



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 74<sup>th</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-09)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 4</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 24, 2009</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Gainesville HS</b>

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01

A big thank you to Joe Dorsey and Hoggtowne Music for providing refreshments.  
Hoggetown moved location Hunters Crossing near Publix

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

Joe Hughes, Eastside	Lori Pirzer, Oak View MS
Clay Cobb Newberry HS	Jamie Burg, PKY
Bill Pirzer, GHS	Alvin Johnson, Williston
Ed Amaya, Ft White HS	Kelly Dorsey, Union County HS
Dirk Schmidt, LAke Butler MS	Vito Montauk, High Seprings CS
Amy Beres, Howard Bishop	Everett McConn, Fort Clarke MS
Dustin Adams, Bradford MS	David Dixson, Westwood MS
NAte Bisco, Santa Fe HS	Rahsaan McNeil, Kanapaha MS
Todd Eckstein, Lincoln MS	Sara Dipardo, Bell HS
Ryan Schulz, Columbia HS	David Chandler, Lake City MS
Matt Flenner, Chiefland HS	Stacey Trenteseaux, Trenton HS
Corey Mulvihill, Mebane MS	

Mentor offer, not only for brand new directors. See Bill Pirzer if interested.

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion to dispense- L. Pirzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> -Clay Cobb

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

End of Past Year's Statement: \$500  
Requesting check from last year surplus  
Proposed Current Year Budget: Motion to accept McConn 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Dorsy Motion passed

**Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Social: 6:30 PM, Meeting: 7:00 PM  
Fort Clarke MS

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

Check FSMA website for New Advocacy research

**Item 7: Announcements**

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

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

1. New "Best Practices" papers on FBA Website
2. Voting for New President Elect (FBA) at Conference. Candidates: Jason Duckett and Richard Davenport
3. Discussion of Packets –FBA, FSMA, MENC, FMEA membership  
All state applications due 9/5/09 Box will be outside GHS band room to drop off. (contracts, money, forms)  
Checks FBA district 4 One check from the school please.  
All-state 9/19 @ Buccholz  
9/25- Sm. School honors band due  
10/1 Classification forms due to Bill Pirzer  
All –state hotel rooms 9/5 9AM
4. Hand Book is available at [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) under the "About FBA" Tab.
5. Check [www.fbadist4.org](http://www.fbadist4.org) for forms regarding Marching MPA forms (Arm Band, Announcers Sheet)
6. Alvin Johnson Williston Marching MPA request out of district 19 10/24- motion C. Cobb 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Beres- motion passed
7. Eastside High School, Joseph Hughes- Request Marching Band exemption motion E. McConn, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Cobb--- motion passed.

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

none

## Item 10: Committee Reports

none

## 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)

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)

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

Site: Buchholz HS

Date: September 19th

**Deadline: September 5th**

Fees: \$10.00 entry fee per student

Drop box outside GHS Band room 9/4 & 9/5

Late Entries: WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!! Please plan ahead. Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state. Band Director must be at Buchholz on the day of Auditions. Directors - Sign-up for shifts to work. Directors with SuperScope please note ownership # to use for auditions. Arrive at 8AM to set up recording equipment.

Secondary audition date will be available due to Jewish Holiday. Place post-it note on applications needing secondary date.

**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, not to the District Chair.

### **Marching Band MPA:**

Date: October 24<sup>th</sup> Time TBA (approx 2PM)

Site: Columbia HS \$7 admission

**Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 1<sup>st</sup>. As well as Announcer Sheet and Armband Request.**

No assessment money collected at this time, just the \$35.00 recording fee made out to FBA District 4.

**Assistance needed from all Middle School/Junior High directors. Sign-up tonight.**

**Middle School Band directors may bring students at discounted rate of \$3, chaperones must pay full price.**

**Must have advanced registration due 10/10/09 to Bill Pirzer.**

**Digital Recorders to be used by Judges at MPA events. This will provide a better recording of your band and the judges comments all on one CD. Can post comments on website/ podcast. Initial cost will be approx. \$100/ per recorder.**

**Motion to purchase 12 digital recorders with chairman purchasing recorders for under \$125 per recorder E. McConn 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed**

Nominations for Oliver Hobbs Award and Tom Bishop Awards

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.

Nomination E. McConn for Hobbs Award made by L. Pirzer

Secret Ballot taken- Unanimous vote for Everett McConn

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

Solo and Ensemble MPA: **Buchholz HS, February 19 and 20, 2010**

Jazz MPA : **Buchholz HS, February 19, 2010**

Solo and Ensemble Auxiliary MPA: **Buchholz HS, February 20, 2010**

Middle School Concert MPA: **Bradford HS, March 25 – 27, 2010**

High School Concert MPA: **PK Yonge DRS, March 4 – 6, 2010**

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

Marching MPA: John Wilkerson, Music

Howard Weinstein, Music

John Leschak, General Effect

Josh Bula, Percussion

Tina Laferriere, Color Guard

Solo and Ensemble: Gordon O'Hara, Wayne Miller, Chuck Perego, Melton Mustafa, Richard De La Fuente, Dale Blackwell, Joann Kinder, Jeff Cayer, Craig Collins, John Wilkerson, Cathy Kersten

HS Concert MPA: Rick James, Stage  
Jerome Edwards, Sight Reading

MS Concert MPA: Jane Lucas, Stage  
Erich Rivero, Stage  
Brian Sullivan, Stage  
Alonzo Braddon, Sight Reading

Send MPA adjudicator suggestions to Bill Pirzer.

New Concert MPA- [www.flmusiced.org/mpa2](http://www.flmusiced.org/mpa2) Easy to use. All events are set up. All-state auditions will be put into MPA online, then print assessment form, send to Bill Pirzer.

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

Motion by K. Dorsey: Chip Burkner- Marching & Percussion- pass unanimously

Motion by D. Schmidt: Chris Sharp- Concert & Marching nomination - pass Unanimously

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

none

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

none

## **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.

Remember to thank school boards for their support of your music programs. Alachua county reinstating moneys that were taken last year. Share with Boosters groups too.

Southern Showcase 10/31

Tri-county competition 10/10

Online [www.noteflight.com](http://www.noteflight.com) free composition website.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn D. Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> L Pirzer 9:07PM

## **Name of District Secretary:**

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Burg

## **Signature:**

JB