

# **MSBOA DISTRICT V**

## **Fall 2020 Minutes**

**General Membership Meeting: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Our Homes : )

Members in Attendance: Jeanine Ignash - Ovid Elsie, Matt Wicke - St. Charles, HeaBill Monroe - Midland, Kyle Pokopovich - Student Teacher Midland, Amanda Thoms - Midland, Charles Bicigo - Hemlock, Chelsea Lagalo - Merrill, Chris O'Connell - Midland, Craig Heydenburg - Bay City Western, Brendan Johns - Student Teacher BCW, Craig Luft - Corrunna, David Kellert - Morrice, Chris Deming - Saginaw Swan Valley, Dustin Vanderveer - Bay City Handy, Ellen Burtch - Nouvel CC, Eric Attard - Midland, Eric Clauder - Frankenmuth, Heather Ellenwood - Mt. Pleasant, Heidi Schlosser - Bay City Western, Danielle Hubel - Student Teacher BCW, Jacob Bender - Nouvel CC, Jake Roorda - Fulton, Jillian Kowalczyk - Owosso, Jordan Sterk - Owosso, Josephine Bossenberger - Bullock Creek, Katie Derees - Meridian Public Schools, Kristi Keenan - Bay City Central HS and Bay City Virtual School, Lysa Shaw - Byron, Anna Mamassian - Midland, Matt Taton - Mt. Pleasant, Holly Finch - Student Teacher St. Charles, Matt Shephard - Meridian, Mike Tolrud - Owosso, Jen Parker - St. Johns, Nicki Buski - Midland, Roy Davis - St. Johns, Steve Derees - Midland, Steve Shaw - Freeland, Chelsea Vandergraaff - Bay City Central, Lauren Duflo - Student Teacher MSU, Pete O'Neil - Ithaca, Mary Claire Reynolds - Beal City, Tim Newman - Alma, JoAnn Gross - Shepherd

### **I. Call to Order - 7:02 PM**

### **II. Reports from Officers and Committees**

#### **A. Secretary – Matt Wicke**

Check out the website at <https://dist5.msboa.org/> our By-Laws, Old Minutes from previous meetings, and many other great documents are there for your perusal.

Motion to Accept: VanderGraaff Support: Reynolds  
Motion Carries

#### **B. Treasurer – Steven Shaw**

We lost money with B and O, but we planned on that to give that back to our members. The only big change is that checks will not be deposited until after the event has happened. This will keep us from having the possibility of sending out a bunch of refund checks.

Motion to Accept: L. Shaw Support: Reynolds  
Motion Carries

#### **C. President – Jeanine Ignash**

Jeanine has enjoyed the last 5 years. She is very sad to go and move on to other things. Please be aware of the important things in life, friends, family and other things besides school. What we do is important, but don't let the job overtake you. Thank you for allowing me to be your president for the last 5 years.

Motion to Accept: Burtch Support: Clauder  
Motion Carries

#### **D. Band and Orchestra – Eric Clauder**

1st weekend of festival will be Bay City Western and Perry. 2nd weekend is St. Johns and Frankenmuth. This will help streamline things and make it easier for having a site on each side of the district each weekend. Registration will be pushed back to open on January 4th 2021. The deadline is Friday, January 22nd 2021. The late deadline is January 29th.

Motion to Accept: Heydenburg Support: VanderGraaff  
Motion Carries

#### **E. Solo and Ensemble – Eric Attard**

Due to Covid there has been a change to the JH S and E date - moved to May 8th. Registration needs to be in on-time. Late fee is \$25 per event up to \$100. Review the rule book in regards to work assignments and other rules. Please ask if you are not sure about any rules.

Motion to Accept: Reynolds Support: Burtch  
Motion Carries

#### **F. Adjudicators – Josephine Bossenberger**

Contracts have been sent out for S and E since the date has been moved. 11 have been hired for HS S and E. Check out the report to see who has been hired for each event. Contracts have been updated to include a clause about the current state of affairs in the world. Adjudicator numbers will be adjusted according to participation.

Motion to Accept: Burtch Support: Heydenburg  
Motion Carries

#### **G. Orchestral Activities – Amanda Thoms**

Fall orchestra reading session has been cancelled. Mid-level string clinic has also been cancelled at this time. A virtual option has been discussed. MS All Star Weekend stuff will be discussed later.

Motion to Accept: Clauder Support: Reynolds  
Motion Carries

#### **H. Marching Band – Chris O’Connell**

Executive Board has voted to cancel marching band festival for this year.

Motion to Accept: Reynolds Support: VanderGraaff  
Motion Carries

#### **I. All-Star Weekend – Chelsea VanderGraaff**

JH/HS All star band information is in her report. First, this will be a 1 day event. Currently scheduled for April 17th, 2021 in Bay City Central. All pertinent info is in the report. Deadline is February 5th for all nominations. The expectation is that students arrive prepared for festival. Lunch and Dinner provided for the students on the day. Directors must fulfill a work assignment during that day in order for students to participate. \$20 school entry fee, and a \$20 fee per student who is selected.

Motion to Accept: Reynolds Support: Keenan  
Motion Carries

#### **J. Festival Improvements – Chelsea VanderGraaff**

FIC meets for a full day (usually) at the state office so that they can have deep meaningful discussions about rules and regulations for festivals. For info on what they did, check out the report presented by Chelsea. Too many details for me to keep up with. These motions are sent to the State Executive Board to be voted on. These are not final decisions for upcoming festivals...yet...

More questions, send questions to Chelsea.

**Discussion:** Be cautious about adding electric bass to cover the tuba, bari sax, bass clarinet part. Instead of cover, maybe in absence of instead of covering. We become better musicians and teachers by working through our bands shortcomings and figuring out how to make the best out of each situation. Lots of discussion on both sides of this debate. Many people worried that this opens up a slippery slope for both bands and orchestra.

Motion to Accept: Burtch Support: Reynolds  
Motion Carries

#### **K. Music Education – Josephine Bossenberger**

Check out the Basic Music List Resource Guide. You can find it in the Music Education report.

[msboamusiced.weebly.com](http://msboamusiced.weebly.com)

Motion to Accept: Reynolds Support: Burtch  
Motion Carries

#### **L. Member Emeritus – Eric Clauder**

If you would like to nominate someone for member emeritus for MSBOA, you can find it in the MSBOA Yearbook. Send it to Mr. Clauder after you fill it out. If you have a name for him, please send it to Mr. Clauder.

Motion to Accept: Burtch Support: Heydenburg  
Motion Carries

### **III. Old Business**

#### **A. Mentor Program**

Mr. Clauder is back. Any new directors who would like to participate in our mentorship program, please reach out to Mr. Clauder. We have many elderly directors who would be willing to help and guide a young director. If Mr. Clauder already knows about you, he has you on his list.

#### **B. Dates for this year 2020-2021**

1. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - a. Our Homes via Zoom
2. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - a. St Johns High School

3. Marching Festival (Rain Date): **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - a. St Johns High School
4. All State Auditions: **Saturday/Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - a. **\*\*\*Auditions will be online\*\*\***
5. JH S/E Festival: **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - a. Bay City Western Middle School
6. B&O adjudicator workshop: Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - CANCELLED
7. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - a. Rustic Inn, St. Charles
8. MMC: January 27-30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Virtual
9. HS S/E Festival: **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - a. St. Johns High School
10. B/O Festival (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - a. Bay City Western, Perry
11. B/O Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - a. St. Johns, Frankenmuth
12. State S& E: Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021
13. JH/HS Band All Star: **Saturday/Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - a. Bay City Central High School
14. Spring Meeting: **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - a. Spencer's Route 46, Saginaw

C. Dates for next year 2021-2022

1. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
2. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
3. Marching Festival (Rain Date): **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
4. All State Auditions: **Saturday/Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
5. JH S/E Festival: **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
6. S&E adjudicator workshop is Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
7. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
8. HS S/E Festival: **Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
9. MMC is January 26-29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
10. B/O Festival (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
11. B/O Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
12. JH All Star: **Saturday/Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
13. Spring Meeting: **Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

D. Dates for 2 Years from now 2022-2023

1. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
2. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
3. Marching Festival (Rain Date): **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
4. All State Auditions: **Saturday/Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**
5. JH S/E Festival: **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**
6. B&O adjudicator workshop Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022
7. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
8. HS S/E Festival: **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
9. MMC is January 25-28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
10. B/O Festival (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
11. B/O Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
12. JH All Star: **Saturday/Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
13. Spring Meeting: **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- E. Middle School High School Band proposal – Executive Board Action  
1. **Moved by Bossenberger, Second Attard – “Move to accept the Middle School and High School Band All-Star event at Bay City Central High School as presented in the report.”**

Motion to Accept - Heydenburg Second - Reynolds  
Motion Carries

- F. MS All Star Orchestra – virtual proposal & vote needed if we are doing this event in 2021

1. January 23, 2021 -Midland Central Auditorium (Weekend before MMC)

Motion to Accept presentation for new MS All Star Orchestra proposal - Thoms  
Second - Mamassian  
Motion Carries

Covid version of MS All Star Orchestra 2020 - This would replace the live event with a virtual orchestra. Nomination process would be the same. Only 1 piece of music. The students would perform their parts. The money would be spent on a high quality mixing and sound engineering of the MS All Star Orchestra.

Motion to Accept proposal: Mamassian Support - Reynolds  
Motion Carries

- G. Commissioning

Scott Boerma is still willing to compose a piece for our HS Honors Band for 2022 All Star Band. The piece would be premiered at the 2022 All Star Band. The piece would cost \$1000 per minute for a Grade 3 ½ to 4 piece of music.

Motion to move forward with Scott Boerma’s commission at a cost of less than \$5000.  
Vandergraaff  
Support - Reynolds

#### IV. **New Business**

- A. Marching Band – Executive Board Action

1. **Motion by Shaw, Second Wicke – “To reschedule the marching band festival and revisit the discussion in January for possible dates for a spring marching band festival.”**

Discussion: The thought was that more schools would be able to participate in the spring. There are many who are virtual and cannot participate at this time. We will hopefully have a better idea of who might be able to participate at that time.

**Motion to Accept - Heydenburg Support - Gross  
Motion Carries**

- B. MS S&E – Executive Board Action

1. **Motion by Clauder, Second Schlosser – “Move the MS Solo & Ensemble date to Saturday, May 8 at Bay City Western Middle School.”**

Discussion - Highly recommended by the state that we move all MS items from the fall to the spring in order to give time for a virtual option to be orchestrated.

**Motion to Accept - Gross Support - Reynolds**  
**Motion Carries**

- C. Checks - do we require in November or push back
- D. State Office Updates

**You will receive an email from Charles through Greg about many items discussed by the State Committee.**

They are not planning on requiring everyone do a Virtual event. If areas are phase 5 or 6, they will be allowed to do a live event. Unsure about the possibility of a spring Honors festival. Students would be selected from S and E festivals for that. Virtual festivals would be ran by Opus Events. Groups would pay by credit card, just like all state audition. Accompaniment is a concern, as well as original copies of scores for adjudicators. Many things are in discussion for this year. We are looking at going to 1 solo and ensemble event for all districts throughout the state. There would be 2 tracks at this festival. 1 for students who would like to perform their solo. Another for students to shoot for the Spring Festival at CMU. Recorded comments would be uploaded by adjudicators for the students. We're not necessarily locked in to the date of our event. We could go later if needed. Many contingencies are being considered through all of this. Cost for the event will be different as there will be no traveling/lodging and other items. It is recommended that the adjudicators be paid per event. That is yet to be decided.

**Talking Points from MSBOA**

Check these out from Jeanine!

The Task force from MSBOA, MMEA, MASTA, MSVMA have been in touch with the governor and the governor's office. They have been advocating for us for months. All studies and information have been handed over to the governor's office. The task force sent out the list of recommendations on August 7th. If you didn't get them, reach out to JoAnn or Jeanine for information.

Discussion: It would be nice to see what everyone else is doing out there in other districts. Many of us feel even more isolated and out of the loop from other districts. It would be nice to show administrators what other districts are doing. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. We would like to see more vocal and more public representation of our members.

- E. President

Motion to have Heidi Schlosser finish Jeanine's term as president for this year. This would not start a term for Heidi. Second - Reynolds

Motion Carries

**V. For the good of the order**

- A. MMC is 100% VIRTUAL
  1. All 2021 performing groups will get an invitation to perform in 2022.
  2. The state office posted the etudes for All-State and registration is open.
  3. New Band Directors...make sure to contact the state about your new position.

- B. B&O Adjudicator Workshop December 12, 2020 Cancelled
- C. October 1 Deadlines
  - 1.All-State Auditions
  - 2.District Transfers

\*\*\*Free Membership for MSBOA this year!\*\*\*

Send that out to members who might not be in MSBOA normally.

READ THE HANDBOOK!!!

**VI. Motion to adjourn - Ignash Support - Reynolds  
Motion Carries!!!**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:29 PM**