

Madison County Music Educators Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 22, 2025 – 6:30 PM  
The Fort/Morrisville

**Districts Represented:** Brookfield, Camden, Canastota, 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 6:46 PM

II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns  
Motion to Dispense – Jamie McCarthy  
Second: Heather O'Connell  
So Moved

B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy  
Motion to Accept – Linda Carter  
Second – Nick Anderalli  
So Moved

C. Vice-President – Janelle Patchin  
- Janelle is taking a job in Oneida and Tyler Rifenberg will be  
taking the Canastota position  
- County "Pinterest" like board to share ideas

D. Band Rep: George Jweid  
2025-26 Festivals  
5-6 Band: George Jweid – Chair  
Adriel Schoek – Conductor  
7-8 Band: Ryan Hobart – Chair  
Brianna Hoige – Conductor  
9-12 Band: Lisa Stearns – Chair  
Conductor TBA

**\*\*All Bands will Audition on SET AA**

E. Choral Representative – Heather O’Connell

**9-12 Chorus:**

Chair: Jamie McCarthy (ME)

Conductor: Penelope Cruz

Accompanist: Heather O’Connell

**7/8 Chorus:**

Chair: Jessica Hoople (Ham)

Conductor: Micayla McDougall (Cam)

Accompanist: Erin Fischer (Private Piano- Sherburne)

**March Festival 2026@ME:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Chorus:**

Chair: Lindsay Colella (SV)

Conductor: Kristen Tomaino (VVS)

Accompanist: Kim Nethaway (retired VVS)

F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase

2025-2026 Festivals:

5-6 Orchestra: Kaycie Romano – Chair

Mary Coburn – Conductor

7-8 Orchestra: Dawn Giddings – Chair

Millie Ruggio - Conductor

9-12 Full Orchestra: Jen Chase – Chair

Steve Fayette – Conductor

Band Directors – encourage full orchestra participation

- Megan Russell – NYSSMA Achievement Award

G. Audition Chairperson – Ryan Hobart

- All set to go for Madison
- Registration and Proof of Payment Due 10/3

H. President's Report – Matthew Stearns

- Thank you to Ryan for chairing auditions
- Conference All-State:
  - Camden - Lawrence Fiume - Clarinet
  - Chittenango – Derek Gay - Chorus
  - Natalie DiGennaro - Oboe
- 8/25 President's Meeting (Janelle Patchin)
- Webinars on NYSSMA website
- NYSSMA Adjudicators needed

I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns

- will continue to update handbook

J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli

- All are encouraged to become NYSSMA members
- Joe Sugar Day - March
- This position will be open for next year

K. Festival Chairperson – Matthew Stearns

January information forthcoming

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. HS Choral Music Files – still at Oneida HS
- B. Music Educators Day is at VVS HS
- C. Welcome back to MCMEA Holy Cross Academy!

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VVS will not be able to host in 2027 due to a building project
- B. New Vocal Rep and Secretary needed for 2026 - 27

V. Dates and Reminders:

10/10/15 – Music Educator’s Day – VVS HS

10/25/25 – All-County Auditions – Madison

1/16 – 17/26 – Winter Festival – Chittenango

3/13-14/26 – Spring Festival – Morrisville-Eaton

VI. Adjournment: 7:16 PM

Motion to adjourn: Jamie McCarthy

Second: Ryan Hobart

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Stearns

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