

VBODA District VII
Band Director Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center
Bristol, VA
January 26, 2008

- I. District VII meeting was called to order by Danny Swartz at 4:00pm on Friday, January 25, 2008.
- II. Minutes of the last meeting were given to everyone. Tom Hopson made the motion to accept the minutes as posted and Ric Muncy seconded.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. 1. VBODA State Marching Festival - Patrick Butler.
Patrick reported the number of bands was up this year. In years to come please visit the concession to help support the hosting school.
 2. Jr./Sr. All District Auditions – Mark Collins
Mark reported that auditions went well in all areas especially in percussion area as we are trying to pattern auditions to state band level.
We need to encourage new and old to bring students to the auditions.
 3. Jr./Sr. All District Band Clinic – Ben Parks, Beverly Campbell, Bob Ballengee
East Tennessee State University Wind Ensemble will be performing a concert on Friday evening at 6:30pm.
If you have connections for groups to perform please notify Ben, Bob or Beverly.
If you are sending a student as representative, contact Beverly.
Percussion students need their own equipment.
 4. Concert Festival – Danny Swartz – March 7-8, 2008
Information is on the tables if you are bringing groups to concert festival make sure that you pick up a packet or check the web site. Information needs to be returned by February 18, 2008
 5. VA Band Auditions – February 23, 2008 at JMU. Reminder the prepared pieces will be online on February 3.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Solo and Ensemble 2008
 - a. Area I – St. Paul – Marsha Croskey
 - b. Area II – Holston – May 6th
 - c. Area III – Ft. Chiswell – Frank Pugh

2. State Marching Festival – October 18, 2008 at Pulaski County High School
3. All District Band Auditions – December 13, 2008 at John Battle
Snow Date – January 10, 2009
4. All Virginia Auditions – February 28, 2009 – JMU
5. Concert Festival – Need a site
Possible Sites – Marion (Erik Boggs), Pulaski County HS (New River Community College in Dublin), Abingdon (Gary Holly)
NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR CONCERT FESTIVAL 2009!!!
6. All Virginia Band – April 2-4, 2009
7. All District Band Clinic – February 6-7, 2009 at Holiday Inn.
All District Band Clinic – February 5-6, 2010 at Holiday Inn.
MOTION: To Enter into contract with Holiday Inn for 2009 and 2010 for the dates of February 6-7, 2009 and February 5-6, 2010.
Motion by Mark Collins and seconded by Derrick Spence. Motion passed.
8. Congratulations to the following schools for being Virginia Honor Band: Pulaski, Graham, and Richlands

- B. Manual Fees - \$50.00 send to Wayne Powell.
- C. VMEA Dues going up to \$100.00 next year.
- D. Virginia Honor Band Medals are also going up.
- E. Blue Ribbon Schools need to send their most advance choir or band scores for festival to be a Blue Ribbon School.
- F. VMEA In-Service Conference at the Homestead in Hot Springs, VA
Reservations open up February 1, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS:

District Jazz Band – Bud Stewart – Sent out questionnaire in the fall about having a district jazz band. Not much feedback from the directors. Most that did respond said the first years have it as an honor jazz band. Most said to have the clinic in the spring. The Jazz Committee will meet on Saturday Morning at 10:00.

Commissioning a Selection of MUSIC:

If we commissioned a piece of music the cost is approximately \$5000.00 we would have to ask each school to donate \$100.00 from the school or booster organization.

Event Report: If you are hosting an event make sure that your report is in a timely matter.

Meeting will be continued on Saturday, January 26, 2008

Meeting was called to order on January 26, 2008 at 10:04 am at the Holiday Inn.

Good Morning and Welcome from Danny Swartz....

Certificates are being passed out medals are on the table.

Medals – Sr. High symphonic – maroon
Sr. High Concert – orange
Jr. Symphonic – green
Jr. Concert – white

Reopen discussion on commissioning a piece of music. Vic said that we could not use the funds for this years all district unless it was school money.

MOTIONS:

To reduce the chromatic scale for jr. saxophones from low c to high c.

Motion by: Janet Longerbeam

2nd by: Jeff Kleiber

Motion passes

To reduce all district jr clarinet range for chromatic low e to c.

Motion by: Janet Longerbeam

2nd by: Ric Munsey

Motion passes.

To reduce all district jr. flute range from low c to g

Motion by: Janet Longerbeam

2nd by: Ric Munsey

Motion passes

Students may play chromatic and major scales beyond specified range without penalty.

Motion by: Gary Holley

2nd by: Bruce Miller

Motion passes

All major scale raises reflect the range of the chromatic scale for that instrument.

Motion by: Ric Munsey

2nd by: Mike Twigg

Motion withdrawn

Develop a different system of obtaining our District Clinicians.

Motion by: Beverly Campbell

2nd by: Jeff Kleiber

Motion passes

Percussion students can use an electronic pitch pipe in auditions.

Motion by: Bob Ballengee

2nd by: Beverly Campbell

Motion withdrawn

Make a motion that the district chair appointed one representative from each of the three areas and Mark Collins to be responsible for securing district clinicians.

This committee is to include district chairman.

Motion by: Jamie Davidson

2nd by: Patrick Butler

Motion passes

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes compiled by Cindy Roberts

