

**January 12, 2004 @ The Heritage House,
Chesaning**

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**MSBOA District V Fall Meeting ♦ The
Heritage House, Chesaning, MI
January 12, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

Members and guests present: Roger Stevens-Midland, Heidi Ott-Bay City, Mike Bentley-Byron, Ed Turner-Durand, Ann Schoelles-Midland, Kathy Peretz-Midland, Scott Stuijbergen-Bay City, Tim Nadeau-Bay City, Kristy Keenan-Bay City, Craig Heydenburg-Bay City, JoAnn Gross-Shepherd, Alicia Bell (student teacher)-Bay City, Garrett Ernst-Perry, Linda Ryden-Midland, Steve DeRees-Midland, Chris O♦Connell-Midland, Bill Monroe-Midland, Cally Campbell-Bridgeport, Gerard Wauldron-Bullock Creek, Lyle Brooks-Corunna, Jim Huber-Midland, Greg Smokovitz-Bullock Creek, Nicki Bruski-Midland, Jerry Krause-St. Johns, Scott Vetter-Bath, Iris Haynes-Saginaw Township, Jeremy Rugersted-Chesaning, Kari Compton-Freeland, Jordan LaSalle-Chesaning, Steven Shaw (student teacher)-Freeland, Matthew Shephard, Bill Shephard-Freeland, Sean Verity (student teacher)-Midland, Jennifer Parker-St. Johns, Rodney Lamar Page-St. Johns, Carl Knipe-Owosso, Tim Newman (student teacher)-Owosso, Carl Poposki-Ovid-Elsie, Nancy Benjamin-Hemlock, Jeannine Coughlin-Saginaw High, Ruth Ann Knapp-Saginaw Public , Diane Stoddard-Bangor Township, Stephanie Harrington- Byron, Mike Scholes-Merrill, Andrew Wendt-Arthur Hill HS, Jenny Lesko (student teacher)-Alma, Dave Zerbe-Alma, Chris Orlik-Mt. Pleasant, Greg Wells-DeWitt, Monike Hill-Saginaw Heritage HS, Melissa Everett-Saginaw Heritage HS, Tim Howard-New Lothrop, Patrick Dudzinski-Laingsburg, Gary Franks-Durand

2. Reports from Officers and Committees:
 - a. Secretary: Heidi Ott
 - ◆ Minutes mailed to buildings and will soon be available online.
 - ◆ Please e-mail the secretary a copy of any handouts you bring to the meeting. That way, she can attach them to the file when it is uploaded to the website.
 - ◆ MOTION to accept the minutes as published.
Ernst/Gross Carried
 - b. Treasurer: Mike Bentley
 - ◆ Our district is doing quite well. There are a few subcategories on the treasurer report that are in the red, but that always seems to happen this time of year. Marching Band Festival gate receipts are helping our dollar margin. We are currently ahead.
 - ◆ MOTION to accept report.
Heydenburg/Nadeau Carried
 - c. President: Roger Stevens
 - ◆ We had many issues last year with computer problems,

budget cuts, etc.
Things are looking good this year. I attended the concerts for the district nominated teachers of the year which was enjoyable.

◆ Take a look in the yearbook for MSBOA rating sheets to help get ideas for rehearsing festival music. Show them to your students. That way, they are aware of what the judges are looking for.

◆ MOTION to accept report.
Haynes/Knipe
Carried

d. Marching Band Festival:
Roger Stevens/Mike Norman

◆ Very successful festival

◆ Not many adjudicator report cards were returned. These are very helpful.

e. Solo & Ensemble Festival:
Greg Smokovitz

◆ You and your principal must sign and date the invoice and send it to the district Vice-President for Solo & Ensemble. This invoice can be printed when you are finished

registering online.

- ◆ Please send Greg your e-mail address so he can contact you if there are problems with your S&E registration.
- ◆ You can download your own schedule from the MSBOA website this year. Send Greg the scratches via e-mail to trmptsmoke@aol.com before the festival.
- ◆ If an event has a downloaded, purchased piece of music off the Internet, please look for some indication that it is legal. If you are unsure, notify the office. If you have a student compose his or her own music, make sure it goes through the office for approval before the event.
- ◆ MOTION to accept report.
Brooks/Campbell
Carried

f. Band & Orchestra Festival:
Craig Heydenburg

- ◆ **Applications are due on Friday, January 16, 2004.** All applications, checks, and invoices must be in Craig's hands by Friday.

- ❖ Craig would like to move the deadline for registration to the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Sight reading portion of the application asks for the number of parts necessary instead of the number of players. If you did it wrong, you can edit it yourself online at the MSBOA website.
- ❖ **Please take the time to go into the website and edit your program information if it has changed since you registered. This is extremely helpful to your host schools.**
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◆ Question: Do we need another site for the first weekend? Stevens: We will leave things as they are for now and let the executive board handle any problems.

◆ MOTION to accept report.
Krause/Scholes
Carried

g. Worker Assignment: Denise Compton

◆ Denise was unable to attend this evening. Worker assignments will be available online and in the mail.

h. JH All Star Band: Heidi Ott

◆ Packets of music are available tonight for both C/D and A/B bands.

◆ Directors are Gerard Wauldron and Heidi Ott

◆ The audition information, worker assignments, and maps are being mailed to the schools.

◆ There will be a dance/karaoke party

with open gym at Western Middle School for all participants from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please let Heidi Ott know as soon as possible if you plan to attend the evening activity.

◆ All directors are expected to return to Western with their students for the evening activity.

◆ Please let Heidi Ott know as soon as possible if there are students on the list who cannot attend the All Star Band.

i. Festival Improvements
Committee: JoAnn Gross

◆ District 16 wants to pilot a project in which groups will not need to apply for provisional classification for festivals, would receive a rating, but not be allowed to participate in State Festivals.

◆ There was a motion to disallow postgraduate students from participating in MSBOA festivals.

◆ There was a motion to delete the Advanced

Percussion category from Solo & Ensemble Festival. Not many students take advantage of the offer and it requires hauling too much equipment to the festival.

◆ There was a motion to create a new sight-reading adjudicator form. Examples of ◆new◆ forms will be evaluated at the September FIC meeting. There was much discussion on this item at the District 5 meeting.

◆ There was a motion to change the rule about accompanists for Solo & Ensemble Festival to keep up with publishers who include rehearsal piano parts with their pieces. The rule would state, ◆ This rule does not apply to piano accompaniment parts that are clearly marked ◆rehearsal◆ or ◆optional◆.◆

◆ There was a motion to clarify the age level for festivals in the yearbook. It would read, ◆Individual

students in fifth grade or lower may not participate in Band & Orchestra Festival. Along the same lines, the FIC would like to clarify the statement in the yearbook about Solo & Ensemble Festival so that it reads only student in 7th grade and up.

- ◆ Motion that the State Office will decide on a school's provisional classification. The notification will be sent certified, or registered mail.
- ◆ Motion to have the marching band committee look into the marching band adjudicator sheets because some inconsistencies were found this fall.
- ◆ These motions will be voted on at the Saturday, January 24, 2004 general member ship meeting in Ann Arbor.
- ◆ The state is looking at ways to save money in both printing and mailing of yearbooks. Possibly will mail CDs to us that

include all of the information that is currently in the book.

- ◆ E-mail comments to:
jmrahl@edzone.net
- ◆ MOTION to accept report. Vetter/Ryden Carried.

j. Music Ed. Committee:
Diane Stoddard

- ◆ This committee is working on a statewide mentor document to help each district with their new or transferring teachers. It will also have a month-at-a-glance calendar for things to do to help directors. Let Diane know if you have any questions or comments to bring to the committee.
- ◆ MOTION to accept report.
Scholes/Coughlin Carried.

k. Elementary Music: Nicole Bruski

- ◆ No report

l. String Committee: Iris Haynes

- ◆ Fall Middle Level String Clinic was a success. Over 1500 students

participated.

◆ The District 5 site was St. Johns Middle School with approximately 160 students participating. Thanks to Jennifer Parker for hosting.

◆ Sting Orchestra reading session was held on September 13. Over 60 new tunes were read.

◆ The State Band & Orchestra Festival ◆orchestra site◆ is McDonald Middle School in East Lansing, MI on April 30-May 1 weekend. Dorothy McDonald is host.

◆ MOTION to accept report. Krause/Orlik Carried.

m. Marching Band:

◆ No Report

n. Member Emeritus: Roger Stevens

◆ Roger Weyersberg has been nominated and will be honored at a luncheon in the spring. Jeff Kressler has contacted Roger for nomination for member emeritus.

o. MSBOA Honors: Kathy Peretz

◆ No report

3. Old Business

◆ District 5 website has been revamped. Check it out. Craig

Heydenburg has worked hard to make it more user-friendly.

- ◆ The Mid Michigan In-service Conference is January 22-24, 2004. If you are not planning to attend, please send in your ballot for teacher of the year ASAP.
- ◆ Teacher of the Year Awards ◆ presented to Denise Compton and Iris Haynes at their Fall concerts.

4. New Business

- ◆ Dates for 2004-05:

Event	Date
Fall Meeting	9/13/04
Marching Band Festival	10/11/04
Marching Band Festival-Rain date	10/18/04
JH Solo & Ensemble Festival	12/04/04
Winter Meeting	1/10/05
JH All Star Band	1/29 & 1/30/05
HS Solo & Ensemble Festival	2/19/05
Band & Orchestra Festival	3/4/05 & 3/5/05
Band & Orchestra	3/11 & 3/12/05

Festival	
JH Solo & Ensemble Festival	4/16/05
Spring meeting	5/2/05

*There was discussion regarding these dates because the state office moved State Solo & Ensemble Festival to an earlier weekend. Where do we put our band festivals?

◆ MOTION to accept all dates as printed on sheet provided by Roger Stevens. Ernst/Krause Carried.

◆ MOTION to have the registration deadline for Band & orchestra festival be set to the Friday before Thanksgiving beginning in the 2004-05 school year.

Heydenburg/Keenan Carried

*This motion would allow the Band & Orchestra person to give you a schedule before Christmas break and make it much easier to schedule the events. The online application process makes it much easier to edit your information. Therefore, we could

register our bands/orchestras to get a time slot and then go back in and edit instrumentation, music choices, etc. There were many concerns voiced about this motion. Directors exhibited concern about the early deadline interfering with Marching Band and other fall events and not knowing what there bands will do for festival at such an early time.

5. For the Good of the Order:

- ◆ Mike Bentley has a debit card that can be used to reserve hotel rooms and cover other district expenses for district members when hosting festivals. Contact him if you need it.
- ◆ Ruth Ann Knapp announced a Composition Contest for students living in Saginaw County. Any secondary student in Saginaw County may enter. Deadline is March 26, 2004. Contact Ruth Ann for more information.
- ◆ Kristy Keenan is looking for a recent graduate to substitute for her when she is on maternity leave at the end of March 2004. Please

contact her if you
are interested in
substituting.

6. Adjournment

◆ MOTION to
adjourn.
Ernst/Nadeau 9:10
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi G. Ott