

**ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS
REGION 13
MINUTES FROM FALL 2010 MEETING**

Mr. Rod Rodriguez (Stafford High School), Region XIII ATSSB Coordinator, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:37 a.m. at the Lamar High School Auditorium Foyer on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

Members were asked to pick up agendas and minutes from the spring region meeting from the chair.

A motion was made by Rolando Cantu (Brazos HS) and seconded by Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS) to approve minutes from the spring region meeting as presented. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Rodriguez reported a total of \$5,636.85 as a balance for the ATSSB Region bank account. He then asked members to look over the financial statement. He noted that little was spent on the OPS contest judging costs as so few entries were made from our corresponding region this year; only drinks and breakfast were purchased, and one mailout was completed. Motion was made by Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS) and seconded by Houston Cummings (Rice CHS) to accept the region financial report as presented. Vote taken. Motion passed.

OPS/Honor Band:

Congratulations to Region 13 bands for their performances in the OPS contest this year.

East Bernard JH, Brooke Schmidt, Director
9th State, March Category
“St. Petersburg March”

Ganado HS, Patrick Flaniken, Director
6th State, TMEA Honor Band Competition, Finalist

ATSSB STATE REPORT:

A great number of changes have been made to the TMEA online entry process. Entry deadlines are standard statewide with penalties for late entries, and all are built into the online entry process and may not be changed. Please refer to the agenda and minutes for further details, and refer all questions to Rod Rodriguez, ATSSB Coordinator, or Julie Amos, Region 13 President.

JAZZ BAND:

All info is online. The Audition is September 18, and the deadline is September 3.

COORDINATORS AND ORGANIZERS FOR 2010-2011 GROUPS:

Region 13 Coordinator: Rod Rodriguez, Stafford HS
Region 13 JH Coordinator: Josh Partida, Edna HS
Region 13 Secretary: Julie Amos, Sweeny JHS
H.S. Symphonic Band: Patrick Flaniken, Ganado HS
H.S. Concert Band: Alan Edge, Boling HS
H.S. Percussion Organizer: Lance Finley, Needville HS
JHS Wind Ensemble: Perri Weaks, Tidehaven HS
JHS Symphonic Band: Danny Enriquez
JHS Concert Band: April Page, Stafford MS
JHS Percussion Organizer: Richard Garcia, Rice HS
H.S. Jazz Band: Randy D. Marble

TBA REGION REPORT:

No concerns were raised for presentation at the ATSSB State Board Meeting at TBA.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jr. High Region Band Audition Music: The JH Region Audition music for 2010-2011 will be the SAL Year C with the exception of the percussion music, which was co-composed by Bobby Mowles (Edna HS) and Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS). Thanks to Mike Schurtz and Wayne McBee for their help, as well. Audition music info can be found on the website. The auditions will be held on November 13, and the deadline is October 29. Entries are completed online, and they are not accepted without current ATSSB and TMEA numbers. All staff MUST be there to help judge both contests.

2. HS Region Auditions: Auditions are December 11, and the deadline is November 26. Please be aware of all the entry rules changes coming down from the TMEA State office! Entries are completed online, and they are not accepted without current ATSSB and TMEA numbers. All staff MUST be there to help judge both contests.

Region 13 Event Guidelines that were added to the Region 13 Handbook were reviewed. A motion was made by Henry Raeke (Needville JH) and seconded by Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS) to have the first stipulation read: "All directors are responsible for trying to bring at least one parent for every 15 to 20 students entered into the process." The rationale is that student supervision and policing in the past has been a problem,

leading to discipline and safety issues on the host campuses, but certain schools may not be able to provide as many parent chaperones as others. Motion passed. A second motion was made by Bruce Kenner (Wharton HS) that the stipulation should read, "All directors MUST bring at least one parent sponsor for every 15 to 20 students entered into the process." The rationale was that the wording was so vague that schools may choose not to provide ANY parent chaperones. A second was not provided, and the motion died. The issue will be revisited at the January ATSSB meeting.

A motion was made by Bobby Mowles (Edna HS) and seconded by Chris Arrowood (East Bernard HS) to accept the rest of the Region 13 Event Guidelines as presented. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Donation to ATSSB Scholarship Fund:** Region Coordinator Rod Rodriguez asked that our traditional \$1000 donation to the ATSSB Scholarship Fund be made once again this year. Motion was made by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) and seconded by Richard Garcia (Rice HS). Motion passed.
- 2. Discussion on 2010-2011 Concert/Contest Sites:** Jim Popham (Palacios HS) offered Palacios HS as a site for the Early UIL C&SR Contest on March 10. Patrick Flaniken rescinded his offer to host in Ganado in response.
- 3. Recordings of ATSSB Concerts:** The company that recorded this past year has offered to charge a flat fee for providing each school with a master disc of all concerts versus having the company make and sell individually packaged discs. A motion was made by Henry Raeke (Needville JH) and seconded by Chris Arrowood (East Bernard HS) to keep everything as it has been in the past with selling individual discs. Motion passed.
- 4. ATSSB All-Region Programs:** Clay Pope, Band Director Emeritus of Sweeny HS, is now working for B&H Music and mentioned that B&H would be interested in sponsoring ATSSB Programs during the year. A motion was made by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) and seconded by Julie Amos (Sweeny JH) to have B&H do one set and Collins do the other set during the year. Motion passed.
- 5. Purchase of ATSSB Printer:** ATSSB Coordinator Rod Rodriguez indicated that connecting to printers at the various region contest host sites has been a major problem. A motion was made by Randy D. Marble (Columbia HS) and seconded by Chris Arrowood (East Bernard HS) to purchase a region printer that can be taken from site to site. Motion passed.
- 6. 1A/2A All-State Band Survey:** The 1A/2A All-State Band is finally an item of great interest on the state level. A survey will be sent out soon. Please be watching your email and respond! If you would like to see a copy of the VERY comprehensive rehearsal, contact Bobby Mowles at Edna HS. Stephen

Henry (Industrial HS) reminded everyone to please respond so that your silence doesn't count as a "No" vote!

- 7. CLINIC PROPOSAL:** A motion was made by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) and seconded by Bobby Mowles (Edna HS) for a Sightreading Clinic to be held during the HS Region Clinic and Concert with Tom Rhodes of RBC Music as the Clinician. Motion Passed. Julie Amos will apply for the grant money for the clinic with TMEA.
- 8. State Legislature:** A motion was made by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) and seconded by Julie Amos (Sweeny JH) to invite the state legislators to our Region 13 Concerts for junior high and high school. Motion passed. Rolando Cantu volunteered to handle the invitations.
- 9. OPS webpage addition:** A motion was made by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) and seconded by Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS) to add an OPS entry page specifically to our region webpage. The information can be very difficult to locate. Julie Amos added the specifically the CD labeling, which is a disqualifying detail of the process, is particularly hard to find and tedious each year, and it should definitely be included. Motion passed.
- 10. Publish Parent Guidelines:** A motion was made by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) and seconded by Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS) to publish parental guidelines for region auditions. Motion passed.
- 11. Increase in Honorariums:** A motion was made by Bobby Mowles (Edna HS) and seconded by Stephen Henry (Industrial HS) to increase the honorariums for hosting an event by \$50 per school and by \$25 for coordinating. Motion passed.
- 12. Increase in Stipends:** A motion was made by Fred Meyer (Columbia HS) and seconded by Danielle Morphew (West Brazos JH) to raise stipends for the Region Coordinator. A motion was added by Julie Amos to include the JH Region Coordinator. A motion was added at large to add the secretary. During general discussion, it was decided that more investigation would be made into the average stipend amount for leaders in the state and all motions would be tabled until the January meeting when more information could be shared.

There being no further business, a motion was entertained for adjournment. Patrick Flaniken (Ganado HS) made the motion; several seconds followed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Amos
Secretary, ATSSB Region 13