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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 86<sup>TH</sup> YEAR DISTRICT MEETING #1 AGENDA (ver. 08-21)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 19</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: Saturday, August 14, 2021</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Belleview High School</b>

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

Call to Order: 10:08am

Thank you Belleview High School for hosting our meeting this morning.

Member introductions

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

District Chair Belleview HS- Ariel Reddick

District Secretary Howard MS- Brittany Schofield

Belleview HS- Nick Reardon

Dunnellon HS- Elliot Arpin

Dunnellon MS- Emily Goode

East Ridge MS- Sean Wallace

Eustis HS- Matt Flenner

Ft. King MS- Craig Eason

Gray MS- Yannick Innis

Lake Minneola HS- Brantley West

Lake Weir HS- Michael Jennings

Lake Weir MS- Michael Martin

Leesburg HS- Gabriel Fielder/Chaz Iannaci

Minneola Charter- Paul Roberts

North Marion MS- Dylan Jones

Oak Park MS- David Schoemmell

South Sumter HS- Pete Perone

South Sumter MS- Cory Lowery

Tavares MS- Jimmy Higginbotham/Jacquelyn Tuttle

Tavares HS- Cole Bushman/Gavin Hall

Umatilla MS- Lindsey Crouch

Vanguard HS- Megan McMahon

West Port HS- Scotty Vance/Mike Maynard

Wildwood MHS- Anthony Morris

Retired- John Leschak

Retired- Doug Yopp

Orlando Youth Chamber Ensembles

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- Available here: <https://fba.flmusiced.org/for-directors/district-meeting-minutes/>

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- Previous Year Final Statement: \$12,259.68
- Proposed Current Year Budget: \$45,000.00
- FBA is allowing credit card payments in MPA Online this year!

### Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

## Item 6: Announcements

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

## Item 7: Communications/Distribution of Important Information

- Sexual Misconduct, Molestation, and Harassment Policy (Yellow Highlights)
- Discussion: Why do we need this if our schools already have one? Do we have to do any kind of training? Add to the process- first contact the police.

## Item 8: Unfinished Business

- Any Executive Board proposals (in Summer Board Minutes)
- Rules, Policies, Procedure Changes (in FBA Handbook)

## Item 9: Committee Reports

- Mentoring Committee
- All-District Band Committee
  - Concert Band Dates: January 20-22, 2022 (virtual auditions in November)
  - Concert Band Site: South Lake High School
  - Jazz Band Dates: TBD (committee will propose new dates because of State conflict)
  - Jazz Band Site: TBD

## Item 10: New Business

- **Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms**
  - Due September 1 - earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA/NAfME information and FMD magazine. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALL-STATE IF THE BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.**
  - Send to FMEA or PAY DUES ONLINE AT [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)  
Check payable to FMEA and send to: 402 Office Plaza Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309
  - FSMA school dues payment (to FSMA by September 15)
- **Classification Forms**
  - Due October 1 (in hand) to the District Chairperson (scanned and emailed is acceptable). Principal and director signature required
  - See new Classification Charts in FBA Handbook (Accommodations and Classifications for 2021-2022 School Year ONLY)
  - 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
  - LATE FINE: \$50.00 for submitting this form late (payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline (submit to your District Chair - District Chair will forward to the Exec. Dir.)
  - Form is generated through MPA Online.
- **Procedure to Request a Different Classification**
  - New procedure for 2021-22 ONLY. See FBA Handbook (Accommodations and Classifications for 2021-2022 School Year ONLY)
  - Due to the District Chairperson prior to the Third District Meeting.

- **All-State Auditions**
  - Forms are generated through MPA Online
  - Site: Belleview High School
  - Date: Saturday, September 18, 2021
  - Deadline: 9/4/21 for MPA Online entries, 9/8/21 for payment/contracts/paperwork postmarked (scan/email is okay, but the District Chairperson needs the actual original hard copies of the student contracts by the audition date or they will not be able to participate).
  - Fees: \$15/student
  - LATE FINE: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline (submit to your District Chair – District Chairs will forward to the Exec. Dir.). The band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 (or day of audition) for students to audition.
  - Assign Monitors
  - All-State Jazz Band Auditions (see requirements)
  - Schedule for Auditions
  - PLEASE SCREEN YOUR STUDENTS CAREFULLY!
- Discussion: What is the process for someone to audition that has covid or is quarantined due to contact tracing?
- Computer helpers: Megan McMahon, Lindsey Crouch, Cole Bushman, Gavin Hall, Brantley West, Jacquelyn Tuttle
  
- **High School Honor Band and 7/8th Grade Honor Band Nominations**
  - Forms are generated through MPA Online.
  - Completed forms and appropriate fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.
  
- **Marching MPA**
  - Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 (rain-out, if needed, is Saturday, November 13, 2021)
  - Site: Leesburg High School
  - Entry Form Due Date (to district chair): 10/6/21 (MPA Online), 10/9/21 (paperwork postmarked or scanned/emailed)
  - LATE FINE: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (payable to FBA and submit to the district chair) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline. \*\*No assessment money collected at this time.
  - *SCHOOLS MUST HAVE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION FORM ON FILE TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING MPA*
  - Assistance needed from middle school/junior high directors
  - Filming - Video: Maggie Studios
  - Photos - Yes!
  - Scheduling
    - Discussion:
      - Sean Wallace will organize the middle school Star Spangled Honor Band
      - Middle School directors be prepared to work a gate shift
      - Gate Motion: \$10 single entry, \$15 re-entry (wrist band). Middle school parents get wristband for free. Online sales: \$15 re-entry only. Gabriel Fielder/Scotty Vance - Passed
      - Marching MPA schedule motion: Two blocks each with their own awards ceremonies. Gabriel Fielder/Matt Flenner - Defeated
      - Motion: Two blocks, pick up sheets any time after performance, allow option to opt out of awards ceremony. All bands announced at ceremony. Matt Flenner/Cory Lowery - Passed
  
- **Awards Nominations**
  - Oliver Hobbs Award: <https://fba.flmusiced.org/awards/oliver-hobbs-award/>
    - Nominated: Cassidy Gleaton First: Ariel Reddick, Second: Gabriel Fielder

- **Classification Discussion**
  - Positive attributes
    - Matt Flenner: likes the established list of music and the use of sight reading books and rubrics
    - Elliott Arpin: likes that a standard is set and creates goals
    - Yannick Innis: likes the flexibility to reclassify, and rubrics help with creating curriculum
  - Shortcomings
    - Gabriel Fielder: band class scheduling in schools. Local and environmental variables. We should evaluate the MPA system, not put a band aid on the classification system.
    - Cory Lowery: a lot of electives for students, AP courses, and AVID offered in schools causes the need for after school rehearsals. Standard is in the judges sheet, not the music level
    - Pete Perrone: band enrollment for high school does not have instrumentation for the grade level of music required to play.
    - Emily Goode: the process for reclassification is judgemental
    - Ariel Reddick- Concert MPA is based on classification while marching and jazz are not.
    - Doug Yopp: when judges see titles on their sheets, they are expecting to hear music played at high quality
  - Fixes/tweaks/changes that keep the positives while addressing the shortcomings
    - Gabriel Fielder: if an ensemble is split to two class periods or block scheduling then they should automatically be able to lower classification. Explore the use of automatic bumps. If reclassifying is used three years in a row, then the band is automatically bumped back up.
    - Scotty Vance: make reclassifying down more available. Make the process easier
    - Gabriel Fielder: Having MPA holds directors accountable to a higher level
  - Town Hall Meetings: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and Monday, October 18, 2021
  - The “task force” will make a preliminary report at the December Board meeting.
  - There will be a session at the FMEA Conference on the classification system updates
  - We will discuss the task force’s reports and recommendations at our third district meeting.
  - The Board will then take action in their May meeting.

## **Item 11: District MPA Dates and Sites**

Paperwork due dates are on MPAonline

- **Jazz MPA**
  - Dates: February 9-10, 2022
  - Location: Mount Dora High School
- **Solo & Ensemble #1/Auxiliary MPA**
  - Dates: February 18-19, 2022
  - Location: Tavares High School
- **Concert MPA #1**
  - Dates: March 3-5, 2022
  - Location: West Port High School
- **Concert MPA #2**
  - Dates: March 25-26, 2022
  - Location: ???
- **Solo & Ensemble #2**
  - Dates: April 8-9, 2022
  - Location: Belleview High School

## **Item 12: District MPA Adjudicators**

## **Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (Secret Ballot)**

## **Item 14: Suggestions to State Committees**

- Music Committee (before Oct. 1 for Concert, Nov. 1 for S&E)
- Clinics Committee (before Oct. 1)

## **Item 15: Proposals to the Executive Board**

- Pass: Motion to add a five-year superior award for high school and senior high band directors whose bands earn Superior ratings at the FBA District Jazz Music Performance Assessment for five consecutive years. (Flenner/Vance)
  - Rationale: High schools directors that achieve this honor should be recognized, just like the middle school directors are recognized. Not every band belongs at State or can consistently achieve a Superior at State, but FBA should be willing to honor those directors who work for consistency and excellence at their high schools.
- Pass: Motion to add a five-year superior award for high school and senior high band directors whose bands earn Superior ratings at the FBA District Concert Music Performance Assessment for five consecutive years. (Flenner/Crouch)
  - Rationale: High school directors that achieve this honor should be recognized, just like the middle school directors are recognized. Not every band belongs at State or can consistently achieve a Superior at State, but FBA should be willing to honor those directors who work for consistency and excellence at their high schools.

## **Item 16: Correspondence**

## **Item 17: For the Good of the Association**

- Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published on the FBA website under Handbook.
- Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook.
- Matt Flenner: enjoyed the in person meeting
- LC Coney is out of the hospital
- Keep Ryan Wright in your thoughts

## **Item 18: Next Meeting Date and Place**

- Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021
- Time: 6:30pm
- Location: Gabe's Ranch

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

12:36pm Scotty Vance/Michael Jennings

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

- Brittany Schofield

### **Signature of District Secretary:**