



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

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 4</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: 8-25-08</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Ft. White High School</b>

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

Ed Amaya called the meeting to order at 19:03

Mr. Amaya wished everyone a good start to the year and safe return to school from Tropical Storm Fay. Thank you to Joe Dorsey and Hoggtowne Music for providing tonight's refreshments.

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

Summer Sams – BCHS, Bill McClendon – BCMS, David Chandler – LCMS, Clay Cobb – Newberry HS, Lori Pizer – Oak View MS, Nikki Lynch – St. Patrick's, Vito Montauk – HSCS, David Jones – EHS, Ed Amaya – Ft. White, Ryan Schultz – CHS, Sherod Keen – Richardson MS, Alex Kaminsky – Buchholz HS, Everett McConn – Ft. Clarke MS, Sara Gover – BHS, Matt Flenner – Chiefland HS, Todd Eckstein – LMS, Kelly Dorsey – UCHS, Dirk Schmidt – LBMS, , Nate Bisco – Santa Fe HS, Jamie Burg – PK Younge, Rahsaan McNeil – Kanapaha MS, Stacey Gindlesperger – Bronson, Dustin Adams – Bradford MS, Jonathan Hall – Bradford Co. HS, Corey Mulhivill – Mebane MS, David Dixon – Westwood, Alvin Johnson Williston HS, Kathy LaVay – Howard Bishop MS, Amy Beres – Howard Bishop MS, George Walters – , Retired

Rasshaan McNeil will serve as a mentor to Nikki Lynch, and Alex Kaminsky will serve as a mentor to Nate Bisco

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion to dispense - Clay Cobb-Bill Pizer

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

Judges' millage increased from .45 per mile to .50 per mile. District budgets were adjusted over the summer. The key to low assessments are the income from Marching Performance Assessments. The financial records are open for members. Please contact Dirk Schmidt.

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

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gainesville High School – 6:30 social, 7:00 meeting

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

The following legislative items were discussed and a handout was distributed.

Property Tax Swap Legislation – Amendment 5

Religious Freedom Legislation – Amendment 7

65% of \$\$ to classroom Legislation – Amendment 9

Visit the following website for more information: [www.Votesmartflorida.org](http://www.Votesmartflorida.org)

Inform your parents, administrators, and community leaders about the possible effects these legislative items could have on music education in schools.

Lori Pizer and Everett McConn contributed views and local and statewide ramifications of this legislation

## Item 7: Announcements

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

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

If directors can access forms and information on the FBA website, then they will not receive it in their beginning packet.

Mr. Amaya gave an overview of the calendar and packet. Please mail all correspondence to Ft. White HS.

Florida Music Service Solo & Ensemble Showcase time is 4pm to 7pm at the Ft. Clarke MS cafeteria.

Call Ron at FMS to verify acceptance of Purchase Orders at FI Music Service.

If you can print it out for MPA online, print it, and send it to Ft. White HS

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

McConn/Cobb – Motion to investigate and approve Union County HS to host 2008 Marching MPA, pending availability. If Union County HS is unavailable, then Bradford County HS will be used as a back-up location. (passed)

Pizer/Cobb – Motion to allow MS groups to enter marching MPA at a discounted rate of \$4.00 per student to increase audience and recruitment efforts. (passed)

## 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)

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: Buchholz High School

Date: Sept. 20, 2008

Deadline: Sept. 5, 2008 (no late entries please)

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.

Proctors, do not let the student leave the room until the disk is finalized. Be consistent when reading the script.

Use the following website to access MPA Online: [www.flmusiced.org/mpaonline](http://www.flmusiced.org/mpaonline).

Recording fees were added into the MPA Program.

Only use "Bb Clarinet" on solos. Use "clarinet" for other ensembles, etc.

Clay Cobb and Lori Pizer demonstrated the proper use of the Super Scope using the All-State Script.

**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: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Site: TBD

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman):

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"):

Kelly Dorsey nominated by Everett McConn. (passed by secret ballot)

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

Clay Cobb nominated by Todd Eckstein. (passed by secret ballot)

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

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH):

Solo and Ensemble MPA (High School):

Concert (JH/MS):

Concert (High School):

**Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

Marching – Eddie Steadman – music

Mark Nelson – music

Penny Janowski – aux

Josh Bula – perc.

George Walters – GE (pending contract)

(still need MM)

S&E – Jeff Cayer – jazz, ww

John Wilkerson – brass, ww

Gordon O'Hara – ww

Gail Robertson – brass

Dale Blackwell – brass

Chuck Perego – perc.

Richard Delafuente – perc.

Craig Collins – ww (pending contract)

HS – Concert – Andrea Tobin – comm. (pending contract)

MS – Concert – Doug Yopp – stage

Jerome Edwards - SR

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

None

**Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

None

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

See Item 17, Correspondence (\*)

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

FMBC – FBA Discussion– Discussion on pending legislation by FBA to limit marching Band competitions to three (3) per season. Violation of this limit will result in bands being restricted from further FBA sanctioned events during that season.

Lori Pizer, Kathy LaVay, Amy Beres, Alex Kaminsky, Clay Cobb, Kelly Dorsey, and Matt Flenner discussed the FBA position paper, and the direct and indirect implications this legislation might send to band programs and band directors as professionals.

\*Clay Cobb-Lori Pizer - Motion to request that Mr. Amaya recommend the Executive Board defeat this legislation. (passed)

## **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.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

21:45 Clay Cobb-Bill Pizer – Motion to adjourn at 21:45 (passed)

### **Name of District Secretary:**

William D. McClendon

### **Signature:**

These minutes respectfully submitted by William D. McClendon, District 4 Secretary