

Madison County Music Educators Association
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 20, 2023 - 6:30 PM – Chittenango HS

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 6:34 PM

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

- B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy
- Thank you to Margie Hawthorne for Music Educator's Day
- Business as usual
Motion to Accept – Matt Stearns
Second – Nick Anderalli
So Moved

- C. Vice-President – Megan Russell – No report

- D. Band Rep: Dave Hawthorne
- All-County Bands going well
- Thanks for working together to solve the 9-12 Alto Sax shortage

- E. Choral Representative: Amanda Hughes – No Report
- F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase –
- All set for March festival
 - Finalizing brass/woodwinds/perc. for Full Orchestra after Choral auditions
 - Recommendations for 10-12 Violins
- G. Audition Chairperson – Ryan Hobart
- Choral Auditions – Saturday, January 28, 2023
- H. President – Ryan Hobart –
- Joe Sugar Day – 50th Anniversary – if you would like to go, please have your name to Ryan by 2/1/23
- I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns
- any directory changes, let Matt know, to include long term subs
 - looking into other web page domain options
 - the Handbook is updated regularly
- J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli
- If you have any concern for Nick or Ryan to take to Joe Sugar Day, please let them know
- K. Publicity – George Jweid
- Event is in local news
- L. Festival Chairperson – Matt Stearns
- Going well and thank you
- II. OPEN BUSINESS: None

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NYSSMA Report – Bill McCoy

- Conference All-State applications are online
- The e-mail is legitimate and the application must be completed or the student will be heard as L6
- The new NYSSMA Manual is now in effect
- 30 students only per accompanist for NYSSMA Solo Festivals
- Zone 4 is working on putting together a Jr. High Area All-State
- E-mail sent out to vote on Eastern Region Election

B. Review

Reviewed the 2016 MCMEA policy regarding solicitation of additional student musicians for All-County ensembles

C. In depth discussion on All-County auditions vs.

recommendations and alternatives for students who are unable to attend.

No changes were made to our present policies at this time and discussion will continue

MOTION:

Megan Russell made a motion for the String Teachers to use a Google Form for student All-County recommendations.

Second – Alicia Caropresso

PASSED

MOTION:

Jamie McCarthy made a motion to increase All-County registration and participation fees to from \$5.00 to \$7.00 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

Second – Rose Connolly

PASSED

D. Discussion on raising the stipend paid to In-House All-County Conductors tabled until a later meeting.

V. Dates and Reminders:
PLG K-8 GM –Mad/Oneida BOCES – My Learning Plan

2022 – 2023 Festivals:

1/28/23 – Vocal Audition Festival

3/6/23 – Joe Sugar Day in Albany

3/17-18/2023 – Spring All-County Festival – Camden

6/13/23 – Membership/Election meeting – 6:30 PM
(Survey will be sent out to determine availability and
location for the June meeting)

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Nick Anderalli

Second: Bill McCoy

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Stearns

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