



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73<sup>rd</sup> year  
DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-08)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 9</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: 11-19-2008</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 2</b>	<b>LOCATION: Clearwater HS</b>

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

*Gregory Urban at 7:04PM*

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

*Greg Urban – Northeast High  
Shawna Grimes – Kennedy Middle  
Vince Parrulli – Countryside High  
Robin Benoit – Largo Middle  
Jamin McPhetridge – Palm Harbor High  
Jason Foster – St. Petersburg High  
Max Bygrave – Azalea Middle  
Dave Taglarini – Madera Beach Middle  
James Dykes – Dunedin High  
Jack Henderson – Pinellas Park High  
Howard Weinstein – FBA Member  
Jeff Bowen – Meadowlawn Middle  
Karen Whitley – Northside Christian  
Josette Harris – Dixie Hollins High  
Shawn Anderson – East Lake High  
Chris Kalwa – Maderia Beach Middle Intern  
Jeanne Reynolds – Pinellas County Arts Supervisor*

*Bryan T. Braue – Clearwater High  
Chris Touchton – Southside Fundamental Middle  
Chris Benoit – Largo High  
Paul Rayius – Osceola Middle  
Katherine Laursen – Largo High  
Bob Barfield – Tarpon Springs High  
Ben Futoran – Indian Rocks Christian  
Eric Krause – Thurgood Marshall Middle  
Don Edwards – Osceola High  
Jason Obara – Carwise Middle  
Calista Zebley – Coachman Middle  
Stephen Whitley – Pinellas Park Middle  
John Fulton – Guest  
Troy White – Bay Point Middle  
Daniel Wood – Seminole High  
David Braman – John Hopkins Middle*

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

*Paul Rayius motions to waive the reading of previous minutes, Chris Touchton seconds: MOTION PASSES*

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

*Current balance is \$12,279. Gate receipts from Marching MPA were very close to last years.*

### **Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues**

*Pinellas County Schools - Jeanne Reynolds*

*Florida is now ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in our nation. We must stay on top of legislative issues that may come up in the future not only for arts, but education as a whole. Funding for education around the state must increase.*

### **Item 6: Communications**

*None*

### **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

Solo and Ensemble MPA:

Date: *Feb. 20/21<sup>st</sup> 2009*

Site: *PCCA @ Gibbs HS – pending letter*

*Entries done on-line and print the following forms:*

- *From S&E Screen: Entries List and Student Roster*
- *From Concert Screen: Roster for each band*
- *From Jazz Screen: Roster for each band*
- *From Main Screen: Assessment Form*
- *Any Special Permission Forms you received back from the music committee.*

*All forms and a check for assessment due to district chairman by: Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 2009. Remember that on the 15th day past the due date, entry forms will no longer be accepted.*

Jazz MPA:

Date: *Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2009*

Site: *Dunedin HS – pending letter*

*USF Jazz Band will be performing as an exhibition at the conclusion of this event.*

HS Concert MPA:

Date: *March 19/20/21<sup>st</sup> 2009*

Site: *PCCA @ Gibbs HS – pending letter*

MS Concert MPA:

Date: *April 21/22/23/24<sup>th</sup> 2009*

Site: *Pinellas Park HS – pending letter*

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

*Judges are needed for S+E. Please email Greg Urban if you have suggestions.*

## **Item 9: New Business**

*Requests for re-classification must be approved by district vote.*

*Countryside HS A – BB*

*Dixie Hollins HS A – CC*

*East Lake HS A – B*

*Lakewood HS A- CC*

*Palm Harbor HS A- B*

*Pinellas Park HS A- CC*

*St. Petersburg HS A – BB*

*Chris Benoit motions we accept all reclassifications, Robin Benoit seconds, MOTION PASSES*

Nominations for Oliver Hobbs Award and Tom Bishop Award

Criteria for the Hobbs and Bishop Awards:

- 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 Hobbs recipients selected per year.

- No limit to Bishop recipients selected per year.

3+1 marching band rule:

- 3 competitions and FBA, hence 3+1.
- Is it good to punish the students for what the director is doing?
- Who will regulate this? District chair, secretary.....???
- Consequences – how many bands will pull out of FBA?
- Is it worth the time or effort because a small percentage (5%) does too many competitions?
- Our county alone host 7 events (Largo GI, Seminole Sound, East Lake Classic, Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival, BOA St. Pete, FMBC State and FBA Marching MPA), many chose to go to in-county events because they are close and don't take all day.
- Students enjoy band competitions??? Yes and no.
- There are some bands that can handle more than 4 and still have a strong well-rounded program.
- It has been rumored that if FBA does not take action then FSMA will and they make take action without knowledge of what is in our best interest. Their rules may limit us in areas that we do not want them to limit us. It is much better for us to regulate ourselves.

*District Nine voted for Chairman to vote no on the above motion at the Executive Board meeting.*

## **Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites**

### **State S&E MPA**

North: *March 30-April 1, 2009 West Port High School, Ocala*  
 South: *April 6-8, 2009 Palmetto Ridge High School, Naples*

### **State Concert MPA**

North: *April 20-24, 2009 University of Florida, Gainesville*  
 South *April 20-24, 2009 North Port High School, North Port*

## **Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

*None*

## **Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees**

*None*

## **Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board**

(must be in the form of a motion)

*Vince Parulli motions that the current FBA Handbook contain an up to date rubric for band ratings at MPA events. Katherine Laursen seconds, MOTION PASSES*

## **Item 14: Other**

*None*

## **Item 15: For the Good of the Association**

*Bob Barfield - Ruth Eckerd Hall is offering a pilot program for free music lessons. If you have students who would be interested in this program please contact Ruth Eckerd Hall*

*Jeanne Reynolds – Special thanks to Greg Urban and Bryan Braue for putting together a great Marching MPA event as well as converting our district to digital recording rather than tapes.*

*Jeanne Reynolds – Thanks to all directors who helped and attended All-County Orchestra events.*

*Jeanne Reynolds – Attend FMEA, it's important! Kevin Ford will be giving a presentation at this years conference, please be sure to support him.*

**Item 16: Next Meeting Date**

*January 28<sup>th</sup> at Clearwater High School, 7:00PM*

**Item 17: Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn – Shawn Anderson*

*Second – Jason Foster*

**Name of District Secretary:**

*Bryan T. Braue*

**Signature**

*Bryan T. Braue*