget cuts
 - Repeal of tax exemptions
 - Other revenues
 - Only requires legislature to replace for 1 year

Amendment 7- Religious freedom

- **Intent of amendment:** 1) to ensure an individual may not be bared from participating in a public program because of religion & 2) to remove the constitutional barrier that allows the state to aid religious groups who do good work
- **What amendment says:** above PLUS that the state may now use funds from the public treasury directly or indirectly in the aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination...
- **Effect of amendment:** makes public education money available to private schools

Amendment 9-Public Funding of Education

- **Intent of amendment:** 1) require that 65% of school funding be used for classroom instruction, rather than school administration & 2) to reverse the legal precedent which prohibits public funding of private alternatives...
- **What amendment says:** above PLUS
 - Changes "Public Funding" to Public Funding of Education"
 - Changes the following language:
 - "Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools....."
 - To: "This duty [education] shall be fulfilled, at a minimum and not exclusively, through adequate provision by law for a uniform, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools....."
- **Effect of amendment:** opens the door for public education to NOT be the main source for getting an education in Florida

Action Items

- Adapt this presentation for your own use
- Educate booster clubs, community supporters, etc.
- Enlist booster help to spread the word
 - Booster Summit?

Comments regarding 'booster summit' of parents were made. Jeremy Williamson volunteered to coordinate the list of parents. Bill Reinecke – involve choral parents as well.

Item 7: Announcements

FBA District 6 website soon to be online

(can visit now at http://web.me.com/jllhoss/FBA_District_6/Florida_Bandmasters_Association.html)

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. Available awards:

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| • Hall of Fame | • College Music Educator of the year |
| • 25-Year Service Award | • Innovative Program/Project |
| • Superintendent of the year | • School Music Enrollment |
| • Music Educator of the year | • Music Demonstration Schools |
| • Distinguished Service Award | • Administrator of the year |
| • Leadership Award for Music Education | |

Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Letters from:

Comments from Reinecke regarding split sites for MPA due to FCAT scheduling.

- Markham Woods MS requesting to host MS S&E & Jazz
 - Winter Springs HS requesting to host HS Concert MPA
 - Jolesch Photography offering contract to continue doing the photography @ Marching MPA
 - 1, 2, 3 year extension?
- !!! Comments made by PI Malcolm regarding the need for additional risers for groups.

Packet info is available online.

Packets e-mailed. Contents included:

- FBA Director's List of Responsibilities (with District Dates included)
- FMEA Registration form (due September 1 to FMEA; online registration is available)
- Classification form (due Oct. 1 to District Chair)
 - Must be typed...available on the FBA website
 - Hendon – you must attach letter with classification forms. Required.
- All-State Application (due Sept. 6; spreadsheet, signed forms, student contracts, & check)
 - 1 application for each band (9-10 gr., 11-12 gr., jazz)
 - Langston- please make sure you fill out forms completely AND correctly.
- All-State Entry Spreadsheet
 - Must fill out info on 1st tab!!!
 - Please read instructions on 1st page of spreadsheet
- All-State Student contract
 - Students will not be scheduled w/o the contract on file.
- Medals order form (orders DO NOT go to district chair)
 - Medals are not kept on hand. All orders are custom orders and take time to complete.
- Awards Info (Oliver Hobbs Award & Tom Bishop Award)
 - Nominations in "New Business"
 - Explanation of awards by Langston
- Middle School Honor Band Application
 - Williamson – explanation of process of accepting students from rosters submitted.
- Small School Honor Band Application
- All-State Scripts (please practice w/ students)
 - Reminder from Langston of procedures
- All-State Requirements (check website for updates/corrections)
- Timpani Etudes
- MPA Online Excel Import template
 - Must re-register your log in for this year !!!
 - This log in is different than your FBA log in
- Etiquette guidelines
- Marching Band Best Practices paper
 - Executive Board tabled the following motion and will come to a vote in the January FBA general business meeting (Tampa):
 - "That FBA limit the number of Marching Band Field Evaluations to a total of four per school year, one of which must include Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Music Performance Assessment. High schools that do not comply with this requirement will not be eligible to participate in any other FBA events for the remainder of the school year."

Item 9: Unfinished Business

Discussion from last meeting Re: State Concert MPA and the potential for improving the experience

Results from Executive Board discussion:

- Many programs do not participate in the State events, mostly because of cost, travel time, & the need to pull kids from class during critical AP/final exam prep/review.
- The Executive Board is already working on ways to lower the cost.
- Additional locations are hard to come by. University Spring Breaks rarely line up with our MPA windows.
- Most members did share our frustrations on the subject, or were loathe to mention it.
- Presentation of this issue was made difficult by the fact that we had nothing to submit as a proposal.

MPA Commentator

- Do we want to pursue this again?
- The commentator committee put forth a proposal last year to begin use at MS Concert MPA, but judges were so hard to come by that it fell by the wayside.

Comments made by Bottomley and Langston- not a good time due to economy
Malcolm- volunteer local HS directors who are willing to serve

Handbook review

Langston – please review with your guard/dance instructors

- Time limits (marching, S&E events, etc.)
 - Auxiliary solos now minimum of 1:45 sec., max. 3 min.
 - Can perform 2 equipment solos (not 2 pieces in 1 solo)
- Deadlines and late fees
- Sight Reading
 - Only the director can teach during sight reading (not interns, associate directors, etc.)
- Clarification- Bottomley – others may assist, not teach
- Classification

Item 10: Committee Reports

Item 11: New Business

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms - due September 1 - earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALLSTATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.**

Send to: FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT www.flmusiced.org

FSMA school dues payment (to FSMA by September 15)

Classification Forms due October 1 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)

Middle 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: (forms are in August Bulletin and on www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Site: motion – Reinecke - Sanford Middle School if available. Second Kidd- PASS

Date: **9/20/08**

Deadline: **9/6/08**

Fees: \$15.00

Discussion of needed equipment – Langston. – shortage of equipment is possible. Bottomley – advantage to having a sound tech person. Malcolm- we need someone to set rooms.

Kidd is it possible to hire a tech? Renting mics and using superscopes is a possibility. Berry- possibility of gathering superscopes by Dr. Musgrave.

Williamson – clarification of time limit for tympani tuning.

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

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

Marching Band MPA:

Date: **11/1/08**

Site: **Spec Martin Stadium, Deland**

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): **10/11/08**

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

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

Cindy Berry nominated Bottomley Second - malcolm

Move to close nominations – Malcolm. Second. White

Move to accept – PASS

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

Sturms nominated Brian Sullivan - second Kidd

Close nominations - Kidd – second by M. McIntyre

Move to acceppt Sullivan - PASS

Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites

HS JAZZ MPA: THURSDAY, FEB. 5, SITE TBA

HS S&E MPA: FRIDAY-SATURDAY, FEB. 6-7, SITE TBA

MS JAZZ MPA: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, SITE TBA

MS S&E MPA: FRIDAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20-21, SITE TBA

HS CONCERT MPA: THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 5-7, SITE TBA

MS CONCERT MPA: THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 26-28, SITE TBA

Discuss requests to host...

HS Concert MPA – split sites – accept letters from WSHS and NSBHS moved by – A. McIntyre, second by Sullivan

HS sites – Winter Springs High and New Smyrna Beach High- PASS

Move to Accept Lake Howell for MS Concert MPA – Couch. Second by Bottomley- PASS

Move to Accept Markham Woods for MS Solo and Ensemble – Reinecke. Second- Malcolm. PASS

Discussion of 3/27 for middle school MPA – teacher work day.

Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators

Thanks to Bill Reinecke for securing the following judges.

Marching MPA: Buddy Ball, Penny Janowski, Lee Ponder, Ian Schwindt, Paul Wilson

HS Jazz: Gary Langford, Jose Lopez, Bill Prince

HS S&E: Jose Lopez, Bill Prince, Jeanie Berry, Missie Ellis, Chuck Beutel, Roanna Combs, Michelle Fernandez-Denlinger, Barbara Fultz, David Fultz, Jane Lucas, Jeff Moore, Sue Nicholson, Susuan Watford, Phil Wharton

MS Jazz: Mark Ellis, Al Hager, John Almeida

MS S&E: Bob Allen, Buddy Ball, Shawn Barat, Chuck Beutel, Amy Bradley, Owen Bradley, Roanna Combs, Marianne Flanagan, Mickey Gautney, Al hager, Mark Lussier, Linda Mann, John McGallagher, George Walters, Phil Wharton, Charles Watford

HS Concert: Richard Davenport, Joe David, Don Reynolds, TBA

MS Concert: Tim Douglass, Asa Jernigan, Tina Laferriere, Jim Matthews

Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

none

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

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

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Other:

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

Item 17: Correspondence

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.

Brass Band Concert - September 13th – St. Lukes Church in Oviedo.

Reinecke – if you are new and unsure how to process your MPA information, please ask!

Hendon – reminder that FBA bulletin is only Online.

Item 19: Adjournment

Move to adjourn – White. Second – Reinecke. PASS !

Name of District Secretary:

David M. Hedgecoth

Signature:

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