

**MSBOA District V Meeting**  
**January 9, 2006 – Heritage House in Chesaning**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.  
Members present: Chris O'Connell – Midland Jefferson, Nicki Bruski – Midland Dow, Steve DeRees - Midland Dow Central, Justin Hammis – Nouvel Catholic Central, Ellen Goff – Frankenmuth Middle School, Denise Compton - Frankenmuth, John J. Andrusiak – St. Charles, Kari Compton – Freeland, Cally Campbell and Student teacher Jen LaFleur – Bridgeport Middle, Bill Monroe – Midland High, Roger Stevens – Midland Northeast MS, Gerard Wauldron – Bullock Creek, Patrick Dewitt – Alma MS/HS, Jennifer Parker – St. Johns MS, Mike Scholes – St Johns MS, Ruth Ann Knapp – Saginaw Public, Tim Kasten – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy, Paul Case – Home School Music, Roy Davis – St. Johns, Tim Newman – Alma HS/MS, Greg Smokovitz – Bullock Creek, Jonelle Tichnell – Fowler, Jim Huber – Midland, Ed Turner – Durand, Scott Vetter – Bath, Linda Ryden – Midland Central, Iris Haynes – Saginaw White Pine, Melissa Everett – Saginaw Heritage, Matt Wicke – Saginaw Heritage, Nicholas Hardy – Chesaning MS, Kevin Smith – Ithaca, Peter O'Neil – Ithaca, Steve Shaw – Corunna, Lyle Brooks – Corunna, Carl Poposki – Ovid-Elsie, Jeremy Rugenstein – Chesaning, Stephanie Harrington – Byron, Kristen Burnett – Pewamo-Westphalia, Heather Ellenwood – Merrill, Tim Howard – New Lothrop, Doug Lull – Banger John Glenn, Heidi Schlosser – Bay City Western MS, Craig Heydenburg – Bay City Western HS, Mike Tolrud – Owosso, Mike Bentley – Byron, Bill Shephard – Freeland, Matthew Shephard – Meridian, Jo Ann Gross – Shepherd, Garret Ernst - Perry
2. Reports from Officers and Committees
  - a. Secretary: Jo Ann Gross
    - i. Minutes from the fall were posted on line sorry about the mess. Hopefully it will go better posting it this time.
    - ii. MOTION to accept report – Wauldron/Heydenburg - Carried
  - b. Treasurer: Mike Bentley
    - i. Marching band is a little short from last year.
    - ii. Overall we are close to last year. We are off about \$700.00
    - iii. MOTION to accept report – Ryden/Campbell - Carried
  - c. President's Report: Garret Ernst
    - i. See report
    - ii. Many express concerns regarding latest state curriculum proposal.
    - iii. Michigan is one of about three states that does not require fine arts.
    - iv. MOTION to accept report – Stevens/Wicke - Carried
  - d. Marching Band Festival: Roger Stevens
    - i. Many thanks to the hosts – St. Johns
    - ii. Three adjudicator ballots returned
    - iii. MOTION to accept report - Bentley/Lull - Carried
  - e. Solo and Ensemble Festival: Greg Smokovitz
    - i. HS Schedules will be posted on line only by the beginning of the last week of January.
      1. 19 sections
      2. Excellent adjudicators
      3. Greg would appreciate you filling out adjudicator forms before you go.
      4. Sections are full up until 5:00 p.m.



- ix. MOTION to accept report – Scholes/Case
- i. Festival Improvements – Jo Ann Gross
  - i. Jo Ann emailed a copy of the minutes and the proposed jazz combo entry form to everyone this morning.
  - ii. Motions that were passed included:
    - 1. FIC plans on revisiting the open classification proposal in the fall.
    - 2. Delete the first and second to last sentence from page 52, Recording section, article #2, and insert the following sentence at the beginning of Article #2, At all B&O festivals, directors may elect to have 0,1,2, or 3 performance adjudicators make comments on a cassette recording.
    - 3. Item J of the Jazz Improvisation (Combo) Festival Rules was amended to read, “You must bring 1 copy of the completed “Jazz Combo Program” form with you.
    - 4. The FIC recommended that the executive board revisit, for the purpose of revision and/or updating, the guidelines and policies for B&O hosts, site chairs and adjudicators. This should take place at the Fall 2006 meeting.
    - 5. In the solo and ensemble fee section “Jazz Combo...(24 minutes), \$41.00 will be moved below Chamber Ensembles and inserted immediately will be, the following sentence: “Jazz Combos perform in conjunction with State S&E Festival only.”
    - 6. MOTION to accept report – Stevens/Scholes
- j. Music Education – Mike Norman (Garret Ernst)
  - i. Mike emailed the minutes to everyone this morning
  - ii. Garret read the proposed resolution to us. Much discussion was held.
    - 1. It was mentioned that we may want to consider adding a couple of sentences that shows concern for the fine arts department.
    - 2. If they only have to be required “1 credit” this will not allow the student to feel as if he/she has to achieve mastery.
    - 3. Reinforcing “18 hours” in our statement is self defeating because this is a lot to require.
    - 4. We need to stand up for what we believe in. Education is important but this proposal is not the best way to improve education.
    - 5. Double music students stand the most to lose. (Students in instrumental and vocal music)
    - 6. It is not to subplant that a student should remain sequential and go 9, 10, 11, and 12.
    - 7. Students may opt out their junior year to not continue the rigorous schedule. The diploma may be different.

8. In order for our program to survive, schools need to look at scheduling.
9. Any concerns, you need to tell Garret because he is representing us.
- iii. MOTION to accept report – Heydenburg/Andrusiak - Carried
- k. Elementary Music –
  - i. We did not have representation
  - ii. Garret has given us the names and phone numbers of the presenters if you would like to contact them for additional information.
  - iii. MOTION to accept report – Haynes/Ryden – Carried
- l. Strings – Iris Haynes
  - i. Fall Middle Level String Clinic:
    1. October 15 and 22 were the dates for the fall middle level string clinics. There were 7 sites with a total of 20 orchestras, 51 schools and over 1300 students participated
    2. Sites for the 2006 Middle level String Clinic will be set by the middle of February.
    3. January 20 at the Music In Service Conference in Grand Rapids is the tentative date for district string representatives to meet and discuss 2006 fall clinics, reading session, issues and concerns. Details will follow.
  - ii. String Orchestra Reading Session: Was held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Canton High School North. Nearly 40 participants spent three hours reading through middle and high school level music.
  - iii. Elementary/Middle School Instrumental Music Workshop 2005: The MSBOA Elementary/Middle School Instrumental Music Workshop was held on Saturday, October 8, at Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake Road, Clarkston. This workshop was designed to explore techniques and methods to actively engage the middle level student in learning.
  - iv. State Band and Orchestra Festival: An orchestra site for State festival has not been secured at this point. It is hoped that a site will be determined by January 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. MOTION to accept report - Heydenburg/Bentley - Carried
- m. Member Emeritus – Roger Stevens
  - i. David Lee was elected membership.
  - ii. MOTION to accept report - Brooks/Bentley - Carried
- n. MSBOA Honors/YAF – Kristy Keenan
  - i. Kristy is not here, but Garret Ernst has information in his packet.
3. Old Business
  - a. Congratulations to Rodney Page and Ed Turner as Directors of the year. Plaques were presented to each at their holiday Concerts.
  - b. Teacher of the Year Nomination Form was presented.

- i. If you have a person to nominate, mail an entry to Garret by March 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. You will be emailed information and we will vote on it in the next meeting.
    - iii. This will help us get to know our candidates and align it with what the state does.
    - iv. Nominations do not all have to be from our district.
    - v. People do have the option of refusing the nomination. They will be contacted
  - c. It was moved by Heydenburg, seconded by Stevens that we accept the new Teacher of the Year Nomination Form. - Carried
- 4. New Business
  - a. Dates
    - i. Fall Meeting: Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Andrusiak/Bentley – Carried
    - ii. Marching Festival: Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Stevens/Compton – Carried
    - iii. Marching Festival (Rain Date): Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Stevens/Compton – Carried
    - iv. JH S/E Festival (Winter): Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 – Ryden/Harrington – Carried
    - v. Winter Meeting: Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Heydenburg/Lull - Carried
    - vi. JH All Star: Saturday/Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Campbell/Goff – Carried
    - vii. HS S/E Festival: Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Huber/Schlosser – Carried
    - viii. B/O Festival (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend): Friday/Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Stevens/Ryden – Carried
    - ix. B/O Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend): Friday/Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Stevens/Ryden – Carried
    - x. JH S/E Festival (Spring): Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Harrington/Wicke – Carried
    - xi. Spring Meeting: Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Brooks/Lull - Carried
  - b. It looks like we may need to raise fees and model it after what the state does.
    - i. Mike Bentley looked at what our spending trend has been over the last few years and recommending a three year plan.
    - ii. The last time we changed it was around 4-5 years ago.
    - iii. We will revisit this at the next meeting.
  - c. Electing offers might work well if they are elected early and work with the current officer to help teach them. This might make the transition smoother.
  - d. Other
    - i. MMEA’s fall conference will be in October.
    - ii. Bullock Creek HS will be having a percussion concert.

5. For the Good of the Order
6. Adjournment: moved to adjourn at 9:00
  - a. MOTION to accept – Heydenburg/Harrington- Carried

Respectfully submitted

Jo Ann Gross