



Date: 1/14/26 **Time:** 7:04 p.m. **Location:** BHS Music Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

By: Brandy Marriott
At: 7:04 pm

NOTE TAKER/TIMEKEEPER:

Aysa Morgan

FACILITATOR

Brandy Marriott

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brandy Marriott, Mark Awad, Darren Allen, Becca Gadbois, Andy Novak, Aysa Morgan, Tricia Rhea and Michael Shea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reviewed the [minutes](#) from **11/12/26** meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE:

Brandy Marriott

SECOND:

Tricia Rhea

DIRECTOR REPORTS

DARREN ALLEN:

Solo and Ensemble Feb. 7
 Tamir Hendelman Feb. 12
 Big Band Bash Jack Shantz Feb. 25
 Katahj Copley composer Feb. 27
 Westfield Academy and Central school April 23rd

MARK AWAD:

- Middle School Band Happenings:
 - All of the bands are preparing for their upcoming performances:
 - Jazz Band: Big Band Bash (Wednesday, February 26, 2026–7:00 PM in the BHS Auditorium)
 - Mid-Winter Band Concert: (6th through 8th grade bands–Wednesday, March 4, 2026–7:00 PM in the BHS Auditorium)
 - We have a number of students who will be participating in the OMEA, District 4 Middle School Honors Festival (Thank you very much for making it possible for them to perform!)

- We just introduced solo and ensemble contest to our 7th and 8th grade students, and we are having students sign-up to participate. (Also, thanks for making this even possible for our students)
- We also just introduced the Bay Middle School Music Cedar Point Trip (Saturday, May 9, 2026)
 - We look forward to having the groups participate. The kids are excited!
- Thanks again for all that you do!

DEVON GESS:

- A huge thank you to all the Boosters for their help with the holiday concert and ticket sales. It was incredibly successful, and I couldn't have done it without Boosters.
- Boosters also provided snacks backstage for our singers to stay hydrated and full for the sing-along, and NO ONE FAINTED on the tree!!!!
- February 7. I need an invoice to be reimbursed for the Choraleers performances. Two ensembles are performing and the school should be paying for them. \$26 each, totaling \$52. Please send me the invoice, and I will forward it to Bri Hewkin. We have done this before.
- Solo & Ensemble is Saturday, February 7 - We have 3 ensembles and 10 solos!
- The Winter Concert is on Monday, March 2, followed by the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event on February 6 & 7.
- The 34L pants finally arrived after months on backorder.
- The BVCS District Choir Concert is on Tuesday, March 31.

CARRIE SINGLER:

- Happy New Year! Sorry, I can't be in attendance tonight.
- Thank you for all the support during our holiday concert season, Orlando and for the Honors Orchestra/Chamber Choir trip to see "Wicked: For Good" in the theater!
- The HS Instrumental Recital is Thursday, Feb. 5th.
- HS Solo & Ensemble is Saturday, Feb. 7th
- The High School Orchestra is giving a special Winter "Microcosm" Concert on Monday, February 23rd at 7PM. This will take the place of the Contest Preview Concert. The Orchestra is studying the original quartet works of Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, Piazzolla and Caroline Shaw and performing them as a string orchestra adaptation. We will be having several guests to work with our students. More info tba!

ANDY NOVAK:

Hello, and happy new year!

First, a big thank you from me and Carrie for facilitating the *Wicked: For Good* viewing back in December with the Chamber Choir and Honors Orchestra students. It was very successful, and it was a fun afternoon. Second, just a reminder from the last meeting about the following: A) The \$100 payment to cover the four honors choir students is needed soon. It can either be hand delivered at the rehearsal on February 4th, or mailed to the OMEA D4 Treasurer (297 Moorewood Ave, Avon Lake, OH 44012) and B) our guest clinician (Jennie Rosza, Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus Director), is coming in on Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, and I'd like to give her a \$50 check or gift certificate to thank her for her time. For anyone interested, the clinic will take place that day at 2:10PM in the BMS Cafeteria and go until 2:55PM.

Third, we have a number of students participating in Solo and Ensemble this year on March 21st! Historically, the Boosters have offered to cover junior high events. I will be reaching out to families for an RSVP, with a list of expectations, including one that families will be expected to reimburse BMB if their student does not

perform their piece. I believe it's \$18/solo and \$22/ensemble event. I'll have an official total for the next meeting. Right now, it's looking like 17 solo events and 2 ensemble events.

Fourth, I have been in talks with the curriculum department to purchase a Clavinova. The current grand piano is too big for the space, and requires frequent tuning. The new instrument would mitigate the tuning expenses, and clear up a lot of space in the front of the room. There is one available from Sweetwater for \$4,599.99. I was asked to try to secure as much money as possible from outside sources for this. I understand this kind of expense would certainly warrant more discussion, but your consideration is appreciated.

Finally, rehearsals for the high school spring musical *Anything Goes* got started recently, and things are starting off great! The show will be opening in March; stay tuned!

Thanks for all you do! :)

ROCKETTES COACH (BRIDGET DOUGHERTY OR OLIVIA JACOBS):

None

BOARD REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT:

None

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:

None

TREASURER REPORT:

- 1099's sent.
- OAG reports filed
- Up to date on tax returns
- Timing change for "wish list"? Preferred to be turned in April starting 2026
- March/April
- Send Patrick - Black Label contact information.
- Call Bay Arts. Night of JAZZ, tag on event, joint event sponsorship

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

None

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Did we receive the ck from the Carmina performance?

Have wish list items been coming in, does everyone have/have ordered what they need?

Exec board meeting to discuss Blitz ideas, recruiting help, and begin to plan. Date is currently set for Saturday, April 25th (Last Saturday in April) Michelle Waters has offered to help and has ideas to share. Current initial discussions include off site venue, heavy apps, cocktails, raffles.

Will begin to look at streamlining signups for marching band season. How can we/who do we speak with to see about wheels for the ladders?

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM:

PRESENTER:

DISCUSSION:

CONCLUSION:

MOTION TO APPROVE:

SECOND:

VOTE & RESOLUTION:

ex. "Motion carried by voice vote without dissent"

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NAME:

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

DEADLINE:

OTHER INFORMATION

MEETING ADJOURNED

At: 7:26pm

BY: Brandy Marriott

Aysa Morgan