

**UIL REGION 3 MUSIC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 26, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Mesquite ISD**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Dr. David Vroonland, Chair. Other Committee members in attendance were Mr. Charlie Alderman, Dr. Rick Lopez, Dr. Justin Terry, Mr. Kevin Worthy, and Dr. Georgeanne Warnock. Also present was Steve Andre, Mario Luna, and Bonnie Bartlett.

Dr. Vroonland recognized the newest committee member – Dr. Justin Terry, Superintendent in Forney ISD.

Minutes from the April 22, 2020 meeting were presented and approved as printed on a motion by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Worthy.

The Committee reviewed the 2021-22 UIL Music Calendar.

Dr. Vroonland reviewed the 2020-21 Financial Report. As noted on the report, the Region still has approximately \$14,000 in unpaid/undeposited entry fees. When these fees are paid, the Region will have a carryover balance to 2021-22 of approximately \$28,000. Mrs. Bartlett reported that she has sent reminders to directors/fine arts directors and has stressed the importance of getting these outstanding fees paid. Dr. Vroonland and Mrs. Bartlett explained that both the total income as well as total expenditures are substantially less than were projected. When the projections for 2020-21 income and expenditures were figured in April 2020, it was unknown and unexpected at that time that the 2021-22 school year would be so radically affected and altered due to Covid-19. Therefore, budget projections were made based on a normal year of UIL music participation in 2020-21; i.e., approximately 440 groups were projected to participate. The actual number of groups (marching bands and concert & sightreading evaluations for bands, choir, orchestras) was 305. This created a significant lower income as well as lower expenditures. Bank statements and a spreadsheet showing income & expenditures to date were provided to the Committee. The 2020-21 Financial Report was approved as presented, motion by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Dr. Terry.

Dr. Vroonland asked the Committee to look at the Projected Budget for 2021-22. Mrs. Bartlett reported that this projected budget was based on increasing entry fees for all marching and concert & sightreading groups, as well as raising fees for solos and ensemble members. In addition, Mrs. Bartlett also recommended raising the spectator fee at Region 3 Marching Contests to \$10 for adults. Student admission would remain at \$5. The recommended fee structure was provided on a separate page, as well as a page showing the breakdown of additional income by event. Mrs. Bartlett told the Committee that with no fee increases for next year, the Region would finish the 2021-22 school year with a \$6,500 deficit, based on anticipated participation and expenditures. After lengthy discussion, the 2021-22 Projected Budget, including the recommended fee increases and marching contest spectator admission price, was approved, motion by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Alderman.

Dr. Vroonland opened a discussion regarding a possible alternative method of collecting income from the Region's school districts. This plan would involve using the total student population of all Region 3 districts and calculating a per student amount needed to meet the projected expenditures plus retaining an adequate carryover balance to the next year. The per student amount would be multiplied by the total student enrollment in each district to calculate that district's "UIL music participation fee" for the year. This would allow the Region to receive the majority of its income at the beginning of the school year. After discussion, Mr. Worthy suggested that a sub-committee be formed to study this proposal. Dr. Vroonland will facilitate the formation of a sub-committee in the Fall of 2021 for further study and discussions.

The Committee approved the appointment of Bonnie Bartlett as Region 3 Music Executive Secretary for the 2021-22 term pursuant to the required Memorandum of Understanding.

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 11 a.m. A salary increase for the Executive Secretary was approved by the Committee. An amended Projected Budget for 2021-22 is included as an attachment to these minutes.

The Committee unanimously elected Dr. Vroonland to serve as Committee Chair for 2021-22. Mr. Worthy and Dr. Terry agreed to continue serving for another three-year term on the committee.

Mrs. Bartlett thanked the Committee for their continuing support and for their leadership and support of fine arts in their schools especially during this difficult and challenging year. She also shared with the Committee her appreciation to the music directors and fine arts directors in Region 3 for their steadfast dedication and efforts to provide the best possible opportunities and platforms to enable students to participate in musical performances this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attachment: Amended Projected Budget for 2021-22