



Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Attendance: N. Burrico, H. Rawlings, C. Rivera, J. Copeland, Takako Bullock, W. Lechman, K. Searle, Diana Ng, C. Klein, M. Klein, M. Caporal, D. Pagnotti, J Pacheco, Mr. Shafer, Mr. Malcolm, & Mr. Hargett

Welcome / Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Minutes had been emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Director Reports

Band Program Update

The directors shared that the spring semester is moving quickly and the band program is now fully into preparation season for Solo & Ensemble, Jazz MPA, and Concert MPA.

All-State

- Four students participated in All-State.
- The experience was described as very positive.
- Special recognition was given to **David**, whose role in the All-State Orchestra was significantly more prominent this year and was a highlight of the event.
- Appreciation was expressed to **Kim** for assisting with hotel arrangements during the trip.
- Directors noted a need to create a better hotel reservation plan for future All-State events.

All-County Band

- Seminole hosted All-County Band approximately two weeks prior.
- Seminole had **7-8 students** participate.



- Directors expressed appreciation to parents and school administration for their support.
- Special thanks were given to **Mr. DeCosta** and **Mr. Pfeiffer** for helping get facilities ready, including work on the auditorium and campus appearance.
- Directors shared that county directors were very complimentary of Seminole's band program, students, and parent support.
- Dr. Sheldon Williams, a former student of one of the directors and now at West Virginia University, served as the high school conductor.

Upcoming Band Events

Solo & Ensemble

- **Friday/Saturday at Hagerty High School**
- One event is scheduled Friday, with the majority of Seminole events on Saturday.
- The **9th grade jazz combo** is currently scheduled for Friday; directors are exploring whether that performance can be adjusted.
- Updated schedules and rehearsal dates need to be posted to the website and calendar and also made available in hard copy.

Jazz MPA

- Seminole will perform at the **Middle School Jazz MPA hosted at Seminole** rather than attending the high school Jazz MPA separately.
- Seminole performance date: **Thursday, February 26, 2026**
- Tentative performance time discussed: approximately **10:30 AM**

Concert Pre-MPA

- **Tuesday, February 24, 2026** at Seminole

Concert MPA

- **March 5–7, 2026** at Oviedo
- Requested schedule:
 - Symphonic Band – Thursday
 - Wind Ensemble – Friday
 - Concert Band – Saturday



- The final schedule has not yet been received.

State Solo & Ensemble Hosting

- Seminole will host **State Solo & Ensemble** on **March 18–19, 2026**
- This was described as a fundraiser opportunity to help bring in revenue for the trip.

Guard Report

The directors shared that guard is in the middle of competition season.

Varsity Guard

- At Premieres, Varsity earned **1st place in AAA**
- Based on scoring, the team was moved up to **AA**
- This was presented as a positive sign that the program is progressing competitively.

JV / Cadet Guard

- The developing squad competed in the RA division.
- The team earned **2nd place** in its most recent event.
- Directors noted the placement gave students a major confidence boost.

Upcoming Guard Competitions

- Competitions scheduled for:
 - **February 14**
 - **February 21**
 - **March 7**
- Varsity championships will be at **UCF on April 3, 2026**
- JV may advance depending on qualification/performance.

Guard Leadership / Support

- Directors praised **Coach Jay** for pushing the program forward.



- Strong appreciation was expressed for the guard captains and parent support, especially in transportation and logistics.
- It was shared that Coach Jay intends to remain with the program and continue building it.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer update included the following:

- Outgoing expenses since last meeting: **just over \$6,000**
- One Quarter Day since the last meeting generated **\$97.77**
- Dues collected since the last meeting: **approximately \$7,000**
- Current overall balance: **approximately \$128,000**
- Of that amount, **approximately \$74,000** is designated for Spain
- Estimated general balance: **approximately \$54,000**
- Current student count discussed: **approximately 76 students**
- Spain registration count discussed:
 - **75 registered travelers including Mr. Schaefer**
 - Rough estimate shared later of **57 students and 18 chaperones**
- Statements/invoices were sent by email.
- Dues are due by **February 20**
- A possible additional Spain traveler was mentioned: **Ms. Boyles**, a 9th Grade Center Spanish IB teacher; follow-up will occur directly.

Operations Report

- Operations are in good shape overall.
- Main volunteer needs will center around the hosted events, especially **State Solo & Ensemble**.
- Concessions and volunteer coverage will need significant planning for upcoming February and March events.

Events / Hospitality / Concessions



Middle School Jazz MPA – Thursday, February 26

- First performance begins at **10:00 AM**
- Lunch break is at **11:30 AM**
- Dinner break is at **5:00 PM**
- Event expected to end around **8:00 PM**
- Estimated hospitality needs:
 - **3 judges**
 - roughly **10 total people** to feed for judging/support
 - plus approximately **10 directors** who may use hospitality
- Discussion included coffee, pastries, finger foods, and judge meal planning.

Middle School Solo & Ensemble – Friday/Saturday, February 27–28

Friday

- Events begin after school
- First events begin around **4:00–5:00 PM**
- No dinner break is built into the schedule
- Judges typically receive meal slips and boxed meals later in the evening
- Estimated needs:
 - **17 judges**
 - approximately **14 school directors**
 - planning estimate: **about 50 people**

Saturday

- First event begins at **9:00 AM**
- Event runs until approximately **5:00 PM**
- Similar hospitality count as Friday
- Breakfast and lunch options were discussed

Concessions Planning

- Consensus was to run concessions **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**
- Food ideas discussed:
 - pizza



- drinks
- chips/candy
- grab-and-go breakfast items
- coffee
- A Google Form will be created for participating schools to pre-order food, especially pizza.
- Directors noted that pizza sold very well at last year's event.
- Possible support/donations to be explored:
 - **Wawa**
 - **PDQ**
 - **Domino's**
- Volunteers will meet after the meeting to develop a more detailed concessions plan.

State Solo & Ensemble (March 18–19)

- Event expected to run all day, roughly **9:00 AM–5:00 PM**
- Early planning estimate:
 - approximately **15 judges**
 - approximately **5 event support workers**
- Directors noted this event may have larger all-day concession needs because many groups remain on campus longer.

Media / Website

- No major update from Media/Website at this time.
- Need to ensure schedules, dates, and updated information are posted promptly.

Fundraising Report

Quarter Days

- Quarter Days are currently proving difficult.
- Businesses are increasingly denying requests due to policy/liability concerns.
- New restrictions in Sanford were discussed as limiting the ability to play and solicit donations.



- Despite volunteers being available, participation locations remain difficult to secure.

Spirit Nights

The following spirit nights/fundraisers were discussed:

- **Tijuana Flats** – pending approval for **February 26**
- **Jason's Deli** – **March 19**
- **Jersey Mike's** – awaiting response
- **Gator's Dockside** – revised to **May 21**
- **Jeremiah's** – **June 18**, with discussion of trying for an ongoing partnership
- **Wondermade** – to be revisited for a possible spirit night/sponsorship opportunity

Additional Fundraising Ideas Discussed

- Airport Lanes ticket sales
- Sponsorship t-shirts with student-designed artwork
- Bingo / family game night with donated prizes and concessions
- Silent auction / raffle baskets at the MPA showcase
- Online popcorn fundraiser
- Longer-term idea: schedule a major fundraiser during **band camp / start of next school year**
- **Topgolf fundraiser** discussed for **March 27** after spring break
- Potential "Seminole Arcade" / carnival-style event was suggested as a future in-house fundraiser model

New Business

Bylaws / Chair Handbook / Transition Planning

The Executive Team is reviewing the bylaws and beginning work on a handbook for committee chairs so future volunteers have clearer written guidance, which is consistent with the Board's authority to manage association business and committee structure.

Discussion included:



- gathering notes, tips, and responsibilities from current chairs
- creating better transition materials for future volunteers
- providing the Nominating Committee with clearer descriptions of each role
- possibly using a QR code or form to gather volunteer interest and chair information

Elections / Volunteer Recruitment

- It was suggested that chair responsibilities and volunteer opportunities be announced at the **Concert Pre-MPA**
- Goal is to begin recruiting earlier than in previous years

Incoming Parent Night

- **Incoming Parent Night** has been moved to:
 - **April 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM**
- This meeting is intended for incoming families and will cover expectations, band camp, and transition information.
- Discussion focused on improving communication with feeder middle schools and incoming families.
- Ideas included:
 - flyer distribution
 - QR codes
 - posting on websites
 - using concerts and events to promote the meeting
 - keeping all links/resources in one place for parents

First Week of Seminole Jazz

- A church date of the **8th** was discussed and confirmed as already on the calendar.
- Gina will be informed and the date confirmed.

Appreciation / Closing Remarks

The directors expressed sincere appreciation to all BPA members and volunteers for their ongoing support and hard work.



Special recognition was given to:

- **Ms. Klein and Mr. Klein** for helping with the All-County band director social
- Ms. Klein specifically for providing food that was greatly appreciated by attendees

The directors also emphasized how much Seminole's parent support is noticed and respected by other band directors across the county.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion was seconded.

The meeting adjourned.

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