

# **VBODA GENERAL MEETING**

April 12, 1997

Great Bridge High School

10:00am

## **CALL TO ORDER [Gammon]**

President Linda Gammon called the meeting to order at 10:00am

## **DISTRICT ROLL CALL [McKenzie]**

| <u>District</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| I               | Mark Carder           |
| II              | Linda Dye             |
| III             | Patti Newman          |
| IV              | Mike Kirby            |
| V               | Joe Tornello          |
| VI              | Rick Elliott          |
| VII             | Glenn Weller          |
| VIII            | Doug Poole            |
| IX              | Richard Griffith      |
| X               | Jack Elgin            |
| XI              | Carl Bly              |
| XII             | Keith Taylor          |

**VOTING PROCEDURE [Gammon]** All voting is made by membership card. There are 3 types of motions listed on the bottom of your agenda. Please refer to these when voting.

**MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING** - minutes of the fall general meeting were published in VMEA "Notes". Minutes stood as published.

**RECOGNITIONS [Gammon]** Thanks to Rob Carroll and Brad Shed for hosting the All-Virginia Event this year.

Lake Braddock Secondary School (Roy Holder, Conductor) has been chosen to appear at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Convention in Chicago.

## TREASURER'S REPORT [Kirby]

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| Manual.....        | \$7,996.86   |
| All-Virginia.....  | \$5,658.16   |
| General.....       | \$4,336.32   |
| Medals.....        | \$1,752.81   |
| Marching Band..... | \$6,468.47   |
| Technology.....    | \$1,697.03   |
| Total.....         | \$27, 909.65 |

No District Band Financial Reports have been sent from Districts 3, 10, 11 & 12.

## GENERAL BUSINESS [Gammon]

**All-Virginia 1998** - The Executive Board has approved Atlee High School as the site of the 1998 All-Virginia Event. George Sadler and Melissa Gordan will serve as host chairmen. Dates are April 2-4. Conductors will be Anthony Maiello for Orchestra and Lowell Graham for Band.

•The 1999 event has been approved at Woodside High School in Newport News on April 8-10 with Jonathon Hargis as host.

**VMEA News** [Scott Lambert] presented the new slate of officers:

|                 |                 |
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| President-Elect | Terry Austin    |
|                 | Charlotte Smith |
| Secretary       | Patti Brennan   |
|                 | Mary Wagner     |

•VMEA is requesting anyone with concerns that you would like to share with the membership are encouraged to send a letter to the editor to VMEA "Notes". We are trying to set up an editorial column and answer those as well.

•At the VMEA Executive Board meeting Districts 1, 4, 5, 9, 10 were not represented. There were substitute reps for Districts 6 & 12. It is very important that the person running for District Rep be able to do the job.

•I have gone on record as being opposed and will not vote for any kind of budget deficit.

•The biggest step that we can make toward a total communication is to make sure that all of the District reps attend the State Council of Review in September.

•We did finally take a stand in taking VBODA's recommendation for redistricting.

[Lyn Tarabick] Updates on the Standards of Accreditation Revision

•We have requested a separate Fine Arts credit for graduation. We have sent out a mailing requesting that it be sent down through the membership in the Districts. We are now in the second

round of hearings on the standards of accreditation and what we have asked for and what we have support for from the majority of the Board of Education members is that we have asked for a separate Fine Arts credit for graduation. Right now it is Fine/Practical Arts. We thank those who have written letters because the impact of your response has been very positive with the board. It was determined that we will have a target date of April 29th for letters to the Board of Education (Lyn handed out lists of addresses for Board of Ed members)

There are also some remaining public hearings on these issues.

[Scott Lambert] The 3 additional graduation requirements should be a major focus because that is going to have more impact on anything that we do. The Governor is pushing the Board of Education to add a social studies, math and a science in addition to the requirements that we have now. It got vetoed and has become a real political situation but is now on hold. Some superintendents are actively fighting this issue because of funding.

**VMEA Conference 97** [Gammon] tapes and applications for performance are due by May 15th. Band tapes to Linda Gammon and Orchestra tapes to Mary Wagner.

Some of the clinics planned for the conference will include:

Bruce Pearson  
Al "Corky" Fabrizio  
Jim Houlik  
Gerry Gauthreaux  
Roger Behrend

The Navy Band will perform at the general session on Friday evening. A double reading session with new music is also being planned.

[Mary Wagner] Orchestra Clinics will include:

Doris Gazda  
PR in the Elementary music program  
Chamber music session  
Zeta violins on electric violins  
2 orchestra performance slots (still need to be filled)  
VASTA meeting  
Bob McCashen on Conducting  
standard reading session

[Lambert] Thursday evening we will have some entertainment before an informational general session and some information following the informational general session. Exhibits with wine and cheese will be open for adults only.

**Manual Committee Report** [Schoonover] The progress on the CD Rom is on-going. You can

submit a score at any time to be graded. There is only one time of the year when that actually costs you any money and that is after the November meeting of the manual committee until Festival. During this time period there will be a \$10.00 fee for grading. There is no deadline before Festival to turn in scores.

We hope that we will have all the Band and Orchestra materials and all of the solos and ensembles that have been graded up to this point on the CD Rom this fall.

We are presenting two workshops at conference this fall to go over how to use the CD Rom.

[Gammon] Sid is recovering from surgery and has been sent a fruit basket from VBODA.

### **Manual Fee Collection Update** [Gammon for Wayne Powell]

**Slate of Officers for 1996-98** [Gammon] Elections for officers for next year are taking place in November during the convention. These officers will serve from June of 1998-2000. All members should be sure to vote. Those who did not attend the conference may write VMEA for an absentee ballot.

At this time Joe Tornello will present the slate of officers.

[J. Tornello] President Elect

Jack Elgin

Rick Elliott

Secretary

Melinda McKenzie

Middle School Rep

Wayne Powell

Richard Sanger

String Rep

Dan Lind

Chris Memoli (nominated @ this meeting)

**MOTION** [Schoonover] to approve the slate of officers as listed. **SECOND** [Kirby]

[Mary Wagner] Is there any discussion on this? We need more nominations for string rep.

[Tornello] Any more nominations?

Chris Memoli is nominated for string rep.

[Tornello] Any nominations for any of the other positions?

**MOTION PASSED.** Slate of officers is approved.

[Gammon] Each of these people need to send a Bio and picture to Vernon Burnsed to "Notes" by April 15th.

[Gammon] Your ballot for district representatives will go out by April 15th. Please vote and return your ballot by April 30th. These people are a very important part of our organization and we will be doing more to educate them as district reps.

**VMEA Redistricting** [Gammon] At the VMEA Executive Board meeting on April 5th it was voted to add two new districts and to realign several others. Informational lists and maps are available to you today. These districts will be in effect in September 1997. District instrumental reps have been appointed until a special election can be held. District 13 will be Vince Tornello and District 14 will be David Solomon.

**Festival Fees to VMEA** [Gammon] The 50¢ per student fee has been changed back to the 25¢ per student effective school year 1997-98.

## **BAND BUSINESS** [Gammon]

**All-Virginia Auditions** [Joe Tornello] We had a lot of transitions this year but the outcomes seemed to have been successful. I appreciate the help of the membership with judging and administrative assistance. The JMU people were great and we will be using them next year. A special thanks to Dan Lind for making up the program for registration and tabulation.

We would like to try to secure more directors for judging next year. We will try something new next year and forward out the request for judging postcard after the 1st of the year next year rather than in December. There will be a two week turn around time to send the cards back.

We also request that if you are bringing a student to audition that you volunteer to help next time. With the new system under way the auditions will not take as long in the future.

Lastly, we ran into a small problem with a few students because they were never given the information on registration times. This was the directors fault. Make sure that you are there to register your students.

The judges sheets were made available for District reps to pick up.

[Jack Elgin] Is the program that Dan put together available for use by the Districts for All-District Band auditions?

[Gammon] We will discuss this issue at our June meeting.

[Lambert] This will make your training for All-State auditions easier.

[Gammon] Thanked Joe Tornello, Mary Wagner and Dan Lind for their organizational skills in running the All-Virginia Auditions.

**VBODA Marching Festival** [Gammon] Thanked Jack Elgin for all of his hard work over the past few years as marching band chairman. We appreciate his dedication to our organization. We also welcome Ken Rudd as our new chairman.

Dates for the 1997 VBODA Marching Festival are:

October 18th Pulaski and Charlottesville  
October 25th Potomac and Princess Anne

**Honor Bands** [Gammon] 1997 Honor Band recipients were named and congratulated for their outstanding work this year.

10 year Honor Bands go to Midlothian HS and Robinson Secondary. This years 10 year honor band director is James Hale.

[Gammon] <sup>Board</sup> **The Executive recommends the concept of adding a second All-Virginia Band and a prepared excerpt/selection as part of the audition process.**

**If the motion passes by a simple majority today and by a 2/3 majority in a mail ballot; further details as to the size of the group, instrumentation, etc. will be studied by a committee.**

This new concept would be effective starting at the 1999 event.

**MOTION [Jack Elgin] to accept the board's recommendation. SECOND [Scott Lambert]**

**MOTION PASSED. Favor (37) Oppose (22)**

[Schoonover] I think we were talking about reformatting both bands. There would be two smaller but equal sized bands which would still involve more students but would also make the logistics easier to find rehearsal space for them. With the addition of two more districts we now have a larger pool of students eligible to audition and we think that that will give us a good number of students to audition for this event.

[John LaCava] Are those two concepts tied together?

[Gammon] They are tied in the same motion, yes. If they pass we would further study the details.

[Lambert] Let me add that there would not be any kind of lessening of the quality of players chosen for the orchestra.

[Hazel Chelik] As we go from two to three organizations how is that going to impact rehearsal time on stage?

[Gammon] That is an item that would be addressed if this passes.

[Linda Dye] Our District has three bands at All-District Bands and it works.

### **ORCHESTRA BUSINESS** [Mary Wagner]

- The northern Virginia region will be voting shortly as to whether or not they will go with two full orchestras with the first orchestra being All-State eligible. That will take place if it is voted in on the fall of 1998.

- Please send tapes in for playing at conference. Last year I only received 2 or 3 tapes and that is not a real good representaiton of the state.
- Audition results are available today.

[Mike Trowbridge] Does District 9 have to add another District in to remain a region?

[Gammon] As of now it will stay as stated but we are going to have to address that.

[Mike Trowbridge] I was not at the meeting where it was decided to change the All-VA fee to \$10.00. Where is that money going?

[Gammon] \$3.00 of that is slated for technology.

**NSOA** [Bob Spires] requests applicants for NSOA Honors Orchestra. Deadline for nominations is December 1st. 4 students from Virginia made it this year. Thanks VBODA and VMEA for their contributions to sponsor students for this event.

[Mike Trowbridge] Thanks Bob Spires for his work with NSOA.

### **Conductor List for All-Virginia:**

#### **Band**

Jim Croft

Paula Crider

Ray Cramer

Larry Christianson

James Keene

Jon Woods

#### **Orchestra**

Thom Wilkins

David Hoose

Fritz Gerhardt

Larry Christianson

Michael Morgan

Leon Gregorian

**MOTION [John Casagrande] to accept the band conductor list. SECOND [Denny Stokes] MOTION PASSED.**

[Gammon] Any other business?

[Don Jeannes] First, I would like a clarification on why the redistricting and in District 10 & 11 why those moves were made. Secondly, is there a process in place that gives the directors of those schools input when changes are going to be made like this?

[Gammon]VMEA appointed a committee several years ago. There was not much action. VBODA appointed a committee in November that met at conference and came up with a proposal which I was instructed to present to the Executive Board. The VMEA proposal was accepted. . . . the report was accepted. The VBODA proposal was voted upon. It was accepted and as of now that is the

way it stands; however if you are in disagreement contact your District Rep, who at the September meeting may bring up a proposal. It is a VMEA issue at this point not a VBODA issue.

[Jeannes] Does anyone have any rationale for why the changes were made?

[Gammon] The VMEA proposal was to go to Area 1, Area 2, Area 3. This proposal was the least disruptive and caused the least movement from Districts.

[Jeannes] Why was Jefferson moved to 10 and why was Oakton moved to 11.

[Gammon] District 11 needs more sites.

[Jeannes] That won't solve the problem.

[Gammon] It does in the middle school because Jefferson doesn't have a middle school. Jefferson has students from all Districts and it is actually closer to 10 than it is to 11. At this point these are issues that need to be brought up at the VMEA September meeting.

[Chelik] As a dues paying member I wonder why people do not consult the folks who are concerned with these moves. Is this taxation without representation? My representative did not contact me or anyone. Mary Wagner did hold a meeting of all string people in 10, 11 & 12 and it was unanimously decided that we did not want to move 11; but I guess Mary Wagner had no vote at this meeting.

[Schoonover] I would like to say that having lived through one other redistricting that took five years; nobody usually wants to be moved. That doesn't mean that it shouldn't happen if indeed there are some valid reasons for the move. This can't be decided based upon the interests of one school. We have to do what we think is best for a whole area and the state.

[Denny Stokes] I would ask anyone on the committee if they would like to respond, was any thought given to the schools in Alexandria in this move.

[John Casagrande] My concern is that we do need more sites in district 11 but I think by taking Jefferson away we have lost another site even though we pick up a middle school we have still lost a site. It would have been nice to have had some input into this along the way. It has just been rammed down our throats.

[Gammon] Again, the procedure if you are unhappy will be to speak to your District Instrumental Reps and if you are very smart to confer with the vocal teacher because at the September meeting you will have 3 votes not 1.

[John LaCava] If people are feeling excluded then there must something wrong with the procedure. In which case you need to change the procedure.

[Scott Lambert] I will say again that only half of our District representatives were there at the meeting last Saturday.

[Gammon] That was overall District Reps.

[Lambert] Again the problem that you run into is that the District Reps; whether it be instrumental, choral or elementary are not communicating with the membership. It's being handed down and its being communicated to them but its not making it to you.

[Mary Wagner] At the September meeting, instead of voting the whole VBODA proposal as a package is it possible to vote just on the Fairfax issue.

[Gammon] The proposal is in place. You can bring up individual circumstances. The committee



members were Carl Bly, Vince Tornello, Wayne Powell, Stan Schoonover, David Solomon and Mary Wagner.

[Mary Wagner] I would like to note that at the November meeting of this committee that Districts 10, 11 & 12 had no changes at that point. That happened after that meeting took place.

[Gammon] (relinquishes the chair to Joe Tornello) As I told you earlier, this was a proposal as an alternative to aligning the Districts with areas 1, 2 & 3. It was the least restrictive and I did not personally think there was going to be action on this. So, again, this is a VBODA problem but a VMEA issue. We can readdress your concerns but not until September.

[Scott Lambert] There were two proposals laid on the table. VMEA had appointed a committee chaired by Charlotte Collins. They came up with a proposal where the report was accepted but the proposal was not implemented. VBODA had a proposal and that proposal was accepted with a modification and implemented. That's what happened. That modification was a compromise. Make sure your Rep is at that meeting in September.

[Chelik] Is there anything that we can do to get a vote for our string representative?

[Gammon] That would have to be a constitutional change to the VMEA by-laws.

[Lambert] String people are represented through the section presidents.

**MOTION to Adjourn** [Kathy Dow] The meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.

Respectfully submitted by;

Melinda A. McKenzie