

Madison County Music Educators Association
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 17, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Chittenango High School

Districts Represented: Camden, Canastota, Chittenango, DeRuyter,
Hamilton, Holy Cross, 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 10:03 AM

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

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

- C. Vice-President – Janelle Patchin
 - County "Pinterest" like board to share ideas
 - Best Practice Website

- D. Band Rep: George Jweid
 - 2026-27 Festivals – Need Conductors and Chairs for all

- E. Choral Representative – Heather O'Connell
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 - Please make sure you sign and return your BOCES contract to Cheri Schmalz immediately upon receipt.
Please watch for her e-mails.
 - * Choral Representative position open for next year

- F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase
2026-2027 Festivals: All set for next year

- G. Audition Chairperson – Ryan Hobart
- All set

- H. President’s Report – Matthew Stearns
- Thank you to Chittenango for hosting
- Portrait of a Graduate – watch for info
- Modern Band Chair voted in

- I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns
- Status quo

- J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli
- Joe Sugar Day – Albany – March
Joe Perotta from Camden will attend
* This position will be open for next year

- K. Festival Chairperson – Jamie McCarthy
- Submit percussion needs now
- Information forthcoming

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. VVS will not be able to host in 2027 due to a building
Project – Camden will switch

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Music Educators Day –
More help
Possible chair people – Matt will send an e-mail

- B. Hard copies and E-mail copies of All-County Festival music required going forward
- C. Welcome to HCA Vocal Teacher – Janice Plumley
- D. Matt will send a survey out to poll interest and opinions on a 2 day or virtual component for our Audition Festival
- E. PLEASE NOTE: Percussionists and Mallets audition with Level 2 and 4 NYSSMA requirements. Please check the NYSSMA Manual you are unsure.

F. MOTION:

Jamie McCarthy motioned that he will send registration invoices out to teachers for payment.

SECOND: George Jweid

PASSED

V. Dates and Reminders:

3/13-14/26 – Spring Festival – Morrisville-Eaton
End of year meeting – Stay tuned

VI. Adjournment: 10:45 AM

Motion to adjourn: Jamie McCarthy
Second: Nick Anderalli

Respectfully Submitted,

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