



## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73<sup>rd</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES (ver. 08-08)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 8</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 13, 2008</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Dr. Phillips High School</b>

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

Call to Order at 4 PM.

Thank you to Charles Watford and Matt Kaminkas for the use of Dr. Phillips

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Jill Guitierrez – Hunters Creek MS  
Becky Schwartz – Corner Lake MS  
Marianne Flanigan – Colonial HS  
Katie Hoey – Avalon MS  
Robert Krahn – West Orange HS  
Erin Davis – Meadow Woods MS  
Bernie Hendricks – Ocoee HS  
Jeremy Langford – Olympia HS  
Melvin Wright – Evans HS  
Bruce Green – Meadowbrook MS  
Rufus Redding – Jones HS  
Missie Ellis-Phelps – Lakeview MS  
Charles Watford – Dr. Phillips  
Rhett Cox – Timber Creek HS  
Mark Carter – Ocoee HS  
Brian Sullivan – Glenridge MS  
Michael Simmons – Memorial MS  
Ken Boyd – West Orange HS  
Jeanie Berry – Southwest MS  
Hannah Jennings – Legacy MS

Lindi Jaques – Walker MS  
Fancis Franqui – Winter Park HS  
Linda Orrantia – Windy Ridge  
Chris Perez – Freedom HS  
Jonathan Brown – Boone HS  
Jennifer Young – Apopka MS  
Dereck Shapiro – Cypress Creek HS  
Rob Connelly – Boone HS  
Courtney Coker – Blankner  
Gary Hernandez – Avalon MS  
Abby Mejeur – Edgewater HS  
Chris Greening – Lake Highland Prep  
Mark Sorrels – Liberty MS  
Leo Lamos – Wekiva HS  
Keith Nichols – Conway MS  
James Henderson – Boone HS  
Michael Antmann Bridgewater MS  
Jack Eaddy – Oak Ridge HS  
Chris Segó – Chain of Lakes MS  
Mike Parks – OPCS

Susan Watford - Union Park MS  
Joel Moody – Winter Park HS  
John Antmann – Freedom MS  
Christina Dimitry – South Creek MS  
Melissa Sandusky – Howard MS  
Phil Obado – University HS  
Jason Ford – Piedmont Lakes MS  
Darius Langston – Lee MS  
Pam Guess – Arbor Ridge  
Jeff Willis – Cypress Creek  
Osvaldo Quezada – Jones HS  
Matt Kaminkas – Dr. Phillips  
Chris Cannon – Apopka HS  
Jeremy Robins – Olympia HS  
Lindsay Cannon – Wolf Lake MS  
Eric Mendez – Maitland MS  
Vanessa Vache – Gotha MS  
Lisa Bujnicki – Lakeview MS  
Rebecca Segó – Private Teacher  
Franklin Jennings – Freedom HS

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- The minutes can be found on the FBA website: <http://www.flmusiced.org/fba>
- If there are no comments or suggestions the minutes will be approved as sent to the membership

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- We currently have \$526.03 in our checking account.
- We are awaiting a check for \$21,495.38 from FSMA.
- Once again you will be receiving a copy of our budget at each meeting. You might notice that our operating budget has increased from \$73,000 at the last meeting of the year to \$74,370. The reason for the \$1300 increase is because the mileage rate paid for FBA activities went from \$0.45 per mile to \$0.50 per mile and the assessment paid to the FBA office was raised from \$0.80 per entry to \$0.90 per entry. Duane adjusted our budgets for this school year to reflect the two increases.

### Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Bridgewater MS. Dr. Winds will be set up with their display of Solo and Ensemble music. Dinner will also be provided by Bridgewater

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

### **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 – Has been removed from the November Ballot. An appeal is expected.**

### **Amendment 7**

### **Amendment 9**

Mike Parks spoke briefly on the affects these amendments may have on public education. Encourage directors to inform parents but not tell them how to vote. We will look to organize a Band Booster/Parent Summit to take a closer look at various legislative issues.

Hannah will be putting together a booster summit meeting to start the process of educating people in Orange County. Any interested directors should see her after the meeting.

## **Item 7: Announcements**

- FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine
- Florida Southern Music Camp: congratulations to Jeanie and Missie for a great job in running the camp, and congratulations to Ken Boyd for doing a great job as a guest conductor
- Congratulations to Mike and Ruthie Antmann for the birth of Julia Lauren (also congrats to John – the proud uncle)
- Congratulations to Rhett Cox and the Timber Creek HS Wind Ensemble for being selected to perform at the 2009 FMEA Conference.
- Congratulations to Missie Ellis for completing her Master's Degree from Boston University
- Congratulations to Nicole Nasrallah for completing her Master's Degree from Boston University
- Congratulations to Hannah Jennings for completing her Master's Degree from THE Florida State University
- Congrats to the Winter Park HS Marching Band for being selected to participate at the Fiesta Bowl Parade and Band Competition.

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

All paperwork has been distributed via email. If you did not receive an email from Hannah that means she does not have a working email address for you. Please see her after the meeting so she can get an email from you and get you squared away

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

Revisit Middle School MPA split location – Motion to resend the split of middle school Concert MPA was passed (Boyd/Bujnicki)

- Several ideas were discussed regarding middle school MPA and how to create a better event for everyone.

Motion (Boyd/ Connely) – Add a 5<sup>th</sup> adjudicator to the panel and all judges will rotate (including sight reading) after each band. – Motion Passed

University HS letter for MS Jazz MPA – Passed by vote

Lake Highland letter for HS Jazz and S&E Passed by vote

Ocoee HS Letter for HS Concert MPA – Passed by vote

## Item 10: Committee Reports

MPA Programs – Keith Nichols

- Please get all info in to Keith in a timely manner. Don't wait until 4:30 on the deadline day. It just creates a lot of extra work. Marching MPA info needs to be in soon. List of names needs to be a word or excel document. And all marching bands are limited to one page.
- Make sure you include full music titles and arranger/composers (no abbreviations) and the correct prefixes for names (Dr. Mr. Mrs., etc.)
- Thanks to Franklin Jennings for the program editing last year.

Marching MPA Middle School Mass Band – Christina Dimitry

- Please plan to attend – the more middle school students that attend equals more middle school parents paying to get in. High Gate = Lower Assessment.
- The Thursday rehearsal will not take place this year. We will just meet earlier on Saturday morning for a walk through.
- Music is still the Kinyon arrangement. Let Christina know if you need parts.
- We are contacting Mayor Crotty and/or mayor Dyer for the guest conductor

Marching MPA – Bernie Hendricks

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Citrus Bowl
- We are still working with the Marks Foundation to raise money for this event. Fund raising will be going on and we will seek the assistance of all bands.
- We are also looking into some public advertising ideas in order to increase the turnout for this event. Please participate once we come up with our advertising methods.
- All High school directors, please send your band logo to Bernie via email. (jpeg, photo shop or whatever you use)

## 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](http://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](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

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

Site: Ocoee HS – recorded by Chris Gaines again this year

Date: September 20, 2008

Deadline: September 8, 2008

Fees: \$20 – for each kid, \$10 goes to Chris for the recording fee, and \$10 goes to FBA for the assessment fee

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.

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE check the website for corrections that have been made to the requirements

**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: November 1, 2008

Site: Citrus Bowl

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): September 24, 2008

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors – please be sure to sign up for volunteer assignments!

**MPA ONLINE:**

- We will be using the MPA Online system again this year
- Everyone must register again this year, your password from last year will not work

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

**Congratulations Marianne Flanigan – Colonial High School**

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

**Congratulations Mark Sorrels – Liberty Middle School**

Marching Band Motion:

- Should have picked up the motion and the Best Practices for Marching Band
- This motion was brought up in the May meeting, but tabled until the December meeting
- Don't want to discuss this today
- This motion is going to be brought back up in December and Hannah needs to know how to vote for you, since she am your voice on the board
- Please look over the motion, look over the Best Practices for Marching Band, and we will discuss this topic in our November meeting

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

Jazz MPA – (MS/JH): February 19, 2009 site University HS

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH): February 20 – 21, 2009, site Discovery MS

Solo and Ensemble & Jazz MPA (High School): February 5 – 7, 2009, site Lake Highland Prep

Concert (JH/MS): April 20 – 24, 2009, site TBA

Concert (High School): March 5 – 7, 2009, site Ocoee High School

**Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

Jodi Wunsch

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

## **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.

The UCF All-State Prep Clinic will be Saturday, August 23, 2008 from 9:30 – 4:45. A flier was sent out in my email. Directors are provided with a complimentary lunch from 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM courtesy of Yamaha

FMEA hotel rooms:

- Hotels are still having a bunch of no shows
- Waterside overbooked and still at 80% capacity
- Embassy Suites overbooked and still at 75% capacity
- Some people were charged the first night if they didn't show, but they had the credit card company dispute the charge, and in the end the hotel ended up eating those costs
- FMEA has a contract with the hotels to guarantee certain # of rooms. In the past FMEA has been able to talk their way out of the situation, but if they can't FMEA could end up having to pay \$25,000 to \$50,000
- PLEASE get rid of hotel rooms that are not needed

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

5:13 PM – (Bujnicki/Moody)

Respectfully Submitted by  
Bernie Hendricks, Jr.  
FBA District 8 Secretary