

District VII – Minutes  
Holiday Inn  
February 2, 2007

District VII meeting was called to order by District Representative Danny Swartz on Friday, February 2, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Bristol, Virginia.

Danny Swartz welcomed everyone and introduced the new members to our district.

The minutes were printed and passed out to each individual. A motion made by Bob Ballengee to accept the minutes as printed and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Springer and passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. District Marching Contest – Donnie Riddle – Marching contest went well. Donnie expressed concern that they were not getting much from the gate and reimbursement from the state.
2. All District Auditions – Mark Collins – Auditions went well. Numbers were down a little this year compared to last year. We had to hire a judge this year due to the play offs and not having enough directors to judge.
3. Jr./Sr. All District – Ben Parks – Event is going well! Ben thanked everyone that has worked hard. Next years event will be held on January 25&26, 2007.
4. Concert Festival – Danny Swartz - March 23-24 at Southwest Community College. We have state judges as Wayne Gallops, Carol Grooms, and Dawn Perry. Sight Reading Judge will be Jack Scott.
5. All Virginia Auditions on February 24, 2007 at JMU. The prepared will be online Sunday, February 4, 2007.
6. All Virginia Band and Orchestra Event at Grafton High School and Woodside HS. April 12-14, 2007.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Solo and Ensemble Festival 2007
  - a. AREA I – No School Volunteered
  - b. AREA II – Holston High School on May 2
  - c. AREA III – No School Volunteered
2. State Marching Band Festival – Pulaski County – October 20, 2007
3. All District Band Auditions – John Battle High School – December 8, 2007  
Motion: Motion to move All District Auditions to the state date of January 5 and the snow date of January 19. Motion fails 15-18 and the original date stays as December 8, 2007. Snow date for auditions will January 5, 2008.

4. All District Clinic – January 25 & 26 at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Bristol, Virginia. Ben Parks, Beverly Campbell and Bob Ballengee are host.
5. Concert Festival – Southwest Virginia Community College – Host School – Richlands High School – Danny Swartz and Bruce Miller.  
Motion: Motion to have District VII Concert Festival on either March 5, 6, or 7, 2008 at Southwest Virginia Community College. Motion passed with majority.

New Directory was passed out. Changes were made during the meeting.

Manual Fees will be due in the fall. The fees this time will be \$50.00 per school.

All Virginia Middle School Band survey was past out. Directors were encouraged to voice their opinions on the middle school all state band.

VMEA Conference will be held back in Norfolk, Virginia at the Marriot Waterside. The dates will be November 15 –17, 2007.

Committee Recommendations sheets from Rob Carroll was past out concerning concert festival.

Danny Swartz mentioned at the marching band festival no executive board member or drill writer would be allowed to judge the festival.

Danny Swartz also mentioned House Bill 1442. Danny suggested that we go on to District VI's website at [www.vboda6.org](http://www.vboda6.org) and read over the bill. We also need to be contacting our state representative to voice our opinions as music educators.

Recognition of our retirees - Glen Weller, Noel Collins and Hubert Fulton. We thanked and honored them for their years of service.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and continue tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. The motion was seconded and meeting adjourned by everyone holding their MENC card in honor of our retirees.

Saturday, February 3, 2007

Danny Swartz calls the meeting to order at 10:04 am on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Bristol, Virginia.

Motion: Motion on the floor to open up discussion about the dates of District Auditions.

Motion was rescinded.

Discussion continued and the date of December 8, 2007 for All District Auditions is still firm.

Motion: Percussion students will audition on snare, xylophone, and timpani and the top eight scores will make each band. The top four scores in senior symphonic band will audition for All State. Motion was made by Bob Ballengee and seconded by Gary Holley. Motion passed. This will begin in December of 2007.

Committees were formed for the following:

Audition Committee: Danny Swartz

Commission a piece of Music: Mark Collins

Jazz Band Committee: Bud Stewart

Percussion Committee:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by Cindy Roberts  
February 9, 2007