

## **ATSSB Region 18/26 Spring 2024 Spring Region Meeting Minutes Smithville High School - 4/23/24**

- Region mailing address, voting guidelines, and program coordinator reviewed.
- Financials
  - No general comments on the financials from directors.
  - Jazz contest won't usually make money because of limited participants.
  - HS All-Region makes less money than JH because HS clinicians usually charge more.
  - JH All-Region makes the most money out of all three because of the quantity of participants and the lower cost of clinicians.
- ATSSB Jazz Tryouts
  - No comments or changes.
  - No confirmed clinician yet.
  - Dinner break was CHANGED to 5 - 6:30 pm
  - Evening rehearsal was CHANGED to 6:30 - 8:30 pm (allows directors to leave earlier.)
  - Potential change to let the JH band on stage change early to allow Jazz to have their sound check at 4:00 pm. We will let the band organizers facilitate any minor changes.
- UIL Region Marching
  - No changes or major discussion.
- UIL Area Marching
  - No changes or major discussion.
- ATSSB MS All - Region
  - MS All-Region is now later than HS. TMEA requires HS area participants to be verified by 12/13, so HS has to go first.
  - Year B music, no alternate etudes were brought forth.
  - Potential change to a site that hosts the JH All-Region music. Wayne has been paying for the site out of his pocket.
  - Band instrumentation changed for JH bands
    - Bass Cl - 5 (1 less)
    - Horn - 8 (2 less)
    - Tbn - 10 (2 more)
    - Euph - 6 (2 more)
    - Tuba - 6 (1 more)
    - Perc - 10 (2 more)
  - Thoughts behind the changes were that we had a large amount of chairs for the bass clarinets and horns, but we weren't always able to fill all of the chairs for bass clarinet, and the quality of horn players at the bottom of the section was weak.
  - Other discussion was had about lowering the amount of flute and clarinet chairs, and adding more alto sax chairs, but no official changes were made.
  - Schedule is the same as HS Jazz
    - Changes to the length of dinner break and 2nd rehearsal block (listed above)
- ATSSB HS All-Region
  - A week earlier than normal.
  - Change the HS Schedule to mirror the JH/Jazz schedule.
  - Keep the instrumentation the same for HS All-Region.
    - Some discussion was had about double reeds, bass trombone, and the quantity of low brass making a band, but no official changes were made.
    - We will revisit the instrumentation at next year's spring meeting to discuss any changes.

- ATSSB Area
  - January 4th or 11th, more than likely January 11th, still TBD.
  - Ann Lowes Mueller appreciates the region following the rule of writing the area checks to her and then she writes a check to ATSSB.
- ATSSB HS S&E
  - The weekend before TMEA was picked because the weekend after TMEA only left a week and a half of time before the JH/1A Concert and Sightreading contest in March.
- UIL MS/1A Concert and Sightreading Contest
  - The dates have been confirmed by the PAC. Not usually the case at this point in the year. Ann Lowes Mueller and Wayne King made a note about how nice it is to have these dates confirmed instead of in limbo because of the PAC and their commitments.
- UIL HS C&SR
  - No changes, it's as late as it can be because of the STAAR testing window and other athletic events.
- ATSSB OPS
  - No discussion or comments made.
- ATSSB 3A representative
  - Henry Dreitner declines the nomination from Zachary Sims
  - Dustin Moses (Wall HS) has been nominated for the position by Chris Cooper.
- ATSSB 1C representative
  - Beth Butler accepts nomination from Jeff Estes.
- ATSSB President Elect
  - No nominations received
- ATSSB Hall of Fame
  - Carl Idlebird will be nominated by Zach Sims
- New Business
  - Zach Sims brought up the idea of adding a Secretary position to the region.
    - Discussion ensued on legitimacy of the position and what the role would entail.
    - Michael Powers made a motion to add a secretary position to take notes at all events and not be a paid position.
    - Alex Busby suggested they should be added to the website.
    - Alex Busby seconded the nomination
      - Zach Sims was nominated and accepted the nomination
      - Cathy Sherrill was nominated and accepted the nomination
    - Zach Sims was elected to the Region Secretary position.
  - Fall Meeting
    - Jeff Estes made motion to have meeting on the 10th
    - Alex Busby made motion to have meeting on the 17th
    - Anthony Tiger made motion to have meeting on the 3rd
      - August 3 - 6 votes
      - Augusts 10 - most of the room
    - August 10th will be the meeting date at noon.
- Jason Levin (Caldwell) and Wayne King (Smithville) offered their band halls for the region meeting.
  - Smithville will be the meeting location.
- Meeting was adjourned.