



Instructional Support Services Cooperative Music Liaison Committee  
Minutes for January 12, 2018

Dean Abraham (WEH) Paul E. Blake (RS) Paul Brown (PC) Shawn DePalma (UTH)	Charity Dreier (BFH) Caitlin Fenton (RME) Michael Fenton (CV) Joanne Goodemote (NHO)	Amy Osborne (BHE) Nicole Williams (WBS) Jenna Wratten (CLM)
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Absent: Dean Abraham (WEH), Paul E. Blake (RS), Paul Brown (PC), Caitlin Fenton (RME), Nicole Williams (WBS)

Also Present: Betsy Hartnett, Matthew Bashant, Colleen Huddleston, Mary McCormick

- 1.) **Introductions** – Members introduced themselves.
- 2.) **New Members** – Betsy asked the committee for suggestions for new members, and several names were offered.
- 3.) **Updates** – Betsy went to NYSSMA, and enjoyed the day and the opportunity to meet members of the group.
  - I. With regard to budget, BOCES will be offering new options in the Cooperative Music co-ser. In addition to the base service, members will be able to request software and cooperative collection units, which can be used to purchase sheet music. In return, schools will receive aid on their dollars, which should help the music budgets overall.
  - II. Colleen asked the group for guidance regarding ordering replacement parts for missing music. Members agreed that if pieces are used heavily the missing parts should be ordered, but if the music goes out only occasionally it would make sense to only order missing pieces on request. If e-print pieces are available, then replacements should be done. Going forward, all music will be stamped with the BOCES address.
- 4.) **Survey** – Shawn DePalma reviewed the results of the survey that he created and Betsy sent to music teachers. The most widely requested topics for professional development were: instruction on music technology; instrument repair; and smart music software.
- 5.) **Newsletter** – Colleen creates a newsletter, which is sent to participants. It was suggested that sending the newsletter to administrators would be helpful.
- 6.) **March 16** – March 16, 2018 is the Superintendent’s Conference Day for Oneida BOCES. Herkimer BOCES schools have a half day on that date as well. Betsy offered to

coordinate professional development specifically for music teachers. Jenna Wratten would be willing to lead a vocal program, and Shawn DePalma would be willing to lead an instrumental music program. Betsy will follow up with administrators, and with the PPD coordinator at Oneida BOCES. More information will be forthcoming.

- 7.) **Summer Music Read** – Jenna will check on the possibility of holding the event at Clinton CSD again, depending on the status of a building construction project. Committee members agreed on August 2, 2018 as the date for the Music Read. Shawn also suggested that a J.W. Pepper professional development day at the end of the school year might be possible.
- 8.) **State Arts Standards** – Michael Fenton said that the Herkimer BOCES districts have already been trained on the new State Standards for music. While the formatting of the Standards is very structured, he felt that the actual content of the Standards is largely what teachers are already doing.
- 9.) **Committee Dates for 2018-2019** – Members agreed on October 4, 2018 and January 11, 2019.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2018

cc:	Building Principals	Scott Morris
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