



Missouri Music Educators Association

A Federated Association of the National Association for Music Education

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, August 18, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Salon C: Tan-Tar-A Report

Continental breakfast available: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting
- III. President's Report-Kevin Lines
 - a) Informational items
 - b) NAFME National Meeting
 - c) Southwest Division meeting
 - d) 75th Annual In-Service Workshop/Conference Theme ***MUSIC: Key to Success***
- IV. President-Elect Report-Gary Brandes
- V. Past President Report-Rob Nichols
 - Budget committee report
 - Recruiting new officers
- VI. Executive Secretary's Report-Paul Swofford
 - a) Procedure Reminders
 - b) 2013 Room Prices (\$94.00 plus resort fees and taxes) (\$87 for all-state rate)
 - c) Treasurer's report
- VII. Vice-President Reports [Briefly report on in-service/workshop concert sessions and clinics.]
 - a) Band-Joe Parisi
 - b) Choral-Ken Tucker
 - c) College/University-Cheryl Cifelli
 - d) Early Childhood/Elementary-Vanessa Miner
 - e) General Music-Karen Stafford
 - f) Jazz-Rob Babel
 - g) Orchestra-Stephanie Phalp
- VIII. District President Reports [Briefly summarize your district follow up meetings and any other district information.]
 - a) Northwest District #1-Kevin Griffin
 - b) Northeast District #2-Brad Heckman
 - c) Kansas City Metro District #3-Craig Miller
 - d) West Central District #4-Nathan Long

- e) St. Louis Suburban District #5-James Waechter
- f) Central District #6-Linda Krueger
- g) East Central District #7-Ron Sikes
- h) St. Louis Metro District #8-Rick Padgett
- i) South Central District #9-Rocky Long
- j) Southeast District #10-Ellen Seyer
- k) Southwest District #11-Amy Palmer

IX. Affiliate/All-State Reports [*Briefly report on organization activities*]

- a) MBA/Band Linda Huck
- b) MCDA/Choir-Brian Reeves
- c) MAJE/Jazz-Jeff Melsha
- d) MOASTA/Orchestra-Valerie Bell

X. Advisory Council [*Briefly report on in-service clinic sessions*]

- a) Advancing Music Education Chair-Paul Copenhaver
- b) Mentoring Chair-Steve Litwiller
- c) MIOSM-*currently vacant*
- d) Research Chair-Wendy Sims
- e) NAFME-C [*Advisor and Student President*]-Carla Maltas & David Schatz
- f) Tri-M Chair-Cathy Coonis
- g) MSHSAA [*Missouri State High School Activities Association*]-Davine Davis
- h) Exhibitors Chair-John Patterson
- i) MSM Editor [*Missouri School Music Magazine*]-Dee Lewis, Marty & Sally Hook
- j) Historian-Marvin Manring
- k) Retired Members Chair-Buddy Hannaford

XI. Old Business

- NAFME-C proposal for fundraiser

XII. New Business

- a) Approval of Administrative Salaries
- b) Percussion equipment for Salon A
- c) Proposal to raise mileage reimbursement to align with MSHSAA which 28¢ to 38¢ a mile
- d) Proposal for change in policy regarding introduction of ensembles
- e) Proposal for approval of funds for upgrading of MMEA archives
- f) Proposal to commemorate the 75th anniversary of MMEA with a DVD
- g) Proposal for service awards for Wynne Harrell and Dee Lewis for their service to the organization
- h) Recognition of Past-President

XIII. Approval of appointed members

- Mike Sekelsky-Technology Chair
- Elaine Swofford-Assistant Executive Secretary

XIV. Additions

XV. Good of the Order/Announcements

XVI. Adjourn Next Meeting—Saturday, May 4, 2013

75th Annual In-Service Workshop/Conference—January 23-26, 2013
 MUSIC: Key to Success



Missouri Music Educators Association President-Elect Report

1. National Assembly/Music Education Week
 - a. June 22 - 25, 2012, Baltimore MD
 - b. Music Education Week, attended most academies briefly.
 - i. Music Leaders Academy: Topic: *National Trends in Teacher Evaluation*.
 - ii. National Honors Ensembles. Changes for 2013:
 1. Missouri has 26 total representatives:
 - a. 6 Band; 6 Orchestra; 13 Choir; 1 Jazz
 2. Applications are made on line beginning Feb. 2013.
 - iii. Moving to October in 2013, Nashville, TN.
 - iv. Please see my September article for Professional Development opportunities.
 - c. National Leadership Assembly:
 - i. Membership campaigns.
 - ii. Marine Band concert.
 - iii. Give A Note Foundation.
 1. Joplin High School
 2. Beaufort Elementary, Union School District
 3. Marceline High School
 4. Gainesville R-V Schools
 - iv. Music Education Policy Roundtable
 - v. New National Standards to align with 21st Century Skills.
 - vi. Attended Leadership sessions on “Effective Communication” and “Teacher Evaluation”
 - vii. NafME Message Box
 - viii. Advocacy Efforts at the Federal Level are very positive.
2. Southwest Division Meeting. July 18 & 19, 2012, Wichita KS.
 - i. President, Nancy Ditmer; Exec. Dir., Micheal Butera
 - b. Teacher Evaluation, SW Div. States overview.
3. Missouri Educators Evaluation System.
 - a. Handout
 - b. Collaborative Association Meeting, August 1, Jefferson City.
 - i. MMEA “*Student Growth Measures*” committee.
 - c. Posting developments to the MMEA web site.

Past President's Report

Executive Secretary's Report

New Business Item agenda

Proposal to raise mileage reimbursement to align with MSHSAA
Current rate is 28¢, Proposal with raise to 38¢ a mile

MMEA Board Meeting Report

Respectfully Submitted by Joe Parisi

Band VP – August 18, 2012

- Please accept my apologies again for my lack of attendance – we have large ensemble auditions this weekend at UMKC prior to the start of school and I am required to be present.
- We had **77** groups apply for one of the 11 spots available for the band area.
 - 11 Middle School/Junior High
 - 35 High School
 - 4 Community Groups
 - 13 College/University
 - 14 Small Ensemble
- Possible Clinics “in the works”
 - “Canadian Brass Alumni Series”
 - Marty Hackleman – Horn Professor – UMKC - Principal Horn – National Philharmonic, Canadian Brass, Empire Brass-
Successful horn tips
 - Gene Watts – Trombone Artist – Canadian Brass – Working with **Chamber Music in your band program**
 - Ronald Romm – Trumpet Professor – University of Illinois – possible soloist with St Louis Brass Band
 - Larry Livingston – USC – Thornton School of Music – **Music Advocacy and your ability to inspire or Finding the best in your musicians.**
 - Garry Anders – **Teaching Technique To Young Instrumentalists**
 - Doug Lady and Marcia Neel - **A Guide for Instrumental Music Teachers: Secrets Revealed from Teaching Legends and Leading Music Educators**
- We also had a couple of other clinic proposals that may function as a back up if one of the above does not completely pan out due to scheduling and/or funding.

Choral VP report
Ken Tucker
August 18, 2012

10 choirs were chosen for the 2013 MMEA conference

1. Missouri State University Concert Chorale
2. University of Missouri University Singers
3. Northwest Missouri State Madraliers
4. St. Louis Children's Chorus
5. Ladue Middle School Treble Singers
6. West Junior High Singer Select
7. Orchard Farm HS Women's Chorus
8. Liberty HS Chamber Choir
9. Parkway South HS Male Chorus
10. Oakville HS Women's Chorale

MMEA Board Meeting Report
VP College/Universities
August 18, 2012

I. All-collegiate Orchestra

- A. Erin Freeman, Associate Conductor of the Richmond Philharmonic committed
- B. Program- Romeo and Juliet by Prokofiev, Overture to the Gazebo Dances by Corigliano
- C. The Corigliano is a rental for 230 shipping 6 weeks prior to the first date of performance. Shipping and handling are additional
ASCAP performance license number required
New accounts must prepay first order prior to shipment
*I am asking for a motion to front the All-Collegiate Orchestra the rental fee including shipping and handling, to be re-imbursed when the participant fees come in.
- D. All-Collegiate fees are looking to be 120.00 per participant including rooms.
- E. Schools will be allowed to send 8 names with the requirement that if there is a studio offered in the school the participant must be a member of the studio. There were 15 participant schools in the last orchestra with 83 participants.
- F. The Orchestra will consist of a full wind section, a pianist and a harpist
- G. The wind and percussion auditions will be done through CD audition.
- H. Music for the auditions will be posted on the website and will be mailed to me.
- I. MoASTA will be putting \$500 towards the cost of programs.
- J. Ann Geiler and I have been in contact numerous times over the summer which has proved extremely helpful

II. All-collegiate Jazz Band 20114

- A. Dave Pietro is giving us the top priority of his time. If we can work out his fee he will agree to do it. Concern is the small number in the group paired with the clinician fee and the room cost.

MMEA Report Elementary/Early Childhood
Vanessa Miner

There were 10 applications for Elementary/Early Childhood 2013 MMEA performance received. Three out of state judges were hired. On June 30, the judge's panel met in Bonner Springs, Kansas to listen to the recordings. This was done in conjunction with Karen Stafford, General Music VP.

The following groups will be performing at MMEA in January, 2013:

1. [The Junior Jay Singers director: Beth Burch](#)
2. [Boys Choir of Springfield director: Mark Lawley](#)

I am in the process of finalizing clinicians for the January convention. Out of State Clinician agreements have been sent.

Jill Trinka has agreed to present the pre-conference session before MMEA. She will also present three others. She will present for Elementary/Early Childhood and also for General Music.

Jill's fees for 4 sessions are \$1400. The Kodaly educator groups in Missouri have been contacted to help with her fees. GIA Publications has agreed to pay \$400 towards her travel.

Her clinics are as follows:

Recharge Your Repertoire Batteries! Great Music for Grades K-8

In this session hands-on session, participants will explore fantastic repertoire that serves well the building of musical skills in a spiral curriculum. Learn singing games, folk songs, play parties, folk dances, and canons; listen to historical performances of songs available to anyone with access to iTunes; and study accessible art music compositions. Get ready to listen, move, sing, think, create, and play!

In-Tune Singing Skills: Techniques and Strategies for Getting Kids to Sing In Tune

The focus of this session is on ways to nurture in-tune singing, beginning with vocal exploration and progressing to simple part-singing.

Assessment: It's Easier Than You Think!

The purpose of this session is to demonstrate ways music teachers can assess students' rhythmic and melodic skills by using active music-making centered on music literacy skills.

Specific emphasis is on rhythmic and melodic development and improvisation and composition skills.

Let's Dance! Play Party Games for Everyone!

Wear comfy shoes and clothes for this just for fun session of American play party games!

Karen Stafford is scheduling master Orff teacher, Brian Burnett to present for both areas also. Brian Burnett teaches music K-6 near Toledo, Ohio and is an instructor for AOSA teacher education courses. Brian is a contributor to music textbooks, and chaired the 2009 conference in Milwaukee with Chris Judah-Lauder. He has presented workshops at AOSA conferences, state conferences, and local chapters across the nation.

Brad Bonner is a thirty-four year teaching veteran of elementary school music and a publisher of dozens of books and recordings for elementary music programs, will be presenting a clinic entitled, "Using Boomwhackers as 'Elemental Teaching Tools' for the Missouri GLE's". In this session, teachers will explore a wide variety of techniques for using diatonic Boomwhacker sets as functional tools to present the elements of music. These elements of melody, rhythm, harmony, form, dynamics, timbre, and style are the focus of instruction criteria found in the Missouri State Standards for Grade Level Expectations.

Brad will present a second clinic, "Developing Critical Thinking Skills in Elementary General Music Classes" for ages Pre-K-5. Rhythm Band Instruments has offered to sponsor Brad Bonner.

General Music Vice President's Report
Karen Stafford
August 18, 2012

The General Music and Elementary Music Vice Presidents utilized an out-of-state panel to judge the performance ensembles for the 2013 conference. Initially, a university bell choir was selected. However, it was decided that this ensemble would better fit under the auspice of the College Vice President. The second ensemble, Shere Khan, will be the General Music performing group.

The General Music sessions are as follows:

Brian Burnett (one session in General Music and one in Elementary Music). Brian will outline his detailed plans when he is sent and returns his agreement, but he will emphasize performance-based assessment. Brian recently retired as a teacher in Ohio, and is very active and prevalent in the American Orff-Schulwerk Association as national instrumental chair and Levels instructor. He is also a contributor to McMillan.

Jill Trinka. Jill is also being shared with elementary. The general music sessions will be geared towards intermediate grades.

Jean Baker. Jean is the choral director for the Owensville School Districts and will be doing a presentation on creative music appreciation classes.

Mary Lynne Lightfoot will be presenting two reading sessions. One is geared specifically towards treble groups, 4-12 grades and the other geared towards small choirs 5-12.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Stafford

MMEA Jazz Vice-President Report 8/15/12

Congratulations to the performing groups for the 2013 MMEA Conference. Rock Bridge High School Jazz Ensemble, Missouri Western State University, and Vocal Edge will be the performing groups.

Clinics for the conference are set. There will be a rhythm section clinic led by Jim Widner, Rick Haydon, and two other rhythm clinicians to be determined. Another clinic will be presented by Roosevelt Griffin from the Chicago area. Mr. Griffin is the director at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School in Harvey, IL and his clinic will be geared towards middle school jazz band programs. There will also be a meet-the-All-State-Conductor session with Terrell Stafford, as well as a jazz reading session.

MMEA Board Meeting Report- August 2012- Orchestra- Stephanie Phalp

I am anxious to get contracts out to my two confirmed clinicians for the January conference: Matt Means from Fort Hayes State University will be doing a clinic on preparing students for auditions and David McCutchin from Texas will also be doing a clinic (topic forthcoming). I am still looking for one additional clinician and will be looking for the offered help of \$100 from the NafMe collegiate to secure the final clinician. Our fourth slot will be filled by a joint venture reading session with MOASTA.

Five groups have been selected to perform at the conference: 2 high school string orchestras, 1 middle school string orchestra, 1 university full orchestra, and 1 youth symphony full orchestra.

NWMMEA District #1
Summer Executive Board Meeting

Sunday August 19, 2012
Whiskey Creek – St. Joseph, Mo.
6:00 pm

1. Dinner
2. Welcome
3. Treasury Balance/ Report – Dave Goodwin (MMEA)/Dustin McKinney (East Buchanan)
4. Middle School Choir Report – Brice Willson (Platte County)
5. High School Choir Report – Brian Von Glahn (Cameron)
6. Middle School Band Report – Jamie Heil (Kearney)
7. Jazz Band Report – David Potter (Lawson)
8. High School Band Reports (Concert and Honor Bands) – Tom Brockman (Smithville)
9. College/University Report – Jeff Hinton (MWSU)
10. MSHSAA sanctioned schools in NW District #1 – Tom Brockman (Smithville)
11. On-line registration & site manager update for NW District Band Auditions – Roy Maxwell (St. Joseph, Central)
12. District –wide mailing going out next week
13. NWMSU Homecoming Conflict with NWMMEA District Band Auditions (11-3-12)
14. District –wide mailing going out next week - Content???
15. State Board Meeting yesterday
16. Electronic directory on our website (what would be the best way to bring this current???)
17. Review of Stipends for V. P. (\$450 per clinician, no mileage, one night housing allowance)
18. At the end of your concert/clinic, please submit the concert/clinic wrap-up sheet to me as soon as possible
19. 2012-2013 On-line Rules Reviews:
 - a. Window open August 1, 2012 through September 7, 2012.
 - b. Make sure that you're A. D. has registered you so you will have access
20. Congratulations to the following ensembles from NWMMEA District #1 for their selection to perform at the 75th Annual MMEA Conference:
 - a. South Harrison (Ted Keck – Director)
 - b. Northwest Missouri State University Madraliers (Brian Lanier – Director)
 - c. Missouri Western State University Jazz Ensemble (Bob Long – Director)
21. Questions/Concerns/Additions/Corrections???

Northeast District President's Report (As of 5-1-2012)

Northeast District Balance: 1729.67

District Band: \$3,315.61

District Choir: \$3009.50

District Jazz Band: \$1,695.46

District Junior High Honor Band: \$758.73

District Junior High Choir: \$686.63

District Elementary Honor Choir: \$805.10

Total of all accounts less District Choir: \$12000.70

District Choir Auditions are Sept. 15, Concert is Nov. 3, Location: Hannibal, MO.

All-District Band/Jazz Band Auditions: November 10, 2012 audition and sectional rehearsals at

Moberly middle school. All-District Band rehearsal and concert January 12, 2013 at Truman State.

NEMO Jr. High Honor Band Auditions: Jan 5th @ Macon, MO

NEMO Jr. High/ All-District Jazz Rehearsal/Concert: Feb 16-- 5 PM concert @ Macon, MO.

Elementary Honor Choir: April 15, 2013

Junior High Honor Choir: April 22, 2013

Distribution List Name: Northeast District Officers 2012-2014

Website: <http://nemmea.org>

Name	e-mail	Position
Brad Heckman	nemmea@swbell.net	President, Webmaster
Tom Sweeney	tsweeney@columbia.k12.mo.us	President-Elect
Debbie Higbee-Roberts	dhigbee@hannibal.k12.mo.us	Secretary/Treasurer
Jordan Perry	jperry@moberly.k12.mo.us	Vice-President HS Band
Jerrold Hendricks	Hendricksjj@warrencor3.k12.mo.us	Vice-President HS Choir
Jamie Baker	JBaker@macon.k12.mo.us	Vice-President JH Band
Steve Mathews	smathews@columbia.k12.mo.us	Vice-President Jazz
Kim Guilford	kguilford@sturgeon.k12.mo.us	Vice-President JH Choir
Hilary Myers	hilary_myers@hotmail.com	Vice-President Elem Music
Margaret Lawless	mlawless@columbia.k12.mo.us	Vice-President Orchestra
Skip Vandeli	rvandeli@centralmethodist.edu	Vice-President-Coll/Univ
Josh Yancey	joshua.yancey@missourimilitaryacademy.com	Chair - MIOSM
JoEllen Shroyer	jshroyer@centramethodist.edu	Mentoring Chair
Brad Hudson	bhudson@kirksville.k12.mo.us	Mentoring Co-Chair

KANSAS CITY METRO #3 – REPORT

Report Submitted: August 16, 2012

Craig Miller, President

The Kansas City Metro #3 District has confirmed all of their dates and locations for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. The first meeting of the 2012-2013 is scheduled on August 25th at Lee's Summit High School. The Executive Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. followed by meetings hosted by each of our Vice Presidents at 9:30 a.m. The combined General Session will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will music booth available by JW Pepper and another booth sponsored by Olathe Band. Here are the dates and locations for our events scheduled for 2012-2013. For more information please visit our new website: www.kcmetro3.org

August 2012

25 KC Metro #3 Fall Meeting

- Lee's Summit HS - 9:30 am

October 2012

06 District Choir Auditions

- Park Hill South High School

27 State Choir Auditions

- Park Hill South High School

November 2012

03 District Band Jazz & Orchestra Auditions

- Staley High School

28 All-District Jazz Rehearsal (both bands)

- Lincoln Prep - 6-8:30 p.m.

December 2012

01 All-State Band & Orchestra Auditions

- Hickman HS - Winds/Perc
- Univ. of Missouri - Orch

07 All-District Jazz Rehearsal

- Park Hill South 6-8:30 p.m.

08 All-District Middle School Honor Band

- Park Hill South HS (8 a.m.)

08 All-District Jazz Honor Bands

- Park Hill South HS - All Day

13,14,15 All-District High School Honor Bands

- Park Hill High School
- 4:00-7:00 (Thurs & Fri)
- 10:00 am start on Saturday

January 2013

10-12 All-District Honor Orchestras

- Lee's Summit High School

19 District Choir

24,25,26 MMEA Convention

March 2013

01 Middle School Dist. Orch. Large Group

- Truman High School

02 Middle School District Band Large Group

- Truman High Sschool

April 2013

13 Middle School All-District Orchestra Festival

- Liberty North HS

May 2013

04 MS District Band & Orchestra Solo & Ensemble

- Lincoln Prep

KC METRO #3 - TREASURER REPORT

The KC Metro #3 is solvent and financially healthy. Special thanks for our treasurer Brady Finch of Lee's Summit High School who has worked very hard to organize and keep each area financially secure.

REPORT as of August 16, 2012

7/8 Honor Choir	\$ 616.35
Elementary	\$ 23.72
General	\$ 417.09
HS Band	\$1539.89
HS Choir	\$ 1137.00
HS Jazz	\$ 1493.70
HS Orchestra	\$ 4104.69
MS Band Contest	\$ 633.15
MS District Band	\$ 5719.52

Total: \$ 15685.11

Financial Report Submitted by: R. Brady Finch

Band Director

Lee's Summit High School, Pleasant Lea Middle School, and Prairie View

v: 816.986.1499 ext 8883

e: brady.finch@leesummit.k12.mo.us

KC METRO VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

ORCHESTRA – Submitted by Allison Ross, Independence

Orchestra will be hosting Jeffrey Grogan from the New Jersey Symphony as our full-orchestra clinician and Russ Berlin as our string orchestra clinician. We have also changed the location of All-District Orchestra in January, but are not ready to announce the new location. Otherwise, this has been a great year for orchestra! We have taken over our own large ensemble festival, started a Middle School All-District Orchestra, and have added a second ensemble to our high school All-District Orchestra. We are excited to have more students and more teachers involved!

BAND – Submitted by Ky Hascall, Park Hill

Our honor band performance will move next year to December. The dates will be Dec 13-15 with the concert taking place on the 15th. The rehearsals and performance will be at Park Hill High School. Conductors for the ensembles have been contacted but not confirmed. New District/State audition procedures/materials are coming soon, this may require an adjustment in our audition process at the district level since our District feels strongly about matching the State Audition format.

Middle School Orchestra - Submitted by Andra Lewin, Liberty

The first annual KC Metro Middle School District Orchestra was held on April 14th at Liberty North High School. We had rehearsals throughout the day and the concert at 3:30 p.m. Fifty-four students represented from thirteen area middle schools attended and Dr. Tony Brandolino from William Jewell College was the clinician.

Middle School Band - Submitted by Brandon Johnson, Independence & Josh Williams, NKC

Middle School Large Ensemble contest was a success this year with 24 ensembles participating. 9 "I" ratings were given, along with 11 "II" ratings and one "III" rating. Three ensembles participated for comments only. The date for next year's KC Metro Middle School/Junior High Music Festival will be March 2nd, 2013. There are more schools wanting to participate next year. This will be made possible by avoiding some district's spring break period. We expect to grow by about 5 more ensembles next year.

The 5th Annual KC-Metro Middle School/Jr High Honor Band will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Park Hill South High School. This year's clinician will be John Bell, retired band director from the Park Hill School District. This concert will be in conjunction with the KC-Metro All-District Jazz Band concert.

CHOIR – Jonathan Krinke, Independence

Jonathan Krinke is the Vice President of Choir for the KC Metro #3 District. Jonathan has been Vice President for a partial term since the Vice President prior to his appointment did not complete their term. Therefore, Jonathan now begins his two year elected office with plenty experience. We appreciate his dedication to the District. Jonathan has developed a website specifically for the KC Metro #3 Choir.

<http://www.kcdistrictchoirs.org/>

Jazz – Jason Bata, Lincoln Prep

The KC District Jazz concert will be held at Park Hill South High School and will be combined with the Middle School District Honor Band on the same night on December 8th.

Jason Bata & Ron Martz at Lincoln Prep in Kansas City will be hosting the Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, May 5, 2012. We so appreciate the many hours Jason & Ron volunteer to organize this festival.

KC METRO #3 EXECUTIVE BOARD – 2012-2014

President: Craig Miller, Park Hill South HS

President Elect: Tim Allshouse, Blue Springs HS

Vice President Band: Ky Hascall, Park Hill HS

Vice President Band Elect: Eddie Owen, Staley HS

VP Choir: Jonathan Krinke, Truman HS

VP Choir Elect: To be determined on August 25th

VP Orchestra: Allison Ross, Independence Schools

VP Orchestra Elect:

VP Middle School Orchestra: Andra Lewin, Liberty

VP MS Orch Elect: Suzannah Smith, Raytown

VP Middle School Band – Josh Williams, Winnetonka

VP Middle School Band – Brandon Johnson, Independence School District

VP Jazz: Jason Bata, Lincoln Prep

VP Jazz Elect: Shawn Harrel, Lee's Summit West HS

West Central District (#4) President's Report

Submitted by Nathan Long 8/12/2012

Website: www.wcmmea.com
Current Bank Balance: \$16,172.85

Registration for all West Central events will go online this year through our website. This system will decrease the amount of work on the Vice-Presidents in our district; lessen the reliance on paper copies and snail mail; and will increase the traffic and improve communication through our website. The West Central district is also organizing a mentoring BBQ on September 16th to help orient teachers new to the profession and/or new to the district.

2012 – 2013 WCMMEA Events

September 8th – District Choir Auditions at Odessa High School
September 16th – Mentoring BBQ Grover Park in Warrensburg
October 13th – District Choirs at Smith-Cotton High School
November 3rd – District Jr. High Choir at UCM
November 10th – District Band and Jazz Band auditions at UCM
January 4th & 5th – District Band at UCM
January 11th & 12th – District Jazz Band at Smith-Cotton Jr. High
January 12th – District Jr. High Band at Smith-Cotton Jr. High
January 23 – 26 – MMEA 75th anniversary conference
March 2 – 5th & 6th Grade Choir at UCM

District Officers

Band Vice President: Dillon Jarrett

djarrett@raypec.k12.mo.us
(816) 739-8933

Choir Vice President: Charity Johnson

cjohnson@oakgrove.k12.mo.us
(816) 739-3808

Jazz Band Vice President: Adam Twenter

twenter@harrisonville.k12.mo.us
(660) 221-2149

Jr. High Band Vice President: Jon West

jwest@holden.k12.mo.us
(816) 517-9731

Jr. High Choir Vice President: Shea Twenter

stwenter@raypec.k12.mo.us
(660) 221-3636

Elementary Music Vice President: Britt Faaborg

brittfaaborg@yahoo.com
(660) 287-3768

Orchestra Vice President: Dr. John Rutland

rutland@ucmo.edu
(660)543-4046

Honorable Mention Band Coordinator: Reid Atkinson

ratkinson@grainvalley.k12.mo.us
(816) 872-6321

9th & 10th Honor Choir Coordinator: Scott Harvey

sharvey@odessa.k12.mo.us
(816) 916-6204

Mentoring Coordinator: Steve Litwiller

stevelitwiller@sbcglobal.net
(660) 888-0694

MIOSM Coordinator: Kathie Appleton

kappleton@warrensbu6.org

University of Central Missouri District Liason:

Dr. Michael Sekelsky

sekelsky@ucmo.edu

(660) 441-2560

Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster: Stephanie Sekelsky

sskelsky@warrensbu6.org
(660) 441-1863

President: Nathan Long

nlong@oakgrove.k12.mo.us

(816) 625-8487

President Elect: Vacant – TBA

Past President: Kim Hartley

khartley@boonville.k12.mo.us

(660) 287-3177



Missouri Music Educators Association District 5

MMEA Meeting Report Saturday, August 18, 2012 Tan-Tar-A Resort

TO: MMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS and ADVISORY COUNCIL
FR: James Waechter – President - St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association
RE: St. Louis Suburban - District 5 – August Report – 2012

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 2012-14

President - James Waechter - Ladue
Pres-Elect – Jason Harris - Maplewood
Festival Chair - Jack Scheurer - Columbia
HS Band VP – Vance Brakefield, Mehlville
HS Jazz VP - Aaron Lehde, Ladue
MS Band VP – Adam Hall, Pattonville
MS Jazz VP – Michael Steep - Parkway
HS Orchestra VP – Michael Hanf, Hazelwood
MS Orchestra VP – Jackie Lueken, Parkway
6th Orchestra VP - Annah Harting - Hazelwood
HS Choir VP – Melynda Lamb, Pattonville
MS Choir VP – Leah Luciano, Kirkwood and Brandon Williams, Ladue
Elem. Vocal VP - open
Appointed Members - Ann Geiler, Clayton and Marilyn Humiston, Parkway
Video/Mentor - Janet Evans – Retired

ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2012-13

Goals for this year:

1. Automated Scheduling with our current online registration systems for our honor groups.
2. New Scheduling Program for our MS Solo/Ensemble Festival
3. Clinician Contracts and proper paperwork for our honor groups
4. Online Payments for fees for our honor groups
5. By-Law revisions and updating

3. TREASURER REPORT:

Account Balances as of July 30, 2012:

Checking = \$15,673.00

Savings = \$56.00

Central District (#6) President's Report

Linda Krueger 8/18/12

2012-2014 Central District #6 Officers

President- Linda Krueger Linn	kruegerl@linn.k12.mo.us
President Elect-Jim Stockmann Waynesville	jstockmann@waynesville.k12.mo.us
Past President- Paul Baur Camdenton Schools	pbaur@camdentonschools.org
Sec/Treas- Eric Veile Helias	eveile@heliashs.com
Band VP-Mike Fenn Camdenton Schools	mfenn@camdentonschools.org
Choral VP- Keisha Daulton Jefferson City	kiesha.daulton@jcschools.us
Jazz VP- Jeff Kile School of the Osage	kilej@osage.k12.mo.us
JH/MS Band VP-Tom Higgins Linn	higginst@linn.k12.mo.us
JH/MS Vocal VP-Jason Bartelsmeyer Rolla MS	jbartelsmeyer@rolla.k12.mo.us
Elementary VP-Becky Uffmann St. James	ruffmann@stjschools.org
MCDA Rep-Jean Baker Owensville	jbaker@owensvill.k12.mo.us
College Rep-Robert Cesario Rolla	cesarior@mst.edu

Important Fall Dates:

**August 20-Fall District Meeting- Linn High School: 6:00 Executive board meeting,
6:30 dinner and 7:00 general meeting**

September 24-District Choir Auditions-Jefferson City

October 16-District Concert/Jazz Band auditions-Camdenton

November 3-District Band rehearsal and performance-Camdenton

November 6-District Choir rehearsal/All-State Choir auditions-Rolla

November 10-District Choir rehearsal and performance-Waynesville

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance:	\$4,345.61
Band:	\$1004.06
Vocal:	\$719.18
Elementary:	\$117.37

Missouri Music Educators Association
East Central District #7
Report to Board of Directors / Advisory Council Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2012

- I. Officer Listing
- a. President: Ron Sikes, Jefferson R-VII
 - ron_sikes@hotmail.com
 - b. President-elect: Steve Harms, Fox
 - foxjrband@yahoo.com
 - c. Past-president: Chris Auchly, Festus
 - cauch@festus.k12.mo.us
 - d. High School Band Vice-president: Doug Rice, Union
 - ricedo@union.k12.mo.us
 - e. High School Choral Vice-president: Michelle Jokerst, Ste. Genevieve
 - mjokerst@stegen.k12.mo.us
 - f. High School Jazz Vice-president: Ben Middleton, Seckman
 - middleton@fox.k12.mo.us
 - g. Jr. High Band Vice-president: Cassie Rice, Union
 - ricec@union.k12.mo.us
 - h. Jr. High Choral Vice-president: Annie Neavill, Jefferson R-VII
 - neavilla@jr7.k12.mo.us
 - i. Jr. High Jazz Vice-president: Deb Row, Seckman
 - rowd@fox.k12.mo.us
 - j. Elementary Vice-president: Amy Smith, Hillsboro
 - smith_amy@mail.hillsboro.k12.mo.us
 - k. College/University Vice-president: Cathy Boemler, Jefferson College
 - choirband@yahoo.com
 - l. Secretary/Treasurer: Allyn Rizzo, Farmington
 - arizo@ncsd.k12.mo.us
 - m. Mentoring Chair: Joe Pappas, Jefferson College
 - joejpm@brick.net
 - n. Webmaster: Ron Sikes, Jefferson R-VII & Chris Auchly, Festus

- II. 2012-13 District Event Calendar
 - a. Choir auditions: Mon, Sept. 24, Hillsboro HS
 - b. Band & Jazz auditions: Tue, Nov. 6, at Festus
 - c. All-District Band: Sat, Nov. 10, Ste. Genevieve
 - d. Choir rehearsal: Tue, Nov. 13
 - e. Jazz rehearsal: Fri, Nov. 16
 - f. All-District Choir: Sat, Nov. 17
 - g. Jazz rehearsal: Fri, Dec. 7, Jefferson College
 - h. All-District HS & JH Jazz: Sat, Dec. 8, Jefferson College
 - i. JH Choir Festival: Sat, Feb. 16, Ste. Genevieve

- III. District Website
 - a. www.eastcentral7.org
 - b. Ron Sikes & Chris Auchly are the webmasters

- IV. Fall Executive Meeting
 - a. Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 6:00 at the Festus Ryan's Steakhouse

- V. Treasury Report Attached

VI. East Central District #7 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	September 13, 2011	\$16,159.62
Ending Balance:	January 28, 2012	\$19,047.09

Balances by Fund:

All-District HS Choir	\$6,582.56
All-State Choir	\$283.75
All-District HS Band	\$5,110.79
All-District HS Jazz Band	\$135.63
All-District JH Band	\$3,507.12
All-District JH Jazz Band	\$1,014.58
All-District JH Choir	\$2,246.40
All-District Elementary	\$158.29
Miscellaneous	\$7.97

St. Louis Metro District 8 Report

August 18, 2012

2012-2014 St. Louis Metro 8 Officers

President:	Rick Padgett
President-elect:	Shannon Crepps
Past President:	Larry Johnson
Orchestra VP:	Chris Torretta
High School Concert Band VP:	Kay Johnson
High School Jazz Band VP:	Jeff Moorman
High School Choral VP:	Kim White
Middle School Concert Band VP:	Becky Padgett
Middle School Jazz VP:	Patrick Stewart
Middle School Choir VP:	Michael Herron
Secretary:	Mary Poettker
Treasurer:	Ken Lederle
Multi-Cultural Chair:	Charlie Rose
Webmaster:	Ray Benton

District website - www.stlmetrodistrict8.org

We have been using our website (equipped with Google Forms/Google Docs) to pre-register students for ALL the District bands and choirs. The director's instructions, audition requirements, and material continue to be available on this site. We also posted Smart Music files and mp3s of the audition material for the Middle School Jazz Band as rehearsal tools.

News from our District

We are adding another performing group to our 2012-13 school year. As a pilot program, an Elementary District Choir will share the concert with the District Orchestra on November 3. We will evaluate the effectiveness of this activity to see whether it will be continued in future years.

Upcoming Dates

Orchestra and Elementary Choir Performance - Saturday, November 3, 2012

Middle School and High School Choirs Performance - Saturday, November 10, 2012

Middle School and High School Bands Performance - Sunday, November 18, 2012

District Account Balance - \$16,530.76

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Padgett

President, St. Louis Metro District 8

**MMEA Board of Directors/Advisory Council Meeting
Saturday, August 18, 2012**

**District President Report
South Central District #9
Rocky Long, President**

2012-2014 District #9 Officers

President, Rocky Long - rockylong@mac.com

President-Elect, Raphael Thompson - RThompson@hollister.k12.mo.us

Secretary, Alicia Lyons - lyonsalicia@yahoo.com

Treasurer, Cathy Coonis - cdcoonis@hotmail.com

High School Band VP, Curtis Tipton - ctipton@spsmail.org

High School Vocal VP/Coordinator (9-12), Nathan Cornelius-kickapoochoir@gmail.com

High School Vocal Coordinator (11-12) - AmyJameson@mail.ozark.k12.mo.us

Jazz VP, Jeremy Meyer - drumbud_97@hotmail.com

Junior High Band VP, Rick Castens - castensr@yahoo.com

Junior High Vocal VP, Morgan Harp - harpmorgan@spokane.k12.mo.us

Elementary VP, Myra Walker - mwalker@mg.k12.mo.us

Webmaster, Craig Finger - craigfinger@nixaschools.net

The Executive Board of SCMMEA is pursuing tax exempt status for our district. Secretary Cathy Coonis is guiding us through the application process. In our August 25, 2012 meeting SCMMEA will vote on a bylaw amendment that will include the wording required by the IRS to continue through this process. This specific amendment directs that MMEA will become the financial beneficiary of SCMMEA should SCMMEA be dissolved in the future, and all remaining funds would be transferred to MMEA.

The board has also approved a written agreement with all clinicians and accompanists. The agreement outlines event details and all financial payments.

The board has approved to pay mileage reimbursements to all clinicians, accompanists, and our district treasurer for attending district functions to collect fees.

All District Vocal & Elementary Honor Choir performances have been moved to SBU in Bolivar since Evangel University in Springfield has declined to host these events.

2012-2103 Upcoming Events

August 25, 2012	South Central District Meeting - Parkview HS
September 15, 2012	District Choir auditions (9-12)
October 5, 2012	Deadline for Jr. HS Honor Band audition registration
October 25, 2012	District Choir rehearsal - Central
October 29, 2012	District Choir rehearsal - Mountain Grove
November 3, 2012	District Choir concert at SBU
November 6, 2012	District Honor & Jazz Band auditions - Springfield area school
November 16, 2012	District Jazz rehearsal - Marshfield
November 17, 2012	District Jazz Band & Jr. HS Honor Band performance - Marshfield
December 17, 2012	District Junior High School Vocal
December 21, 2012	District Elementary Honor Choir registration deadline
January 12, 2013	District Honor Bands rehearsal – Parkview HS
January 19, 2013	District Honor Bands clinic and performance
February 2, 2013	District Elementary Honor Choir performance – SBU
February 2, 2013	District Junior High School Choir performance - SBU

Balance: \$16,360.22

SEMMEA 2012-2014

Southeast District #10

www.semmea.net

Officers:

President:	Ellen Seyer, Notre Dame Regional
President-elect:	Butch Owens, New Madrid
Past President:	Darren Steelman, Sikeston
Sec't/Treasurer:	Kim Whitehead, Sikeston
Vocal VP (11-12)	Beth St. John, Jackson
All-State Coordinator	Tyson Wunderlich, Saxony Lutheran
Vocal VP (9-10)	Brenda Allen, Poplar Bluff
Vocal VP (Jr. High)	Abe Leach, Sikeston
Band VP (9-12)	Paul Fliege, Jackson
Band VP (Jr. High)	April Reynolds, Jackson
Band VP (Jazz)	Scott Rybolt, Dexter
Orchestra VP	Steve Schafner, Cape Girardeau
Elementary VP	Adam Clark, Dexter
College VP – TRCC	Buddy White
College VP – SEMO	Bob Conger

Finances:

Balance = \$1986.74

Important Dates:

- All-District Choir:
 - Auditions – Sept. 22
 - Performance – Nov. 10
- All-District Band:
 - Auditions – Nov. 6
 - Performance – Nov. 17
- **District Meeting – Nov. 10**

Missouri Music Educators Association
Southwest District #11
District Report – August 18, 2012
Amy Palmer, President
Joplin North Middle School
102 Gray
Joplin, MO 64801
417-483-4829 (H) 417-625-5270 (W)
apalmer@joplin.k12.mo.us

OFFICERS

President – Amy Palmer, Joplin
Past President – Anita Tally, Carl Junction
President-Elect – Wes Morton, Nevada
Treasurer – Erin Smith, Carl Junction
Secretary –
HS Band VP – Dan Harbaugh, Mt. Vernon
Conference Band VP – Micah Martin, Diamond
HS Choral VP – Melanie Soule, Neosho
HS Jazz VP – Ryan Churchill, Carl Junction
JH Band VP – Jimmy Adams, Purdy and Jan Everett, Shell Knob
JH Vocal VP – Lauren Lee, Purdy
Elementary VP – Manda Clark, Sarcoxie
Orchestra VP – Kylee VanHorn, Joplin
College/University VP – Dr. David Sharlow, MSSU
Webmaster – Todd Borgmann, Monett

Treasurer's Report – Current Balance is \$17,571.16

CALENDAR 2012-2013

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2012		
Fall District Meeting	Aug. 25	Joplin North MS
All-District Honor Choir – HS		
Auditions	Sep. 15	Neosho HS
Performance	Oct. 27	MSSU
All-District Honor Band - HS		
Auditions	Nov. 6	Webb City HS
Required Rehearsal	Jan. 4	Webb City HS
Performance	Jan. 5	Webb City HS
All-District Honor Orchestra – JH/HS		
Rehearsal/Performance	Dec. 8 or 15	Joplin South MS
2013		
All-District Honor Band – JH		
Auditions	Jan. 4	Webb City HS
Performance	Jan. 12	Webb City HS
All-District Jazz Band – HS		
Rehearsal and Performance	Jan. 12	Webb City HS
All-District Honor Choir – JH	Feb. 23	Carl Junction PAC
All-District Honor Choir – ELEM	Mar. 9	Carthage Middle School Auditorium

Important change to All-District Band (HS) – There will be a mandatory Friday night rehearsal on January 4th for members of the group. This will take place during JH Honor band auditions. Then we will still have an all day rehearsal and concert on January 5th.

New this year – Events for JH and HS orchestra students of our district! Dates above.



Missouri Music Educators Association

A Federated Association of the National Association for Music Education

MMEA Meeting Report
Saturday, August 18, 2012
Tan-Tar-A Resort



Missouri Bandmasters Association

The 44th MBA Summer Convention was held June 24-27, 2012 at the Resort at Port Arrowhead in Osage Beach, Missouri. We had great attendance by our membership at this year's convention, with many outstanding concerts and clinics. Some highlights included presentations by: Scott Lang, William Owens, Mike Steinel, and Steve Vento, and concerts by the University City Summer Band, the Warrensburg Community Band, and the Air National Guard Band of the Central States.

Thanks to the MBA Board of Directors for their hard work in making the convention a reality.

We welcome our newest member to the MBA Hall of Fame, Herman Rekitke. Herman has had a distinguished career as a music educator in Missouri, and continues to encourage and inspire us all to be better teachers.

Audition material for this year's Missouri All-State Band auditions will be **Set I**. The conductor for the 2012-2013 Missouri All-State Band is Dr. Gary Green. We are also commissioning a concert opener by composer Julie Giroux, which will be premiered by the Missouri All-State Band on January 26, 2012.

MBA has recently entered into a partnership with MOAJE to combine the online pre-registration for the Missouri All-State Band and the Missouri All-State Jazz Band. These auditions will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Hickman High School in Columbia, MO. This new system should make the pre-registration process much more efficient for all Missouri band directors. District Presidents are encouraged to inform the Band and Jazz VP's in their respective districts of this change. More information will be forthcoming on the MBA website.

We are happy to announce Denis Swope as the MBA President-Elect/All-State Band Coordinator. As most of you are aware, Diana Williams has changed jobs and is now teaching in Texas. In lieu of this, the current Board of Directors will remain the same for this year. A new Vice President will be elected in June of 2013.

The dates for the 2013 MBA Summer Convention are June 23 – 26, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Huck, President
Missouri Bandmasters Association

MCDA

Missouri Choral Directors Association

A state organization of the Missouri Choral Directors Association

Report for MMEA Board of Directors/Advisory Council Meeting

August 18, 2012

Missouri Choral Directors Association

2012 Summer Conference-“Tune In, Warm Up, Sing Out.” a huge success.

Honor Choirs

5/6 Honor Choir – Christy Elsner

7/8 Honor Choir- Andrea Ramsey

9/10 Honor Choir- Jonathan Reed

All State Jazz Choir- Steve Zegree

All State Show Choir- Darin Johnson

All State Community/Church Honor Choir- Suzanne Pence

Student ACDA Conference within Conference

Missouri Music Educators Association Conference 2013

All State Conductor/Clinician- Joshua Habermann, Santa Fe Desert Chorale

Conductor, Dallas Symphony Chorus

Premiere of “Sonnet 29” by Missouri native Howard Helvey

The 2013 MCDA Summer Conference will be July 24-27 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
Jefferson City

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Reeves, MCDA President

Missouri Music Educators Association
A Federated Association of the National Association for Music Education

MMEA Meeting Report
Saturday, August 18, 2011
Tan-Tar-A Resort

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR JAZZ EDUCATION

www.moaie.org

MOAJE Board Members, 2011-2013

Jeff Melsha, President
Danny Watring, Vice President
Bob Long, Past President
Lori Hutton, Secretary

Dave Dickey, President Elect
Cathy Coonis, Treasurer
Chris Miller, All-State Jazz Coordinator
Rob Babel, MMEA Jazz VP

Missouri All-State Jazz Ensemble

Auditions for the Missouri All-State Jazz Ensemble will be at Hickman High School on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Chris Miller will be coordinating the auditions again this year. MOAJE asks that District Jazz VP's stay in communication with him regarding the registration process for eligible students.

Our new website has space available for each of the eleven districts to communicate information to their constituents. We are asking the District Jazz VP's to use the MOAJE website to post information for their district auditions and honor jazz bands.

Registration for the All-State Jazz Ensemble auditions will be through the same registration site used for All-State Band Auditions. Directors will access the registration site through the MBA website. One check payable to MBA will be used to pay for all student auditions for All-State Band and All-State Jazz Ensemble.

The audition materials for the All-State Jazz Ensemble are listed on the MOAJE website. Directors should be aware of the new etudes that are posted on the website. Play-along recordings are also available for practice.

The 2013 Missouri All-State Jazz Ensemble clinician is Terell Stafford. Mr. Stafford is also writing the commission to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the MMEA Conference. Stafford is the Director of Jazz Studies and Chair of Instrumental Studies at Temple University and sits on the Board of the Jazz Education Network.

MOAJE Corporate Sponsors

Jazz St. Louis
St. Ann Music Publications
M-R Music
Jazz Educators Big Band
Springfield Music
Shhh Productions
Nottelmann Music Company
Kansas City Jazz Ambassadors

MMEA/MoAsta Board Report

August 18, 2012

Valerie Bell, MoAsta President

- **MoAsta Board met June 9, 2012, at MSHSAA for a bi-annual meeting**
- **Old business: approval of treasure's report, approval of minutes**
 - Reconfirmation of ASO Conductor- Tony Maiello**
Recommendations include encouragement of top wind students, particularly trumpet and clarinet for ASO performance due to difficulty of repertoire (Pictures at an Exhibition, Festive Overture) C trumpet and A clarinets needed!
 - Reconfirmation of ASO Commission Work/Composer- Stephen Melillo**
Commission work is completed and ready for conference
- **New business:**
 - Discussion of the progress of the Sound Post magazine going on line**
Mary Lou Jones and Marilyn Humiston, co-editors
 - Discussion of improvements to website with Calderone, site manager**
 - Improvements in accuracy and clarity of ASO auditions finalized**
 - Received information about ASTA change to National Solo Competition**
Students now may audition straight to the national office instead of going through state and regional levels
 - Discussed a survey taken by Steve Patton regarding possible summer string camps**
 - Discussion and examination of new literature for the PML**
Ann Geiler, MoAsta President elect, chair
- Meeting adjourned

To: MMEA BOD/AC
From: Paul Copenhaver, Advancing Music Education Chair
Date: August 14, 2012
Re: Report

Below is an extensive summary of education-related bills from the last Missouri legislative session. Included are both those passed and those that did not.

As a whole, MMEA needs to be much more aware of the ramifications of legislation on education. Far too often, education legislation has a direct or 'trickle down' effect on music education.

I would recommend MMEA hire a lobbyist whose responsibility would be to audit State Board of Education meetings, monitor Department of Elementary and Secondary Education meetings, and follow education-related bills through the committee process.

I would suggest all MMEA members, especially BOD/AC members, contact their 'local' state representative and senator to establish a line of communication. The ability to connect with one of these office holders is vital. These are the people who make laws regarding teacher tenure, graduation requirements, charter schools, achievement testing, etc.

Further, I would suggest timely updates be sent via the mass e-mail system to inform all MMEA members of pending legislation, committee meetings, hearings, etc. Everyone needs to realize that timing is vital when contacting legislators.

The single most effective method of contacting legislators, committee members, and other office holders is e-mail. Sending an e-mail is not time-consuming for the sender. E-mails are read [and often counted] by either the legislator or a staffer.

2012 Session Highlights/Lowlights

The 2012 Missouri legislative session included several issues regarding rights for all education employees, and particularly to protect the due process rights in the teacher tenure law from the attacks of the out-of-state extremist group Students First. Efforts were also made to maintain funding for public education in a time of unprecedented budget challenges, and to ensure the state maintains a fair, adequate and sustainable tax policy to support investment in public education and other vital services. There were numerous attacks on public schools, such as virtual charter schools, open enrollment and vouchers.

For public education, the session offered little good news. Legislation to allow the State Board of Education to intervene more promptly in unaccredited districts was held hostage and eventually killed by House leaders who used the bill to pressure Senate action on an unpopular attack on teacher rights. The legislature failed to resolve uncertainty regarding how school formula underfunding will be allocated to districts next year when the new formula is fully phased in. Charter school legislation was enacted to increase accountability but the bill falls short of making all needed reforms and expands charter school statewide. The legislature also failed to pass comprehensive, progressive income tax reform and other common-sense improvements such as the streamlined sales

income tax reform and other common-sense improvements such as the streamlined sales tax and tax credit accountability to provide the revenues the state needs to fund public schools, public higher education and other vital services. The state budget should not be balanced solely by cutting our investment in public education and other vital public infrastructure and services.

Session at a Glance: What Passed, What Didn't

This section gives you a quick survey of legislation that passed and did not pass.

PASSED

Budget – HB 2002 (Silvey), K-12 funding bill, HB 2003 (Silvey), higher education

Charter schools – SB 576 (Stouffer)

Gifted Program Reporting – SB 599 (Schaefer)

Pupil Transportation Hardship – HB 1789 (Schad)

Special Education Due Process – SB 595 (Kraus) places hearings before impartial hearing officer

Election Date Repeal – SB 569 (Kraus) eliminates June election date for schools, limits February date to bond elections.

Court Plan Attack – SJR 51 (Lembke)

Discrimination/Whistle Blower law – HB 1219 (Elmer) note: **VETOED**

Higher Education Omnibus Bills – HB 1042 (Thomson), SB 563 (Dixon)

Career and Technical – DESE to provide staffing support for career-related student organizations and to establish standards allowing private schools to establish local FFA chapters, passed in SB 599 (Schaefer)

School Social Worker Programs – HB 1803 (Korman), passed in SB 563 (Dixon)

Ft. Zumwalt School Board Terms – SB 450 (Rupp)

School Nurses – HCR 25 (Allen)

DID NOT PASS

Tenure Repeal, Layoff, Evaluations and Test Scores - HB 1526 (Dieckhaus), SB 806 (Cunningham)

Teaching Evaluation, Improvement Plans, Study – SB 654 (Lager), HB 1366 (Fitzwater)

Formula underfunding “crash” - SB 454 (Pearce), HB 1043 (Thomson)

State Board Intervention in Unaccredited Districts – HB 1174 (Lair), SB 677 (Pearce)

Unaccredited districts & *Turner v. Clayton* – SB 456 (Pearce), SB 839 (Lembke), SB 451 and 706 (Cunningham), HB 1997 (McNeil), HB 1830 (Stream)

State Revenues/Streamlined Sales Tax – SB 548 (Purgason), HB 1571 (Oxford), HB 1356 (Funderburk) and HB 1215 (McNeil)

Collective bargaining – HB 1418 (Colona)

Paycheck Deception – SB 553 (Brown)

Union Suppression and “Right to Work” - SB 438 (Mayer), SB 514 (Crowell) and SB 547 (Purgason)

TABOR – HJR 43 (Burlison)

“Fair” tax – HJR 69 (Funderburk)

Retirement – SB 842 (Lamping), HB 1741 (Leara)

Vouchers – HB 1718 (Scharnhorst) “Bryce's Law” special education voucher

Virtual Charter Schools – SB 735 (Nieves), HB 1629 (Barnes)

Mo. Accountability Portal/School Info – HB 1140 (Smith-150)
Voter ID – HJR 89 (Schoeller)
Standards for Petition Circulators - SB 817 (Parson) and HB 1869 (Dugger)
Student Study Plans – HB 1609 (Nasheed)
Promotion of Students – HB 1425 (McNary)
Anti-Bullying Policies – HB 1049 (Allen)
Student Immigration Status – SB 590 (Kraus)
Teacher Contract Renewal Dates – HB 1157 (Rowland)
Mandatory Reporter Requirements – HB 1491 (Haefner)
Vision Screening – SB 641 (Pearce), SB 649 (Ridgeway)
School Services – SB 451 (Cunningham)
Administrator Compensation – SB 543 (Chappelle-Nadal)

Action on Education Topics:

Tenure Repeal/Layoff dies at session end

After another day of intense, behind-the-scenes lobbying, the Senate briefly debated HCS/HB 1526 (Dieckhaus) late in the afternoon on May 18, before laying the bill over for the year. Sen. Lager withdrew his SA 1 regarding evaluation and offered an amendment to the layoff statute to address other factors while leaving evaluations as the primary basis for layoffs. Sen. Engler offered a substitute amendment to repeal the entire section regarding layoffs.

Sen. Chappelle-Nadal made it clear she would block the bill if Engler's amendment was not approved, and Sen. Wright-Jones indicated her opposition to the entire process by which the bill had been brought to the floor as a piecemeal, special-interest agenda item. Engler's amendment was defeated 12-20 on a standing division vote. Senators Chappelle-Nadal and Wright-Jones stood up and spoke in opposition, making it clear the bill would not come to a vote in the final twenty minutes. The bill was laid over at 5:45 after a few minutes of further debate, and Senate work on bills was done for the session.

Two similar bills this session, HB 1526 (Dieckhaus) and SB 806 (Cunningham) contained various harmful provisions during the session, such as tenure repeal, weakening of layoff protections and imposing detailed state mandates on teacher evaluations tied to student test scores.

Teacher tenure is just a process to address issues of concern and ensure teachers are not fired arbitrarily. Where districts face challenges with under-performing teachers, the real issue to address is establishing a quality evaluation system that provides teachers with feedback and support in improving performance and addressing concerns.

Instead of repealing tenure, school districts should establish a strong and effective evaluation system, as contained in SB 654 (Lager) and HB 1366 (Fitzwater). Due process legislation would ensure every district could adopt a policy or agree to use an impartial hearing officer for teacher termination hearings. This is currently allowed only in St. Louis City.

Teaching Evaluations

SB 654 (Lager) would require school districts to establish high-quality teacher and teaching evaluation systems and commit resources to implement high-quality evaluations. The bill was heard by the Senate Education Committee, but did not come to a vote. The bill also requires districts to establish standards for professional improvement plans. HB 1366 (Fitzwater) contained similar language. The bill was never allowed to have a hearing in a House committee. Rep. Dieckhaus said he wouldn't hear the bill because it didn't require districts to tie at least fifty percent of teacher evaluations to student test scores.

State Board Intervention Bill Killed by House Leaders

House leaders killed SS/HCS/HB 1174 (Lair) on May 18 by refusing to bring the bill up for a final vote. The bill had originally passed the House 148-0 and passed the Senate in a slightly different form by a 31-0 vote.

Rep. Dieckhaus insisted that, while the House had no real issues with HB 1174, the House would not vote to approve the bill until the Senate passed HB 1526 regarding teacher layoffs. When the Senate did not bring HB 1526 to a vote, House leaders killed HB 1174.

SS/HCS/HB 1174 would have revised the timelines and options for State Board intervention when it classifies a district as unaccredited. The bill allows the State Board to consider possible changes in governance when classifying a district as unaccredited, rather than waiting two years and automatically lapsing the district. The bill also incorporates language to require that the State Board hold a hearing in the unaccredited district to help bring community resources and stakeholders together in support of a district improvement plan.

Unaccredited Districts and *Turner v. Clayton*

St. Louis County Circuit Judge David Lee Vincent ruled on May 1 that section 167.131, RSMo, the transfer law upon which the *Turner v. Clayton* decision relied, was unenforceable in the *Turner/Breitenfeld* case as it violates the limitation of the Article X or "Hancock" limitation that the state may not require a new or increased level of activity or service without providing full state funding for that activity or service. The judge also concluded that it would be impossible for SLPS and receiving county districts to comply with the law under the forecast transfer of more than 15,000 students from St. Louis City to county schools, and thus the law is held to be void.

If the decision stands, it appears to remove the need to seek a legislative change to restore local control regarding the enrollment of non-resident students seeking to transfer from unaccredited districts, at least as it relates to students transferring from St. Louis City and perhaps from other unaccredited districts.

SB 456 (Pearce) and HB 1830 (Stream) would have required school districts to establish criteria for the admission of nonresident students from unaccredited districts based upon availability of qualified instructional staff in existing classroom space. Neither bill was passed by the legislature.

School Formula "Fix" Dies; DESE to Fix Base Amount and Prorate

SB 454 (Pearce) and HB 1043 (Thomson) would spread the impact of formula underfunding to both formula and non-formula districts, beginning next school year, the

first year the formula will be fully phased in. The existing law is unclear on how the impact of underfunding will be distributed, possibly producing a massive shift of funding from formula to non-formula districts. The language was debated on other bills and blocked by a filibuster by Senators Lamping and Schmitt.

DESE has recently announced its plan for distribution of formula aid next year. The Department plans to use existing law that applies beginning next year during underfunding to hold the state adequacy target fixed at the current value of \$6,131, rather than phasing in increases provided by law based upon changes in performance districts that would have raised the adequacy target and the cost of the formula. However, DESE plans to prorate payments to all districts based upon available appropriations using that \$6,131 base amount, as it has in preceding years, rather than to further reduce the adequacy target. This decision will tend to minimize funding shifts among districts, but it also tends to conceal the magnitude of state underfunding by holding the base amount down based on lack of funding, not based on adequacy.

SB 599 enacted language to allow school districts receiving fine payments from the 2011 Doe Run settlement to receive those payments without having a deduction in state aid based on counting such fines as increased "local revenue" under the formula calculation.

Protecting State Revenues/Tax Credit Accountability

The legislature failed to pass comprehensive legislation regarding tax credit accountability, including bills such as SB 548 (Purgason) and HB 1571 (Oxford). These bills sought to ensure that tax expenditures are efficient in accomplishing a public purpose and to protect the revenues the state needs to fund public schools, public higher education and other vital services.

HB 1356 (Funderburk) and HB 1215 (McNeil) would enact the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. The House did not pass either bill and House leaders insisted that the positive revenue impact of the bills be offset with corporate tax giveaways to make the bills "revenue neutral." The bills would help ensure that more of the sales and use taxes that should be collected for purchases in Missouri from online and remote sellers are actually collected. The bill also helps level the playing field for Missouri-based businesses that are already collecting and remitting state sales tax and facing increasing and unfair competition from online and remote sellers who do not collect sales taxes.

The House approved HB 1639 (Nolte), but the bill did not pass the Senate. The bill reduces the taxes on business income and corporate income, and reduces the amount available for historic rehabilitation tax credits. The bill will significantly reduce state revenues by as much as \$180 million per year within three years.

Budget

The House and Senate approved the FY 13 operating budget on May 10, one day before the Constitutional deadline for completion of budget approval.

To start the breaking of the logjam of budget-related issues, the Senate took up and passed funding revisions for veterans' homes in SS/SCS/HB 1731 (David Day) on May. Sen. Crowell offered the Senate Substitute (SS) version, which funds veterans' home with gambling boat admission funds and guarantees \$35 million in tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) funds for early childhood education.

Sen. Ridgeway added SA 1 to ensure that the provisions of the bill are nonseverable, meaning that if any provision is ruled invalid, the entire bill will be considered invalid. Sen. Lager added SA 2 to require the Joint Committee on Education to develop a comprehensive funding formula for public higher education institutions by Dec. 31, 2013, and requiring the legislature to implement a funding formula by FY 2015.

The SS prohibits implementation of a Quality Rating System (QRS) for early childhood education without further authorizing legislation. Corrective language offered as SA 3 by Sen. Cunningham ensures that public colleges and universities can continue to train early childhood education teachers. The SS does not contain any language to restrict funding for the Sue Shear Policy Institute at UMSL. Earlier in the debate, Sen. Cunningham sought to add such limitations into budget and funding bills.

The conference committee version of HB 2002 (Ryan Silvey) includes the House pay plan to give a 2 percent pay increase to state employees paid less than \$70,000 per year. Conferees also agreed to maintain \$200,000 for the Missouri Scholars and Fine Arts Academy. The bill will increase formula funding by \$5,000,001 to a total of \$3.009 billion.

The conference committee version of HB 2003 (Ryan Silvey) removes the earmarked \$2M in additional funding for Southeast Missouri State University, and includes an additional \$3 million distributed to seven public colleges and universities (but not including the University of Missouri, Missouri State University or Harris-Stowe University) based on the extent to which their per pupil amount is below those institutions with higher per pupil funding.

The conference committee version of HB 2005 (Ryan Silvey) moves the remaining \$8 million in funding for the Missouri Preschool Project grants to the Office of Administration, includes language blocking implementation of any Quality Rating System for early childhood education without further legislation, phases down existing grants and requires DESE to promulgate an official state rule regarding implementation of the program.

Charter Schools

The legislature passed SS/SCS/SB 576 (Stouffer). The bill expands the authority for charter schools to cover the entire state, expands the list of entities allowed to sponsor charter schools, creates a statewide chartering commission and makes some of the changes needed to improve the accountability and transparency of charter sponsors and charter schools.

While SB 576 includes some needed provisions, it does not include all of the necessary reforms. The bill does not require existing sponsors to participate in and to pass a comprehensive review process before being allowed to sponsor new charters or renew existing charters. The new state charter commission is solely an additional sponsor and does not improve accountability. The commission may lack the staffing and capacity to properly serve as a sponsor.

Virtual Charter Schools

SB 735 (Nieves) and HB 1629 (Barnes) would have allowed nonresident students to attend a school district or a charter school to access virtual courses or programs. Neither bill was passed by the legislature.

Pupil Transportation Hardships

The Senate and House passed HCS/HB 1789 (Schad). The bill requires granting of hardships when a student in certain, specified districts lives more than seventeen miles from the nearest district school and at least seven miles closer to a school in a neighboring district. The new distance exemptions apply only to St. Albans, St. Elizabeth, and Gravois Mills. The bill also "grandfathers" students and siblings who have existing hardship waivers to allow the waivers to continue for those students.

Collective Bargaining

The legislature did not pass legislation regarding collective bargaining (HB 1418) for public employees.

Paycheck Deception

SCS/SBs 553 and 435 (Brown) would have banned labor union payroll deductions for any purpose, including collection of union dues and impose additional paperwork mandates on political contributions. The Senate debated the bill briefly but did not bring it to a vote.

Workplace Discrimination and Whistle-blower Law

The legislature approved HB 1219 (Elmer), but Governor Nixon vetoed the bill on March 16 and the legislature did not override the veto. The Senate passed SB 592 (Lager), a similar bill, but the House did not pass the bill.

Union Suppression Amendments

The Senate Education Committee approved an SCS version of HCS/HB 1174 (Lair) on March 28. The committee adopted two anti-worker amendments offered by Sen. Cunningham by voice vote. The amendments were ultimately removed in the floor substitute version offered by Sen. Pearce and approved by the Senate and did not become law.

Special Education Hearings

The Senate and House passed HCS/SCS/SB 595 (Kraus). The bill transfers the special education due process hearing to an impartial hearing officer who is a member of the Administrative Hearing Commission and requires at least three of the five members of the AHC to receive training in special education law and procedures. The HCS specifies that the AHC members trained in special education law and procedures must receive at least ten hours of such additional training.

School Retirement

The Senate gave first round approval (Perfection vote) to SCS/SB 842 (Lamping), but the bill was never brought to a final vote in the Senate. The bill would enact into permanent statute provisions similar to the Funding Stabilization Policy adopted last year by the PSRS Board of Trustees. The original bill would have frozen the PSRS and PEERS contribution rates at current levels until the system becomes 100 percent funded, while the SCS version allows the system to raise the contribution rate for PSRS by 1/2 percent per year, if needed.

Public College Retirement Plans

The House approved HB 1741 (Leara), but the bill did not pass the Senate. The bill

would stabilize the institutional contribution rate for the College and University Retirement Plan (CURP) at seven percent. CURP is a defined contribution plan for instructional staff at public colleges and universities other than the University of Missouri System. The CURP institutional contribution rate is currently set at one percent below the normal cost of the MOSERS plan for state employees. Recent changes to reduce the benefits and cost of the MOSERS plan for new hires will reduce the normal cost of that system. The bill decouples the CURP rate from MOSERS, ensuring that institutions will continue to contribute seven percent to the plan on behalf of employees.

TABOR

The House passed HCS/HJR 43 (Burlison), but the HJR did not pass the Senate. HJR 43 is a constitutional spending limit similar to the Colorado provision known as “TABOR,” or the so-called “Taxpayer Bill of Rights.” The HJR would impose a permanent, constitutional spending limit on state government and would limit annual growth in state appropriations to a cost of living adjustment factor plus a population growth factor.

Everything Tax

HJR 69 (Funderburk) is a proposed constitutional amendment, which, if approved by a statewide vote, would replace the state personal and corporate income taxes, corporate and bank franchise taxes, existing state sales and use taxes and local earnings taxes with a greatly expanded and increased sales tax on most sales of goods and services. The HJR did not pass the House.

Vouchers and Open Enrollment

SB 706 (Cunningham) would have created procedures for vouchers and open enrollment of public school students across school district boundary lines under certain circumstances, but the Senate did not pass the bill. The bill was drafted in the form of a response to the *Turner vs. Clayton* decision, but created a program of vouchers allowing public funds to support students attending private and religious schools.

Special Education Voucher

The House defeated an amendment to HB 1854 (Grismore) offered on May 2 by Rep. Scharnhorst to add his HB 1718 to the bill. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 51-104. The bill would create an 80 percent tax credit for donations to private “scholarship granting organizations” providing payments for certain disabled students to attend private or religious schools or out-of-district public schools. The bill allows an unlimited total amount in tax credits for “contributions” to a scholarship fund, though the bill only allows students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, Angelman Syndrome, or cerebral palsy to receive funding under the program.

Omnibus Higher Education Bill

The Senate and House passed HCS/SCS/SB 563 (Dixon). The original bill modifies the term lengths of the board of governors of Missouri State University so that no more than three members' terms expire in any given year. The HCS and amendments add the provisions of several other higher education bills and amendments from this session:

SB 482 (Stouffer) relating to Alzheimer's disease research projects,
HB 1201 (Sifton) correcting the law regarding the Education Commission of the States,
HB 1855 (Wallingford) to create the Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative within the Department of Higher Education,
SB 681 (Lager) to revise residency requirements of regents of Northwest Missouri State

University, and
SB 811 (Dixon) authorizing land conveyances by the Missouri State University Board of Governors,
SB 655 (Green)/HB 1502 (Jones) to create the Higher Education Capital Fund,
HB 1803 (Korman) to allow a document showing school social work degree program completion for graduates meeting other criteria,
HB 1192 (Koenig) to require the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program (MOST) to expand investment offerings,
HB 1214 (Torpey) to require the Missouri Small Business Technology Centers to manage a virtual network for entrepreneurs, a provision limiting designations of public college personalized license plates, and authority for community colleges to own property outside the territory of the community college district.

CBHE Duties/Proprietary Schools

The Senate and House passed SCS/HB 1042 (Mike Thomson) regarding various duties of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The bill includes the provisions of HCS/HB 1722 (Mike Thomson) regarding regulation of proprietary schools. Senate amendments also added SB 563 (Bob Dixon) regarding Missouri State University governing board terms and SB 681 (Brad Lager) to revise residency requirements of regents of Northwest Missouri State University.

Foster Student Education

The Senate and House passed HB 1577 (Largent). The bill strengthens the law to ensure foster students remain on track for on-time graduation.

Anti-bullying Policies

The House passed HB 1049 (Sue Allen), but the Senate did not pass the bill. The House version of the bill expands the law regarding school anti-bullying policies and removes the language preventing school district policies from prohibiting bullying perceived as being motivated by certain enumerated categories.

Immigration Enforcement by Schools

The Senate General Laws Committee voted to approve SB 590 (Kraus) but the Senate did not pass the bill. Among other provisions, SB 590 requires all public schools to determine whether enrolling students are born outside of the United States or are children of an unlawfully present alien. In such cases, the bill requires the parent or guardian to notify the school of the citizenship or immigration status of the child.

Student Study Plans

The House passed HB 1609 (Nasheed) as an amendment on SB 599 (Schaefer), but the language did not pass this session. The bill would require each school district to ensure that every student develops a personal plan of secondary and post-secondary study prior to the end of the student's eighth grade year.

Promotion of Students

HB 1425 (McNary) would have required each school district to establish a program for student academic progression. The House did not pass the bill.

Math and Science Tutoring for St. Louis School District

The House approved HB 1466 (Nasheed), but the bill did not pass the Senate. The bill

creates a pilot program for tutoring centers for struggling students in any St. Louis City public school.

Approval of Teacher Contracts

HB 1157 (Rowland) would delay the deadline for the notification of reemployment and the offering of teacher contracts for probationary teachers from April 15 to May 15. The House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee approved the bill, but the House did not vote on the bill.

Mandatory Reporters and Investigations of alleged abuse or neglect

HCS/HB 1491 (Haefner) would have required individual mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect, such as teachers and nurses, to report suspected abuse or neglect directly to the Children's Division, rather than reporting to a designated agent at the school, such as a counselor or administrator, and relying on that agent to make the report. The bill was later amended onto HB 1515 (Schad), but was not enacted into law. The bill includes whistle-blower protections preventing administrators from inhibiting reports and protecting employees from sanction for making reports.

The House passed HCS/HB 1169 (Franz). The provisions were eventually approved in SB 599 (Schaefer). The bill changes the reporting requirements and investigatory authority for allegations of child abuse relating to spanking by school personnel. The school district report shall be made to local law enforcement, rather than the county juvenile officer, and the investigation shall be made by local law enforcement in the county.

School Nurses

The House and Senate approved HCS 25 (Allen). The non-binding resolution recognizes the important services provided by professional school nurses and urges every school district in this state to recognize the dedication of professional school nurses and the valuable role they play in Missouri schools.

Administrator Compensation

SB 543 (Chappelle-Nadal) would have enacted several requirements regarding administrator evaluation and compensation. The bill did not pass the Senate. SB 543 would have required districts to reduce administrative costs by at least the same percentage as the district reduces instruction cost by reduction in force, required DESE to establish an evaluation instrument for superintendents and granted a three year MSIP waiver for any districts that are consolidated and for any district experiencing more than a ten percent increase in enrollment due to a boundary change.

Coordinated School Services SB 451 (Cunningham) would have enacted additional authority for school districts to cooperate with other entities to provide school services and own and operate school-related facilities, but the bill did not pass the Senate.

Certified School Social Workers

HB 1803 (Korman) allows a document showing school social work degree program completion for graduates meeting other criteria. The language was passed in the final version of SB 563 (Dixon).

Gifted Education

SB 599 (Schaefer) was passed by both chambers and included several amendments. The

original bill requires districts to include reporting for gifted education programs in their district report cards.

Child Vision Exam Mandate

SB 641 (Pearce) would extend the sunset on the state mandate for kindergarten and first grade students to have eye exams by an optometrist before entering school. The bill did not pass. An alternative approach taken by SB 649 (Ridgeway). Would have implemented the recommendations of the Children's Vision Commission and maintains requirement for all students to have vision screenings at the beginning of kindergarten, first grade and second grade. SB 649 also requires every child who is referred for a comprehensive vision examination to receive one comprehensive vision examination performed by a state licensed optometrist or physician

Voter ID

HJR 89 (Schoeller) would have authorized the legislature to enact voter photo ID requirements, but it was not approved by the House. The ballot title of SJR 2, a similar joint resolution already approved by the legislature, was recently rejected as defective by a Missouri court. Due to the court ruling, the proposed constitutional requirements for voter ID and early voting will not be placed on a statewide ballot at the November 2012 election. SJR 2 would have allowed the legislature to enact a bill to require any person seeking to vote in a public election to provide election officials a driver's license or other government-issued photo identification. The SJR also authorized early voting up to 17 days prior to the election date.

Standards for Petition Circulators

SB 817 (Parson) and HB 1869 (Dugger) contain additional standards for petition circulators. The bills prohibit a person who has committed forgery from collecting signatures. SB 817 prohibits paying signature gatherers by the signature, while HB 1869 requires signature gatherers to wear a sign or button indicating whether they are paid to collect signatures. The bills would increase penalties for signing false names on petitions.

Election Date Repeal

The legislature approved SB 569 (Kraus). Among many other provisions, the bill removes the June election date for political subdivisions. The bill also limits the February election date to bond elections only. Earlier versions of this language would have repealed both the less-used June election date and the more commonly used February election date.

Ft. Zumwalt School Board

Governor Jay Nixon signed SB 450 (Rupp) into law on April 2, allowing the bill to go into effect for school board elections on April 3. The bill specifies that any St. Charles County school district that becomes an urban school district because of the 2010 federal decennial census will continue to have terms of three years for its school board members. Without specific language to the contrary, the default school board term length for an urban school district is six years. The bill applies to the Fort Zumwalt school district because it contains more than half of the population of O'Fallon, and that city now meets the urban district population criterion.

Public School Transparency

HB 1140 (Smith) passed the House, but did not pass the Senate. This bill requires the Office of Administration to maintain public school, city and county government accountability information on the Missouri Accountability Portal. The bill also requires information regarding state travel expenses incurred by the Governor to be maintained on the Portal. School districts and public charter schools must annually provide detailed employee compensation data, the school calendar, the district budget, and school policies to the department in a commonly used electronic format as specified by the department.

For More Info

Supporting detail about a specific bill can be found at

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx>

Type the bill number (example: HB1000) or sponsor name in the “search” box to find a link to the bill. This link will take you to a “home page” for the bill that provides bill text, bill summaries, fiscal notes and information on legislative action on the bill.

Missouri Music Educators Mentoring Report, August 18, 2012

The key to the success of this program continues to be identification of the first year teacher and contact as early in the school year as possible. We will again reach out to Missouri superintendents through the MSHSAA e-mail system.

Submitted with this report is the letter we are sending to the superintendents. I will update the list of first year teachers as I receive them. District presidents please make the effort to contact your first year teachers in your district. Make it a point to assign your vice-presidents to the novices. The West Central District has had the most success when mentors are geographically close to the people they are mentoring. Personal contact and putting a face with a name as early as possible goes a long way with helping a first year teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Litwiller
Mentoring Chair

Tri-M Report to the MMEA BOD / AC

August 18, 2012

As of the April Tri-M report from NAFME, there were 26 active Tri-M Chapters in Missouri. I don't have any numbers from any other states in our region to compare at this time.

I have contacted the Advisors of the other 25 active chapters to see if they would be willing to do some outreach to the schools in their districts as far as starting or re-starting Tri-M chapters in schools that don't currently have them. I have only received one response so far, but expect more once more schools are in session.

For the Tri-M session, I have asked several experienced Tri-M Advisors from around the state to be a part of a panel discussion to share ideas. This has been most helpful in the past as far as offering new ideas and support to experienced Advisors as well as helping the new Advisors just starting out. So far, 2 Advisors have agreed to participate, and I am hoping for at least 2 more.

Pat Barnett, the incoming National Chair for the TRI-M Music Honor Society, contacted me and asked that I contact our Missouri Tri-M Advisors in regard to serving as a Tri-M Mentor on the NAFME website. So far there are 2 of us who have agreed to do this. Other news from Pat:

“There is an active push to reinvigorate TRI-M that is being championed by the National Office. My focus will continue to be making TRI-M user-friendly for our chapters. You might be interested to know that we have experienced a slight dip in active chapters during the past year and an effort to understand what the reasons might be will soon be underway.

Changes that will be instituted during this school year will be a chapter membership/renewal that expires one year from the date of application--thereby eliminating the fall deadline. I know how busy fall can be with the myriad of responsibilities on music teacher's plates! We hope this will be an effective and positive change for our organization.

Finally, we will be looking at the way that chapters of the year are nominated and selected. This is a priority for this fall and winter. Our current method involves submitting materials electronically and then selecting the winning chapters in the Junior and Senior Divisions. I would like to consider establishing a two-tiered application process where materials are first vetted at the state level and one chapter is nominated by each state for national consideration. This may prove to be a Herculean task but I'm up for the challenge and I hope you are too for it will require your assistance to make this a reality! There will be many more details about this in the months to come.”

Cathy Coonis
MMEA Tri-M Chair



MSHSAA Report

August 18, 2012

1. Music Online Rules Reviews

- **Opened** on **August 1st** and will **close** on **September 7th**
- \$50 late fee assessed to school for each director who fails to complete by September 7th.
- School director will not be allowed to direct students in interscholastic competitive and /or evaluative events.

2. Sanctioning All-State and All-District Ensembles

- Person responsible for this area needs to contact MSHSAA office to begin process.

3. PML Updates

- List will go up on website by end of August on new additions for 2013

4. 2012-13 and 2013-14 Classification Breaks for Music

Classification	Enrollment Breaks
5	1021 and above
4	478-1020
3	270-477
2	131-269
1	1-130

5. Music Advisory Recommendations:

- Located on MSHSAA website under Music Activities page
- Select link '[Music Advisory Committee](#)'

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AS MMEA!

1. 75th ANNIVERSARY LOGO: The logo design credit goes to Gary Brandes. This is just a B&W copy with the color scheme to be determined soon. Our 75th anniversary logo will be used for a variety of promotional items leading up and during the Conference event. Is it “pin-worthy”?
2. HISTORY VIDEO: A short historical video is being assembled to chronicle the Association's beginnings from 1934 to the present. We hope to embed or link this in the website, display at the Conference, and for any other promotional opportunities that might occur. Past efforts by Aurelia Hartenberger and Dave Goodwin will be folded into this video. Ideas for footage include short sound bites from members of all ages, along with photos and footage from any of our NINE decades as an MMEA. AVAILABLE LATE 2012. A short written history, based on articles in the fall and pre-conference issues will be placed under the historical tabs in the website.
3. POST-CONFERENCE DVD: We plan to splice selected portions of the historical video with 2013 Conference footage to create an after-conference DVD. This would provide the membership with an opportunity to promote the value of the Association and its activities to school district administration, booster organizations, etc.
Brandes and Manring are investigating production studios for compiling these DVDs.
4. MMEA “HISTORY MUSEUM”: A special room to display archived materials at the 2013 Conference, including recorded memorabilia, MSM issues, documents (framed or under plastic!), and photos of All-State groups, along with the historical DVD on screen. The Fall issue of MSM includes a request to the membership to submit materials for display. This might also lead to a valuable expansion of the archived materials. Suggested hours for the Museum would be during exhibit hours Thursday and Friday, with assistance from the Collegiate organization to help cover some of these hours.
5. The pre-conference issue, along with information about conference activities, will center on the locations of the conference from 1935-2013.

Marvin Manring, Historian

OLD BUSINESS

Thomas J. Trimborn NAFME-C Scholarship

Proposal: Sell original artwork and *Missouri School Music Magazine* cover reproductions to establish the *Thomas J. Trimborn NAFME-C Scholarship*. This scholarship will be awarded to outstanding Missouri music education majors who are within two years of completing their degree program to be used to help supplement their educational expenses. The original artwork chosen for sale will be donated by Dr. Trimborn and permission will be granted jointly by *Missouri School Music Magazine* and Thomas J. Trimborn to reproduce covers featuring his artwork to generate funds for this award.

Selection, Publicity, and How to Purchase:

Selection of the specific original art and several poster sized reproduction cover prints will be made initially by Dr. Trimborn and members of the MMEA Board. Mention of the availability of the artwork and posters should appear in issues of the *Missouri School Music Magazine* (preferably both September and December) prior to the January conference. To insure that there are few if any unsold posters following the conference, they should be pictured in the magazine along with an email address to reserve them for purchase and pick-up at the conference. To avoid dealing with mailing/shipping of prints, they will only be available at Tan-Tar-A in the NAFME-C/Registration area for the time being. Based on the number of poster reservations received via email, a very limited number of extras will be produced to allow for those members to acquire them without a reservation.

Original Art, Poster/ Print Cover Reproductions, Purchase and Pricing:

In order to generate sufficient funds to establish the award and maintain it for the future, original and/or *Missouri School Music Magazine* cover art prints will be sold each year for several years at the annual MMEA convention. The cover art would be subject to change to suit the demands of the consumers and to insure continued interest by offering a new supply each year. Both original artwork and poster sized magazine covers will be sold. Four different prints will be available priced at \$10 each or \$30 for a set of four. The four original pieces of cover art will be on display and priced reasonably to ensure interest and purchase. Through the sale of both originals and poster reproductions it is hoped that sufficient funds would allow for awards to be granted in the amount of more than \$500.00 but at this time it is difficult to determine if and when that would be possible.

Handling of Funds and Panel to Select Scholarship Recipients

Based on the number of MMEA members, performers, and the general public who attend the annual MMEA conference, there is potential to raise a substantial amount of revenue over a period of several years to begin making awards.

In the event of funds being substantial to sustain awards, the initial account to hold funds will be set up by Dr. Trimborn and Dr. Randy Smith both of Truman State University. Over time, Dr. Smith would continue as the account holder. He would also need to work with whoever is the NAFME – Collegiate Advisory Board Director (currently Dr. Carla Maltas) and one additional NAFME-Collegiate university chapter advisor to serve as a three person panel to select recipients of the award(s).

Criteria

Establishing criteria for applicants seeking the award will be determined by Dr. Trimborn in consultation with music educators from throughout Missouri and especially with the input and approval of the MMEA Board of Directors and NAFME-Collegiate members. This process will be more feasible after funds are accumulated.

Display and Purchase Location at Conference

If at all feasible, the original artwork and poster/prints should be visible as members and others register to attend the conference (near the registration tables). NAFME-C members (initially mainly from Truman and perhaps others) will man the display and purchase area designated by MMEA. Possible areas include near registration tables, in exhibition area, or in historical archives room.

Permission to Reproduce and Sell *Missouri School Music Magazine* Covers

AGREEMENT

Artist Thomas J. Trimborn and the *Missouri School Magazine* hereby grant permission to sell reproductions of past issue covers on which his copyrighted art appears to fund a scholarship to benefit outstanding Missouri NAFME-C members intending to become future music educators. The scholarship to be known as the *Thomas J. Trimborn NAFME-C Scholarship* will be awarded to outstanding Missouri music education majors who are within two years of completing their degree program to be used to help supplement their educational expenses. Typically four different reproductions/posters will be sold each year for \$10 each or \$30 for a set of all four.

Artist Thomas J. Trimborn and appropriate MMEA designees shall annually decide on the reproductions to be produced and offered for sale in order to generate funds for the scholarship fund until such time as either the fund is sufficient to be sustained without the sale of reproductions or interest wanes.

MMEA Signature

Date

Artist's Signature

Date

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Administrative Salaries

1. We must approve that the rate paid is what the personnel will receive and that MMEA agrees to pay the tax.
 - Executive Secretary-\$12,000
 - MSM Editor-\$6,000
 - Exhibitor's Chair-\$5,000
 - Conference Manager-\$3,000

2. Update on arrangement for Percussion equipment in Salon A for the 2013 In-Service Workshop/Conference.

Please read the following excerpt from the MMEA Conference and Clinics Performance Criteria [Revised May 21, 2005].

This guideline specifically deals with time limits for concert sessions.

Concert Sessions

- A. Time limits: MMEA understands the importance of instructions, acknowledgements and appropriate comments. Such announcements must be carefully planned to fit within the performance times as established or should be made during the introduction of the performance or clinic session. This includes introductions, acknowledgements, performance, and presentation of certificate.
- i. Twenty-five (25) minutes of music, downbeat to final release.**
 - ii. Introductions of groups and clinics must be short and will not **EXCEED FIVE (5) MINUTES.**
 - iii. Certificates of Performance will be presented following the session and will not be counted against the concert or clinic time.
 - iv. There is no time allotted for the conductor to address the audience following the final release or presentation of certificate.
- B. **The timing of each performance will begin at the downbeat of the first selection and will stop at the end of the final selection. The time of each concert and/or clinic will include the time of music selections presented, any tuning, shifting of personnel, instruments or equipment and any comments, acknowledgments or introductions after the downbeat and before the final release. Applause will be part of the performance time prior to the final release. To avoid penalty (13.D.) performance time shall not exceed 25 minutes.
- C. **THE INTRODUCTION WILL NOT EXCEED 5 MINUTES.**
- i. The performance **AND INTRODUCTION** will be timed by the area vice president.
 - ii. This time will be verified by use of the digital recording made at the time of the performance.
- D. These time limits are firm and are not to be changed unless the MMEA President with the consent of the MMEA Executive Board grants approval in advance and in writing.
- E. Directors of performing groups that go over the allotted time **FOR MUSIC PERFORMANCE (25 MINUTES)** or perform an encore will not be eligible for an appearance at the MMEA Conference and Clinics for a period of six (6) years.
- F. **INTRODUCTION OF GROUPS THAT EXCEED ALLOTTED TIME (5 MINUTES) WILL POSTPONE ELIGIBILITY FOR AN APPEARANCE AT THE MMEA CONFERENCE AND CLINICS FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR.**
- G. Groups which wish to use additional musicians for the sole purpose of accompanying are limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) musicians.

Any exception of the above rulings must be requested in writing, well in advance of the conference date to the MMEA President. Any exception must be approved in writing by the MMEA President



Missouri Music Educators Association

Proposal

Submitted by Gary W. Brandes

Budget requests for MMEA 75th Anniversary Celebration, January 2013.

Request a one-time budget allocation of \$2500.00 to assist Marvin Manring, MMEA Historian, in restoration, presentation and display of the MMEA archives for the January 2013 In-Service Workshop/Conference.

Proposal

Commemorate the 75th Anniversary with DVD. I propose to appoint a committee of, President Elect Gary Brandes, Historian Marvin Manring and one additional appointee to mark the 75th Anniversary of MMEA with a DVD documenting the occasion.

Proposal

In order to honor the 50+ years of combined service to MMEA by MSM Editor Dee Lewis and Executive Secretary Wynne Harrell the executive board recommends a room be provided at the 75th MMEA and meals covered for Dee and his wife, and for Wynne and his wife. Further we would like to send to National Assembly Meeting in 2013.

Appointments

Dr. Mike Sekelsky-Technology Chair

Elaine Swofford-Assistant Executive Secretary

Final reminders.

The 75th Annual In-Service is January 23-26, 2013. I request that all members present be in attendance at the first general session on Thursday morning, as I would like to introduce the board at that time.

Thanks so much for your hard work and time today and everyday.