

**Madison County Music Educators Association
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, January 19, 2024 - 6:30 PM – Stockbridge Valley CS

Districts Represented: Camden, Canastota, Cazenovia,
Chittenango, DeRuyter, Hamilton, Madison,
Morrisville-Eaton, Oneida, VVS

****Note: If you were in attendance at the meeting and your school is not listed, please make sure you sign the attendance sheet.***

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

- II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns
Motion to Dispense – Dave Hawthorne
Second: Brent Buneo
So Moved

- B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy
- Business as usual
Motion to Accept – Linda Carter
Second – Lyndsay Colella
So Moved

- C. Vice-President – Matthew Stearns
Reminder that due dates are observed for all festivals –
No exceptions
Familiarize yourself with the MCMEA Hand Book

- D. Band Rep: Dave Hawthorne
January festival going well
March festival:
5-6 Band – Brianna Hoige – Chair
Margie Hawthorne – Conductor

E. Choral Representative – Heather O’Connell

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and took on roles as chair people, conductors, and accompanists for the 23/24 school year!

This weekend’s 6th grade chorus features Stephanie Gwilt, Oneida as conductor, Amanda Yeoman, ME as accompanist, and Nicole Winegard, Oneida as chairperson.

For the March festival, we have the following:

7/8 Chorus: Jamie McCarthy, ME conductor and chairperson, and Adrienne Cox, DeRuyter accompanist

9-12 chorus:

Maggie Dougherty, Caz chairperson, Colin Keating, B’Ville HS guest conductor, and Matthew Stearns, Chitt accompanist.

As always I am happy to take names for anyone interested in taking on any of these roles next year. Because Oneida is hosting, no Oneida teachers will be available to take on any of the positions for the 6th grade chorus in 2025. Reach out to me if you are interested!

F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase - All set with Chairs and Conductors

G. Audition Chairperson – Jessica Hoople - Moving forward

H. President – Ryan Hobart – - Electronic manual moving forward - New Festival Ensemble – Modern Band – Successful in Zone 5 and 15. - 2024 Winter Conference Session proposals will be open through April on the NYSSMA website. - All-State application questions can be directed to the NYSSMA 2nd VP - Majors Clinic Option - perform any 2 pieces /comments only

- Revised contracts for All-State conductors/Accompanists Starting in 24-25 will be given to Zone Reps.
- Summer Conference is on pause
- NAFME has a new updated website
- Equity Resource Center coming out this spring

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- I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns -
 - Email Matt with any changes
 - No online program

J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli – No report

K. Publicity – George Jweid – In the papers

- L. Festival Chairperson – Lindsay Colella
 - Thank you to SVCS for a wonderful festival
 - VVA Spring Festival moving forward

III. OPEN BUSINESS:

A. Band Audition Music Committee – will meet in June at the Hawthorne’s home. If interested, contact Ryan Hobart.

B. Increased Position Pay Via Arts In Ed – see attached memo

MOTION made by Dave Hawthorne to accept the proposal to increase pay for Conductors/Accompanists/Chair People and Officers via Arts In Ed.

Second – Matt Stearns

PASSED

C. Proposal to move festival to an earlier date discussed.
No changes made.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Joe Sugar Day – 3/4/24 – if interested contact R. Hobart

B. Conference All-State Recognitions:

Cazenovia:

Jack Coburn – Mixed Chorus

Olivia Wong – Mixed Chorus/Alt Orchestra

Nathan Schierer – Alt Mixed Chorus

Chittenango:

Evelynn Keville – Symphonic Band

Sophia DiGennaro – Symphonic Band

Nathan Cleveland - Orchestra

C. Ryan will reach out to Brookfield

D. Orchestra Scale requirements will be updated

E. Cazenovia hosting 2024-2025 Auditions

F. Band Rep position is open for anyone interested

V. Dates and Reminders:

2023 – 2024 Festivals:

3/15-16/24 – Spring All-County – VVS

June 18 – Spring Meeting

VI. Adjournment: 7:19 PM

Motion to adjourn: Jamie McCarthy

Second: Dave Hawthorne

Respectfully Submitted,

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INCREASE FOR ALL BUT EFFORT PUT MORE INTO IN COUNTY POSITIONS THAT OUT OF COUNTY POSITIONS

January	Current	January Up 75/25	January Up Total	Admin Fee	Total	Difference	73% Reimbursement
Fest Chair	200	350	350	19.25	369.25	169.25	269.55
4 Chairs	500	218.75	875	48.13	923.13	423.13	673.88
3 In county conductors	375	218.75	656.25	36.09	692.34	317.34	505.41
1 Out of county Conductor	450	562.5	562.5	30.94	593.44	143.44	433.21
1 Accompanist	125	218.75	218.75	12.03	230.78	105.78	168.47
1 Program	100	175	175	9.63	184.63	84.63	134.78
Total	1750		2837.5	156.06	2993.56	1243.56	2185.30
March	Current	March Up 75/25	March Up Total	Admin Fee	Total	Difference	73% Reimbursement
Fest Chair	200	350	350.00	19.25	369.25	169.25	269.55
5 Chairs	625	218.75	1093.75	60.16	1153.91	528.91	842.35
3 In county conductors	375	218.75	656.25	36.09	692.34	317.34	505.41
2 Out of county conductors	900	562.5	1125.00	61.88	1186.88	286.88	866.42
2 Accompanist	250	218.75	437.50	24.06	461.56	211.56	336.94
1 Program	100	175	175.00	9.63	184.63	84.63	134.78
Total	2450		3837.50	211.06	4048.56	1598.56	2955.45