

SEOBDA Business Meeting  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. Call to Order:
2. Reading of the minutes
3. Treasurer report by Leslie Gregg, but Chris Read them due to her absence: \$2000 expected, but postage and printing caused us to have only around \$1650. We are spending more money than we are taking in. We need to up our fees somehow. Bringing in big names cost us, but we are losing our profit margin.
4. SOSU Rep: Dr. Scheuerman, Dr. Tristan Egner Jazz fest is April 27<sup>th</sup> at Durant HS, but want to move it the new Choctaw Casino event center area.
5. Election of Officers Change Treasuer to new Durant assistant director, Chris Dickson , Nominated by Ron Potter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Mureno
6. **Old Business**

Important Dates by Mark Price:

**SEOBDA Auditions are Nov. 9, 2019    Entry deadline Sept 21, 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> round OkMEA is Dec 7, 2019**

**All-State OkMEA Convention January 14-18, 2020**

**SEOBDA District Clinic January 24-25, 2020**

**Several book changes for the instruments:** Baritone TC, F Horn, Timpani, NEW ETUDE LIST - CHECK FOR MISTAKES. THE LIST ONLINE will say "as of this date" and list the mistakes. All scales will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of All-State tryouts. NO SCALES AT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND (During District)

McAlester MS solo contest is Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

7. Vote on Location of 2019 Tryouts: at Durant MS again. Mike Baird, Ron Potter 2<sup>nd</sup>
8. Vote on the Location of 2020 Clinic: Keep at SOSU, Brian Bolinsky, Mike Baird 2<sup>nd</sup>
9. **Old Business:** John Moreno suggested changing the 6/8 MS etude to something else in ¾ or 4/4 but with more syncopation. EVERYONE hates the clarinet for 7<sup>th</sup> grade! John will help rewrite if needed. Mark Price reminded us that changing the etudes is more difficult than you think. Ron Potter said he can change the range as needed and switch the meter. Will email the changes to everyone and asap and you must vote yes or no and it will be approved instantly and posted to the website. Joey Marsh want to have the FHorn in the same key. It is currently in a different key. The committee motion by John 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Rosso to make improvements to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade audition music and be voted on electronically. Mike, Carol, Mark Nate, John Sam, Chauvin

**New Business:**

10. Deadline for entries the same as listed in the May issue of the OkMEA magazine.
11. Clinicians for 2020 Honor Bands:  
**HS nominees:** Matt Mailman, Shanti Simon, Teresa Purcell, Eric Allen, Dr. Lamb, UCO, Jeff Jones (Marcus TX). Matt Mailman selected.  
**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade nominees:** Chris Harris, Teresa Segress, Brian Britt, Irv Wagner. Chris Harris selected.  
**7<sup>th</sup> grade nominees:** Adam Mewhorter, Byron Church, Teresa Segress, Tim DeWitt, Chris Waldo, Doug Hansen. Chris Waldo selected.
12. Chairman for 2020 Honor Bands:

**HS:** Teresa Bell/Percussion: Harley Thomas, Jr. will assign parts for 10-12

**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>:** John Mureno/Percussion: TJ Tolbert and BJ Stinson will assign parts

**7<sup>th</sup>:** Carol Rosso/Percussion: Sean Denike will assign parts and bring percussion.

The Percussion assistants have to stay in all of the rehearsals to help out.

The chairman need to get the music and the folders ready for the tryout. We will be passing out folders via Ron Potter. He will distribute all folders to all schools so that it saves on money and assures that everyone get the folders in a timely manner.

Chairperson also has to print a piece of paper for each student in the band to hang on the music stand. Put it in their folder?? Or put it on their stands in HS band, put it in their chars for 7, 8, 9?

13. Kappa Kappa Psi - \$300 Donation Motion to keep John Durer (Kingston) 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Brian Bolinsky

14. **Any other new business** – Ron Potter brought up the errors in the program. Can we get a digital version early so we can proofread it ourselves. When Chris/Mark send the audition list, if a kid's name is misspelled it is our responsibility to correct it. Email them back and let them know.

3 and 6 year medals: Per Chris Gregg, Should a student get a 3 year medal if they make the audition, but don't make the clinic? Should there be any excuses? The chairperson for each band will need to double check the list. The original intent of the medals was to honor the kids who completed the clinic (said by Sean Denike). Each chair person will have to take a program after the concert that year, and marked off the kids who didn't complete the clinic that year, and write in the alternates that were used that year. That way there is an accurate account of who really deserves the 3 and 6 year medal. Mark Price moves to add the wording "students who complete the band" get the medal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mureno, and if the clinic is cancelled, we keep the names as listed in the program.

15. **More new business:**

Chris Gregg, new business, complaints about the Hs music: He suggests that once a kid has been selected to the band, but the chair audition will take place the 1<sup>st</sup> morning of the rehearsal. The audition will be on the music that is in the folder for the clinic. Give all the parts to every kid. The discussion was made by Poteau directors to just send them home if they can't play the music. Penny Norris said it should fall on the director to make sure their kid can play the music. Sam Kerofatis and Carol Rosso suggested digital audition by google. Michael Schuerman and Tim Washburn said just do the audition within the section by parts for chairs. Ron Potter brought up that this would change how we assign chairs and music in folders at the audition.

Rehearsal etiquette is bad this year! The directors need to do a better job preparing our kids for how to be in an HONOR band. Geesh!

Ron suggested doing sectionals on the 1<sup>st</sup> morning rehearsal.

Joey Marsch suggested putting a contract in the folders that the kids to be held accountable. Base it on the All-State letters. A google form for the kids to sign or put a letter with a google code to sign in to say they will have good etiquette, Ron Potter will be get the OMEA letter and adjust it to our organization. Maybe the directors should visit the rehearsals more and check up on their kids.

Ron Potter needs an updated list of directors in our district.

Andy Price is having trouble with his school and the W-9 form his school requires. Chauvin says he can help us with the 503C status. That will make us tax exempt and help with finances anyways

Chris Gregg suggested we change the fees. Daryl suggested raising the entry fee to \$10 and eliminate the \$8 participation fee. That would give us about an extra \$2500 each audition. The Poteau directors think too many kids will back out of registering for auditions. What do other districts do?

Kendal Hasty move to make audition fee to \$10, and No participation fee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Potters. For only 1 year and see where we stand. If it doesn't work, then we will change it next year. Motion passes.

16. **Vote to adjourn:** Mark White moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mureno