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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year

DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES

(ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 15	MEETING DATE: January 26, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 3	LOCATION: Glades Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting Called to Order at 9:15 AM

Thank you to Aaron Hennen and the Glades MS Band Parents for hosting the meeting.

The District sends our condolences to Chris Zeruth on the passing of his father. Please sign the card before you leave.

Sean Murray from FAU introduced himself and informed the membership he is available to come to your school and work with your students.

Jennifer O'Neil introduced herself as the new director at Bethune Elementary.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

American Heritage High School	Imerbsin, Kim
American Heritage Middle School	Vezina, Izabelle
Archbishop McCarthy High School	Rodriguez, Marcos
Attucks MS	Rabin, Stewart
Bair MS	Ecklund, Christopher
Bethune Elementary	Jennifer D. O'Neal
Calvary Christian Academy	Mullen, Jim
Cooper City HS	Schletter, Chris
Coral Springs MS	Puccinelli, Luis
Deerfield Beach MS	Lisena, Mike
Driftwood MS	Morton, Paul
Everglades HS	O'Farrill, Marline
Falcon Cove MS	Loew, Ian
Flanagan HS	Broadbent, Dean
Forest Glen MS	Greco, Nicki
Glades MS	Hennen, Aaron
Henry D. Perry MS	Collier, Gary
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science	Addleman, Scott
Indian Ridge MS	Brewer, Larry
Lyons Creek MS	Hammond, Jim
McArthur HS	Curry, Heston
Millenium MS	D'mitrenko, Stan
Monarch HS	Harrison, Jordan

New River MS	Jules, Ronald
North Broward Prep	Anthony Williams
North Broward Prep	Wexler, Seth
Olsen MS	Scott, Emily
Pinecrest School	Jadvani, Allison
Rickards MS	Mosley, Clarence
Sawgrass Springs MS	Helm, Ron
Seminole MS	Roth, Jamie
Silver Trail MS	Rubio, Edgar
South Broward HS	Cedeno, Octavio
South Plantation HS	McClain, Leonard
St. Thomas Aquinas	Bradford, Richard
Sunrise MS	Halil, Walter
University School of Nova SE	Walker, David
University School of Nova SE	Russo, Mike
Walter C. Young MS	Annis, Kimberly
Westpine MS	Kuhla, Paul

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Motion Collier/Rodriguez forgo the reading of the previous minutes. Motion Passed

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Motion Morton/Russo To dispense with the reading of the report. Motion Passed.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

The governor is really pushing the issue about P.E. every day. Please contact Rep. Don Gaetz voicing your opinions about this issue.

Check the FSMA Website for more updates.

Item 6: Communications

NONE

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Classification Requests: All have been approved by Executive Board

Item 8: Committee Reports

Concert Music: Please refer to the website for all new Concert pieces along with deletions and changes.

Auxiliary Committee: The committee expressed a concern about the low number of auxiliary groups that are participating in FBA MPA's and the lack of qualified adjudicators available and/or certified.

A lengthy discussion was held about FMBC wanting to become part of the FSMA. The FBA has set up a committee to discuss the issue.

The District had a lengthy discussion about the issue.

Item 9: New Business

All Middle School information should be in on MPA On-line by Feb. 8, 2008

Please e-mail Jaime on the selection of which site you would like to attend.

North Site: Seminole Middle

South Site: Glades Middle

Entry forms, and assessment checks are also due by February 8, 2008 to either Jaime at Seminole or Edgar at Silver Trail Middle.

Solo & Ensemble Information:

High School S&E

Date: February 1 & 2, 2008.

Site: Forest Glen MS

Middle School S&E

Date: February 22 & 23, 2008

Site: North Seminole MS

South Silver Trail MS

Jazz MPA

Dates: February 20 & 21, 2008

Site: Cypress Bay High School

High School Concert MPA

Dates: March 5-8, 2008

Site: Taravella High School

Middle School MPA

Dates: April 16 – 19, 2008

Site: Dillard School of the Arts

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

2008 State S&E:

North – West Port HS, Ocala: April 7, 8, 9, 2008

South – Taravella HS, Coral Springs: March 31, April 1, 2, 2008

2008 State Concert MPA

North: April 14-16, 2008 (University of North Florida)

North: April 17, 18, 2008 (Bartram Trail High School)

Concert:

John Southall – Indian River Community College

Al Sergel – Retired from Northwest Missouri State University

Alfred Watkins – Lassiter High School, Marietta, Georgia

Commentator – Rodney Dorsey, University of Michigan

Lindsey Williams – University of Missouri, Kansas City

Jo Jossim – Florida Southern College

South – April 14-18, 2008

Concert:

David Ragsdale – University of Alabama in Huntsville

William Gora – Retired Appalachian State University

Scott Tobais – Appalachian State University

Commentator: Glenn Price – University of Calgary

Rick Greenwood – University of Central Florida

All State MPA Forms are online

Item 11: Election of Officers (if applicable)

Morton nominates Mike Russo second by Wexler for the upcoming Secretary Position. Motion passed

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

All State: September 20, 2008 Forms due September 3, 2008

Marching MPA: November 1, 2008 Site: TBA

A lengthy discussion was had about having high school jazz at the same time as S&E.
Motion Rivero/Schletter to have High School Jazz run at the same time as S & E Motion Passed

Motion Russo/Rivero High School S&E and Jazz February 20 & 21, 2009 Motion Passed

Middle School Jazz February 19, 2009

Middle School S&E March 13 & 14, 2009

High School Concert March 4-7, 2009

Middle School Concert April 22-25, 2009

Motion by Annis to change the dates of middle school concert. Motion had no second

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Motion by Imerbsin/Vezina to nominate Dr. Sean Murray for all Adjudication Captions except Marching Auxiliary and Jazz Motion Passed

Motion to add Concert MPA Allen O'Farrill, Concert Motion Passed

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

Dr. John T. West, Western Carolina University

Dr. John Ross, Appalachian State University

Dr. Malory Thompson, Northwestern University

Dr. Greg Gruner, University of South Alabama

Dr. Byron Dawes, Theodore High School, Louisville, Kentucky

Bob Spradley, University of Central Michigan

Neil Jenkins, J.P. Taravella High School

Dr. Bently Shellhammer, Retire Florida State University

Dale Warren, University of Arkansas

Dwight Saterwhite, University of Georgia

Dr. Patrick Carney, Clinton State University

Dr. Gary Green, University of Miami

Dr. David Martin, Boston University

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

That the board publish a list of pieces that have been approved to be played in the past with the grade allocation given to the approved school. Rationale is to speed up the process.

The membership is concerned with the playability of the new grade ones being added to the list. While these pieces are well written, we feel that they are not playable by bands that should be playing grade ones. We would like the board to produce in writing the thought process on how a new piece of music becomes a grade one.

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board (must be in the form of a motion)

Motions by Schletter/Rivero : To change Article III.D.2.b – A band is limited to a one minute warm-up after entering the marching field, prior to the beginning of the show. The warm up must be conducted in a professional manner. ~~The warm up must be conducted by the Field Conductor(s) or Drum Major(s).~~

Justification: The band director is the educator and technician responsible for the quality of the band. The warm up and technique exercises of the band, whether it's a rehearsal warm up, a show warm up, or an on field warm up, should be placed in the hands of the person responsible for the quality of the band, and that would be the band director. The Drum Majors should not warm up the band in any of these scenarios. I don't think that anyone would have their drum major warm up the band prior to a concert band MPA. This one minute on the field (which typically occurs 15-20 minutes after the pre-show warm up) is the band director's last chance to prepare and check his ensemble before their Music Performance Assessment. This warm up by the director must be conducted in a professional manner for the sole purpose of physical warm up of the ensemble and a last minute check before the band positions themselves on the field for their assessment that follows the warm up.

Further, the judging of the marching band does not begin until the band plays it's first note or takes it's first step. There is no need for the band to be conducted by the Drum Major at the time of warm up as it is not a part of their performance. This is not to say the Drum Major cannot conduct the warm up, but the Drum Major responsibilities begin when the band director hands over the band after the one minute warm up. At this point an adjusted Article III.D.2.g would take effect. **Motion Passed**

Motion by Schletter/Rivero To change Article III.D.2.g – Following the one minute on field warm up, command shall be given to a Drum Major or Field Conductor. Except for the most general supervision during preparation for positioning on the field for performance, the band director or band staff shall not function as field conductor of the band.

Justification: This is to work in conjunction with the previous motion, and to clarify when responsibility is now handed over to the Field Commander(s) or Drum Major(s).

Motion Schletter/Rivero: To increase the judge's honorarium to be more commensurate to other similar organizations. **Motion Passed**

Motion Rivero/Schletter: That before any position paper about the FMBC is disseminated, a discussion forum is held for the membership to be heard. **Motion Passed**

Item 16: Other

Marleen O'Farril asked to look at the budget and make every effort to bring down the assessment to be more in line with the rest of the state.

Ian Lowe, wants to know if there is a list of piano players that are Level 2 cleared.

Sean Murray mentioned that there are possible changes to the reading session.

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Mr. Schletter put a packet he brought from mid-west. Pick it up before you leave.

Congratulations to Stephen Rivero for being selected to conduct the 2010 small school honor band.

Make sure you vote at the upcoming election.

Congratulations to John Nista for being selected to conduct the 2010 Middle School All-State Band.

North Broward Prep School is hosting a Jazz Festival on February 9, 2008.

Ron Helm would like to thank to Jaime and Edgar for their leadership this year.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

April 26, 2008 Silver Trail M.S. 9:00 AM

Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 12:04 PM

Edgar Rubio
District Secretary