



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73rd year

DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES

(ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 15	MEETING DATE: August 23, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: Cooper City High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- Meeting called to order at 9:01am
- Thank you to Chris Schletter, the Cooper City Band Parents Association, and TJ Rydza for this morning's breakfast
- Presentation - TJ Rydza – Entertainment Company

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Scott Adelman - Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences	Ramiro Malagon - Apollo MS
Kim Annis - Walter C Young MS	Leonard McClain - South Plantation HS
Jean Auguste - Deerfield Beach HS	Paul Morton - Driftwood MS
Richard Bradford - St. Thomas Aquinas	Clarence Mosley - Richards MS
Larry Brewer - Indian Ridge MS	Jim Mullen - Calvary Christian
Dean Calmer - West Broward HS	Susan Nicholson - Pine Crest (HS)
Jeff Carroll - Westminster Academy	John Nista - Ramblewood MS
Kristin Clark - Pompano Beach HS	Marline O'Farrill - Everglades HS
Nathan Cohen - David Posnack Hebrew Day	Jennifer O'Neal - Bethune Elementary
Dayna Cole - Pembroke Pines Charter MS (West)	Luis Piccinelli - Coral Springs MS
Heston Curry - McArthur HS	Stewart Rabin - Attucks Middle
Alvin Davis - Miramar HS	Jess Rivero - Pembroke Pines Charter HS
Brett Dawson - Coral Springs HS	Marcos Rodriguez - Archbishop McCarthy
Marisa Dinino - Coral Springs Charter	Jamie Roth - Seminole MS
Stan Dmintrenko - Millennium MS	Edgar Rubio - Silver Trail MS
Mike Dorfman - Private Teacher	John Rusnak - Stoneman Douglas HS
Christopher Dorsey - Dillard SOTA	Mike Russo - University School (MS)
Chris Ecklund - Bair MS	Fred Schiff - All County Music
Kelle Greenleaf - Ft. Lauderdale HS	Chris Schletter - Cooper City HS
Walter Halil - Sunrise MS	Emily Scott - Olsen MS
Jim Hammond - Lyons Creek MS	Edie Shendell-Frankel - Pembroke Pines Charter MS (Central)
Jordan Harrison - Monarch HS	Jim St. Clair - Vendor
Ron Helm - Sawgrass Springs MS	Brian Travelsted - Cypress Bay HS
Aaron Hennen - Glades MS	Johnnie Tracy - Western HS
Kim Imerbsin - American Heritage (HS)	Gloria Vagi - Pioneer MS
Allison Jadvani - Pine Crest (MS)	Isabelle Vezina - American Heritage (MS)
Neil Jenkins - JP Taravella HS	Dave Walker - University School (HS)
Ronald Jules - New River MS	Farryn Weiss - Nova MS
Mike Lisena - Deerfield Beach MS	Seth Wexler - North Broward Prep
Ian Loew - Falcon Cove MS	Anthony Williams - Pines MS
Ryan Lupton - North Broward Prep	Cheldon Williams - JP Taravella HS
Joe Luechauer - Music Office	

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the district website as well as the FBA website.
- Motion to dispense reading of the previous minutes: Calmer/Cole. **Motion Passed**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- Currently \$486.70 in our checking account
- Waiting on \$12,071.56 from FSMA
- End of Past Year's Statement: \$499.66
- Proposed Current Year Budget: \$78,987.00
- At the end of the year, Edgar would like to pay \$5000.00 to the FBA hurricane fund

Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

- October 15, 2008 – Coral Glades High School – 6pm

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

- **Constitutional Amendments – Nov. 4**
 - Three constitutional amendments on the Nov. 4 ballot could change public education, funding for public education, and the system of public education, itself.
 - These three amendments together, if approved by voters, will probably cut arts education from many public schools and will drastically change how education systems function:
 - The purpose of the three amendments is to allow the state to provide vouchers, so that state revenue for student tuition will be entirely portable – able to be used by any private or public school.
 - Please oppose these three bad amendments at the November ballot box and mobilize your network of boosters and community arts supporters, as well.
- **Eliminating State Required School Property Tax and Replacing with Equivalent State Revenue – Amendment #5**
 - According to the amendment language to replace those revenues, the legislature may
 - repeal exemptions on sales tax
 - increase of one percentage point to the state sales tax (would produce about \$3 billion),
 - reduce other component of the state budget,
 - or find other revenues identified or created by the legislature.
 - FMEA urges a “NO” vote on this amendment.
- **Religious Freedom – Amendment #7**
 - Amendment #7 entitled “Religious Freedom” repeals the prohibition between church and state. The language specifically removes the statement that state revenue is prohibited from being used in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination, or any sectarian institution.
 - FMEA urges a “NO” vote on this amendment.
- **Public Funding of Education – Amendment #9**
 - Amendment #9 contains two issues and the most important change is easy to overlook. It changes the title of a section of the Constitution from “Public Education” to “Public funding of education.” That sentence is rephrased by the amendment to read –
 - “This duty [education] shall be fulfilled, at a minimum and not exclusively, through adequate provision by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure and high quality system of free public schools.....”
 - Thus – the free public school system is reduced to a minimum system of education and is a “non-exclusive” method of providing education to Florida children. When this provision is coupled with the provisions of amendment #7, tax dollars will be enabled to flow freely into private and religious schools, simultaneously removing those same dollars from public school districts.
 - The second section which is widely touted as the key provision of this amendment is the 65% rule which establishes that school district must spend 65% of school funding on classroom instruction – a standard most school districts already exceed since teacher salaries are usually considerably in excess of 65% of any school district budget.
 - FMEA urges a “NO” vote on this amendment.

Item 7: Announcements

- FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.

Item 8: Communications

- All members need to fill out a director contact information form
- AT&T Youth Institute flyer was included with your copy of the budget. It can also be found on the district website
- Marathon HS and Key West HS have contacted us regarding performing at our Marching MPA

Item 9: Unfinished Business

- Photography contract for Marching, Jazz, and Concert MPAs
 - Proposals received from Paradise Studios and Jolesch Photography
 - Motion to accept Paradise Studios - Jenkins/Roth. **Motion Passed**
- Video recording contract for Marching MPA
 - Proposal received from Randel Notman
 - Motion to accept Randel Notman's proposal – Morton/Schletter. **Motion Passed**
- Audio recording contract for Jazz and Concert MPAs
 - Proposal received from David Hillberry
 - Motion to accept David Hillberry's proposal – Curry/Wexler. **Motion Passed**

Item 10: Committee Reports

- None

Item 11: New Business

- New district website – www.fba15.org
 - E-mail your handbook and any other items you'd like to see on the district website to Mike Russo
- **Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms - Due September 1**
 - **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALLSTATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.**
 - Send payment to FMEA or pay online 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
 - 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.
 - Forms on the FBA or district websites
- **All State Auditions:**
 - Site: Seminole Middle School
 - Date: September 20, 2008
 - Deadline: September 3, 2008 by 4:00 PM
 - Fees: \$13.00 per student
 - LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA District 15) \$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.
 - **Edgar went over how to fill out the forms. Please ask if you have any questions. Incorrectly filled out forms will be sent back to you!**
 - All forms are on the district website.
- **Small School Honors Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination Forms Due by September 24th to appropriate coordinator – NOT District Chairman or Secretary**
 - Forms are on the district website
- **Marching Band MPA:**
 - Date: November 1, 2008
 - Site: Coral Springs High School
 - Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 1, 2008 (with classification form)
 - No assessment money collected at this time
 - Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors and High School Directors with no marching program – sign-up sheet went around the room. See the district website to remind yourself what you signed up for. We need everyone's help!
- **Marching Band Motion from 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 event for the remainder of the school year.
 - **Rational:**
In order to align our activities with the FBA philosophy and the "best practices" for marching band, it is necessary to establish an equitable balance between the different aspects of band programs. Excessive participation in marching band competitions has

potential ramifications for our profession, including excessive fees, lower retention rates which may affect teacher units and a de-emphasis of other significant aspects of our curriculum.

- Discussion conducted both for and against
- Motion for a “No” vote at the December board meeting - Morton/Curry. Rational: The wording from FBA is negative with regard to issuing a punishment. FBA should issue this as a recommendation, not a rule. **Motion Passed**
- **Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award**
 - Congratulations to John Nista!
- **Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award**
 - Tabled to October Meeting
- Jess Rivero offered to arrange for Middle Schools to play National Anthem at Marching MPA. We will look into the logistics before the October meeting.

Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites

- Jazz (MS): February 19 – Cypress Bay High School
- Jazz (HS): February 20 and 21 – Cypress Bay High School
- Solo and Ensemble MPA (High School): February 20 and 21 – Cypress Bay High School
- Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH): March 13 and 14 – Ramblewood MS (North) – Seminole MS (South)
- Concert (High School): March 4 – 7 – Taravella High School
- Concert (JH/MS): April 22 – 25 – Deerfield Beach High School

Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA – November 1

Music - Brian Wuttke
Music - Chuck Fulton
Marching and Maneuvering - Tamyra Difruscio
General Effect - Mike Ginesin
Auxiliary - Tanya Jackson

Jazz MPA (MS and HS) – February 19 – 21

Mike Ginesin
Mark Nelson
TBA

High School S&E – February 20 and 21

LC Coney
Paul Boren
Randy Sonntag
Don Bradley
Malena Calle
Cathi Libenger
Jennifer Frankenstein
Josh Bula
Addison Gilbert
Fred Kagi
Lee Harvey
Kathy Blaha
Tanya Jackson
Kara Sampson
Chris Martindale
Jesse Pearl

High School Concert MPA – March 4 - 7

Dr. Bently Shellhammer
Dr. Shelby Chipman
James Hacker
Rodester Brandon - Sight Reading

Middle School S&E – March 13 and 14

LC Coney
Jody Wunsh
Randy Sonntag
Paul Boren
Erich Rivero
Don Bradley
Malena Calle
John Bixby
Cathi Leibenger
Jennifer Frankenstein
Josh Bula
Addison Gilbert
Roger Faulman
Joann Kinder
Robert Raabe
Fred Kagi
Kathy Blaha
Rick Miles
Kim Miles
Lee Harvey
Manny Suarez
James Hacker
Gerry Hacker
Chuck Beutel
Kara Sampson
John McGallagher
Chris Martindale
Bruce Brazinsky
Jason Duckett
Middle School Concert MPA – April 22 - 25
Randy Sonntag
James Hacker
Jason Duckett
Roger Faulman - Sight Reading
Chuck Beutel - Sight Reading

Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

- None

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

- During the All State Conference, the Small School Honor Band should be able to perform in the Tampa Performing Arts Center. The performing venue at the Convention Center is too small.

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

- None at this time

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.
- District Elementary School Honor Band information will be sent out soon via email
- North Broward Prep will again hold a Pre-Festival on Feb 14
- Members recommended looking at the Charms software package to organize your program
- Congratulations to the Cooper City Band for being selected to perform at BOA
- All County Music has graciously offered to print the tickets for Marching MPA
- For anyone traveling to the MidWest Band and Orchestra Clinic, tickets are available for the Chicago Symphony Brass Performance on Thursday at 3. Go to midwestclinic.com for more information.
- The BBC Band meets on Monday nights from 7 to 9:30 – Directors can use for recertification – Students can get service hours
- Chris Zeruth thanked the district for thoughts and prayers last year, and reminds us all to wear hats and sunscreen at all outdoor functions
- Reminder that “take your child to work day” falls during MS MPA. Please plan ahead.
- The All State trip is and SEAS concerts are still on!

Item 19: Adjournment

- 11:52AM - Motion for adjournment (Morton/Walker)

Name of District Secretary:

Mike Russo

Signature:

Mike Russo

FBA District 15 Secretary