



New Mexico Music Educators Central District VI

Fall Meeting

Saturday, August 3, 2024, 9:31 AM

Meeting Minutes

President William Austell called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. He asked that everyone double-check the accuracy of our roster while getting started.

NMMEA Ethics statement read aloud and displayed by William Austell at 9:33am

District 6 introductions took place at 9:35am.

NMMEA President's message played for membership at 9:40am.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report - 9:33 am

Joshua Dumais stated that there are some extra tabs to check out on the district roster. It, along with the minutes, is posted on both the agenda and printed/posted in the front of the room. Please check for issues/missing info. There is also a tab titled "Missing Programs" as a means to extend out to new programs within our district of NMMEA. On the minutes, there were a few corrections from the minutes I sent out earlier in the week regarding votes for fees in the spring. Please read through prior to approval.

Catherine Danner motioned to pass the spring minutes. Ana Maria Dark seconded. The motion passed at 9:46 am

President's Report - 9:47am

William Austell shared different ways for us to access Neil Swapp's, "Monday Notes" on the

NMMEA website. He also shared the rest of Neil's "2024 District Reminders" (linked in the 2024 district agenda).

Kurt Schmidt asked if there's been any mention of NMMEA fees going up for the next school year. William mentioned that there have been talks, but nothing set in stone as of yet.

William issued a reminder to be sure you update your NAFME account information, and issued a reminder that NMMEA does issue a Certificate of Liability for venues.

The updated [NMMEA District Financial Guidelines](#) were presented at 9:55am. The "50% balance" threshold was specifically explained by William and an opportunity for questions was given.

Treasurer Report- 10:00 am

Catherine Danner presented her [report](#) and stated that there are no overdue payments! She also found a cheaper vendor in Rio Rancho for plaques. This was something the district was hoping for during the spring meeting.

For any questions regarding District 6, please send them to c-treasurer@nmmea.com rather than her work or personal email. Be sure PO's are in place at least a week prior to an event. Please label reimbursements by school name. Please be mindful of food costs when providing any meals for District 6 events (judges, volunteers, students, etc...) When reserving facilities, be sure to only request custodians for a specific time, not necessarily the whole event. This can be a huge savings to our district. Cathy gives out invoices on the day of an event, so be sure to get that invoice to bookkeepers for prompt payment.

Brad Dubbs motioned to approve the treasurer report, and Kurt Schmidt seconded. The motion passed at 10:08am.

General Music VP - 10:08 am

Ana Maria Dark stated that the General Music Festival was a success and she looks forward to engaging new teachers and programs this year!

Guitar VP - 10:09 am

Donovan Perea mentioned the hope of having Honor Guitar in Rio Rancho this year.

Orchestra VP - 10:09 am

Brennan Wright is looking forward to a successful and "fiscally solvent" year!

Choir VP - 10:09 am

Miguel Jaramillo stated that choir is looking at a successful year.

Band VP - 10:10 am

Samantha Rice mentioned that band will be discussing changes to our MPA event setup.

NMAA Representative Report 10:10am

Daniel Holmes discussed the addition of the State Marching Band Contest. There are 31 bands signed up.

Old Business - 10:12 am

William presented our new template for the upcoming calendar along with dates from last year. This will be worked on in sections later this morning.

New Business - 10:13 am

William presented NMMEA award winners at 10:13

Specific to District 6:

Adrianna Aragon was selected as the New & Emerging Teacher of the Year

Rio Rancho Public Schools Fine Arts was selected for the Rollie Helman Exemplary Service Award.

Honor Ensembles were announced at 10:15am.

Specific to District 6:

This year's honor Band is Rio Rancho High School

This year's honor choir is Moriarty High School

This year's Orchestra is the Rio Rancho Middle School Phoenix Philharmonic.

At 10:17am, William mentioned that during the officer switch at Nusenda, we were given the opportunity to get debit cards for officers in our district. Catherine explained how the use of these cards could be used. It's very similar to a P-Card, but there is a specific process to be followed. The card would be locked away until needed. For now, it's been decided that Catherine will hold a card for the district.

Matthew Casarez motioned to approve Catherine carrying a debit card for the district at 10:20am, it was seconded by Erika Wadsworth. Motion passed.

An update about medals and plaques was given by 10:20am. Our old vendor was out of Chicago and was becoming too expensive. Last year, plaque prices had doubled. The current cost was \$65 for small and \$67 for large. Rio Rancho Designs in Rio Rancho quoted us \$45 for a comparable plaque, and \$25 for a pressed wood plaque.

Joshua Dumais motioned to give Catherine permission to purchase the more affordable pressed wood plaque option and switch vendors at 10:23am. It was seconded by Nathaniel Van Dam and the motion passed.

A CNMMEA Handbook change proposal for choir was presented by Miguel Jaramillo at 10:24am.

It's a verbiage change in regards to sight-reading - [link](#)

Motioned to be approved at 10:25am and seconded by Rebecca Kendall. Motion passed at 10:26am.

Michelle Stanbury stated that the Valencia Classic will take place this year on September 28th.

The general meeting was adjourned and groups broke off for section meetings at 10:27am.

Brad Bratcher motioned to adjourn and Brad Dubbs seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Dumais