



VBODA District 7 Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 03, 2023, 3:00 pm

Southwest Higher Ed Center, Abingdon, Va

Meeting Facilitators: • Bruce Miller, Richlands HS, VBODA District VII
Representative • Dawn Sechrist, Giles HS, VBODA District VII Secretary

1) Call to Order (Bruce Miller)

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

- a) Forgo approving minutes

3) Introduce New Directors

Bruce Miller introduced the new directors in district 7; Austin Farmer (Grayson), Nick Meredith (Galax), Carl Hess (Graham), Jesse Hughes (E. B. Stanley), Caden Dyer (Rural Retreat), Andy Holmes (Marion), Isaac Petty (Pulaski Middle), Evan Daniels (Narrows)

Meeting from 10:30 - 11am on Saturday all invited with Q and As

4) Reports (in order of happening)

- a) **VBODA/VMEA Information;** Bruce Miller

If you are not receiving emails from VBODA.ORG please inform Bruce Miller. Make sure your NAFME membership is current.

- b) **Marching Assessment Event, West Site;** Bruce Miller

Emory and Henry ran the marching assessment event for marching assessment. The organization went well this year.

Dan Wilner will represent District 7 for marching assessment. We will need a new liaison after this year. Please see Bruce Miller about hosting at E&H.

- c) **All-District Auditions;** Mark Collins, Josh Turner

Mark Collins reported that the all district audition went well with around 780 students auditions (including doubles). Numbers are up slightly over the past

year and more schools are participating. The platform created by Logan Childress continues to work well. Thank you for your continued patients with tabulations.

d) **All-District Event;** Michael Farina, Joe McNulty, Erica Coates

Michael Farina thanked everyone for the event running smoothly. Please get checks to him if you have not done so already. Thank you to directors that volunteered percussion equipment. Medals are on the VBODA website. You are responsible for ordering medals for your students. They are \$4.50 each. Certificates were printed and distributed. Please check them for inaccuracies. They can be fixed here at the event, otherwise you will have to fix them on your own. If you are not watching the concert tomorrow, we will be breaking percussion rooms down as we go. Please participate in the loading out of equipment.

Next year, we will require a new district event chair. In the future, we need to work cooperatively for this event. We need more donations of percussion equipment and create a rotating list to help spread the work around the district.

e) **Concert Assessment;** Ben Parks & Brandon Guffey

Brandon Guffey reported that concert assessment will take place on March 8 and 9 at Virginia High School. Please see a previously sent email for the enrolment form. If you would like to request a date please sign the request form. Scheduling will be lowest grade music to highest grade music throughout the day. If you do not send the check ahead of time or the day of the event, you will not be able to perform. Judges will be Taryn Wooten, Vince Tornello, Uley Daniels and Keith Cottrill. All necessary forms for assessment are on the VBODA 7 website. Please remember to bring three original scores for the judging panel the day of the assessment.

f) **Solo & Ensemble Event;** Bruce Miller & Ryan Carpenter

Ryan Carpenter reported that this year solo and ensemble will be on Thursday, April 20. Students pay a \$5 fee and perform in front of a panel of judges to be assessed. More information will be sent to the district by the middle of next week. We have three regions in the district. Holston has hosted all three for a while. Volunteers are needed to host solo and ensemble in different regions in the district.

4) Old Business

- a) Any old business as deemed unresolved by the membership
Bruce Miller noted that in regards to judging for All Districts, please note why a student received a zero on a scale or sightreading to clarify score.

5) New Business

- a) New Director Meeting Time and Overview

The new director meeting will be tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

- b) 2023 All-State Auditions @ JMU

All State Auditions are February 25. As a district, we must submit ten judges. If you have a student auditioning, you will be selected to judge.

- c) 2023-2024 Dates and Information

- i) **Marching Assessment, West Site;** Bruce Miller

If you are interested in hosting with Emory and Henry, please contact Bruce Miller. October 14 or 21 are the date options for 2023. Younger directors are encouraged to host.

- ii) **All-District Auditions;** Mark Collins, Josh Turner

December 9, 2023 will be the audition date for the all-district audition
January 6, 2024 is the snow date

- iii) **All-District Event;** Mike Farina, Joe McNulty, Erica Coates

The date for the all-district event will be February 2 and 3, 2024 in the SWVA Higher Education Center

- iv) **Concert Assessment;** Ben Parks & Brandon Guffey

Plan A - March 13 and 14, 2024

Plan B - March 6 and 7, 2024

- v) **Solo & Ensemble Event:** Bruce Miller & Ryan Carpenter

The date for solo and ensemble is April 20, 2023

- d) District 7 VBODA Representative Elections (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025)

Bruce Miller's term is up June 30, 2023

The floor was opened for nominations for district representative from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025

Dan Wilner nominated Michael Farina. The nomination was seconded by Frank Pugh. Michael Farina accepted the nomination.

e) Any other new business as deemed appropriate by the membership
Bruce Miller offered to continue to update the district 7 handbook

Mark Collins noted that we need to communicate clearly what our needs are to our clinicians. See if they are willing to double mallet parts, request no piano parts. We are paying our clinicians to provide music and folders. They need to understand that they are responsible for selecting music with the guidance from the committee. Clinicians need to be in place as fast as possible. If you are interested in being event chair for the all district event, please inform Michael Farina.

Brandon Guffey requested help to find adjudicators for assessment.
It was noted that a list of possible clinicians and adjudicators needs to be created and put into the district handbook.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Brandon Guffey

6) Closing at 3:37PM