

ATSSB Region 18/26 Spring Meeting Minutes

Smithville High School - April 22, 2025

- **Ann Lowes Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**
- **Cheryl and Gerald Babbitt presented their UIL announcements.**
 - No fee increase for UIL events next school year. Costs for judges are increasing with mileage for judges and hotel rooms, but no need to increase contest fees as of yet.
 - Gerald Babbitt announced his retirement from the Region 18/26 Executive Secretary after 50 years of service.
 - Mr. Babbitt's job is posted on the Region 18 website. Mr. Babbitt discussed the potential salary of the Executive Secretary. Deadline for applications for the position is May 30th. Interviews will take place on Thursday, June 5th.
- **Ann reviewed voting procedures including**
 - Active ATSSB members voting
 - One vote per performing ensemble for UIL contests.
 - Voting by proxy standards
- **Ann went over the ATSSB State Board of Directors Report**
 - Reduce string basses and alto clarinets to a total of two, one per All-State Band. Motion was passed unanimously at the board meeting. This will take affect by the fall of 2029.
 - Add three alto saxes to each all state band starting next school year.
- **Region web page**
 - Rules on web page
 - Some programs and minutes missing from the web page change over. It will be fixed soon.
- **Current balance for the region is \$17,043.12**
 - Changing to computer checks (quick books or something similar)
 - We will add the signature of the region secretary to the checking account so more than one person has access to the account in case of Ann's absence.
- **Dates for 25 - 26 School Year**
 - ATSSB Jazz Tryouts - Taylor High School - September 20th
 - UIL Region Marching Contest - Giddings High School - October 18th
 - 2A Area Marching Contest at Academy High School - October 25th
 - 3A Area Marching contest at Robinson High School - November 1st
 - 4A Area Marching Contest potentially at Pflugerville ISD PField - October 25th
 - ATSSB MS Tryouts - Smithville HS - December 6th
 - ATSSB HS Tryouts - Smithville HS - December 13th

- **ATSSB MS Clinic/Concert - Bastrop PAC - January 16th and 17th (this week b/c of UIL spirit contest)**
 - Committee to finalize instrumentation for the three bands
 - Jazz Band rehearsal location needs to be finalized by David Motl.
 - Clinician nominations - due asap
 - Honors Band organizer
 - James Willbanks (McDade)
 - Honors Band Percussion organizer
 - Joseph Bankston (Giddings)
 - Symphonic Band organizer
 - James Baker (Smithville)
 - Symphonic Band Percussion organizer
 - Dr. Adam Lynskey
 - Concert Band organizer
 - Anthony Tiger (Giddings)
 - Concert Band percussion organizer
 - Anthony Allen (Columbus)

- **ATSSB HS Clinic/Concert - Bastrop PAC - January 23rd and 24th**
 - Clinician nominations due asap
 - Wind Ensemble organizer
 - Beth Butler (Thrall)
 - Wind Ensemble percussion organizer
 - Bana Estes (Thorndale)
 - Symphonic Band organizer
 - Chris Cooper (La Grange) and Shelby Lane (Lexington)
 - Symphonic Band percussion organizer
 - Jacob Stephenson (La Grange)
 - Concert Band organizer
 - Dr. Jason Levin (Caldwell)
 - Concert Band percussion organizer
 - Rachel Agan (Caldwell)

- **UIL Solo and Ensemble/Twirling - Smithville HS - February 21st**

- **UIL MS/1A/2A Concert and Sightreading Evaluation - Bastrop PAC - March 3rd, 4th, and 5th**
 - Conflicts abound with either dates for all classifications
 - Many athletic conflicts at the late contests, but it should be offset by going on Tuesday/Wednesday instead of Wednesday/Thursday.
 - 11 schools voted to perform at the early contest, 17 schools voted to perform at the late contest.
 - Almost all 2As voted to go early, so the Babbitt's will allow the 2A schools to perform at the early contest.

- **UIL 3A/4A Concert and Sightreading Evaluation - Bastrop PAC - March 31 & April 1st**
 - The 3A/4A schools will have a day and a half contest. They will start after lunch on the 31st and all day on the 1st.
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- **Henry Dreitner motioned to accept all of the above listed dates**
- **Dr. Jason Levein seconded the above listed dates**

- **Fall Region Meeting**
 - August 9th at 1:00 pm at Smithville High School

- **Judges Lists for UIL contests**
 - Turn them in asap so that Ann can contact judges asap.

- **OPS judges**
 - First week of June in Giddings. Send Ann an email with interest.

- **Nominations for State Office**
 - a) Class 2C/3C Representative for the State Board of Directors
 - None nominated
 - b) Class 2A Representative for the State Board of Directors
 - Zach Sims nominated by Henry Dreitner.
 - c) Class 4A Representative for the State Board of Directors
 - Jose Sanchez nominated by Zach Sims.

- **Old Business**
 - Wayne suggested that directors go speak with their superintendents immediately about the band dates for next year to help stave off some athletic conflicts.

- **New Business**
 - None
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm**