

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Rachel Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Melissa Caless, Samantha Schulz, Kevin Kozik, Kevin Murphy

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Pam Sweeney

Fowler Chairpersons: Rachel Leeuwis & Melissa Caless

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Chair updates:

- February minutes have been approved and can be posted.
- The April meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, April 15, because the family Disney meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8.
- MMA's senior activities are in the planning stages, and the Senior Banquet Subcommittee has met. The deposit for the banquet has been submitted but contract details are being worked out. The Scholarship Subcommittee is looking for one more member. Students in A Cappella and not Chorus are eligible to apply.
- Two of last year's scholarship recipients have not yet claimed reimbursements. They need to show proof that they have paid tuition.
- Ideas were discussed for getting more families active in MMA activities, such as having a coffee or drink gathering and asking the music directors to encourage involvement and to share with MMA parents who may be interested.
- MMA will continue discussions with the administration about the Chorus program's music director position for next year.

Fowler Choral Director updates:

- Ideas for enrichment are being explored, including drumsticks for buckets; left-handed guitars and ukuleles; guitar tuners; and noise-canceling headsets. These items will be used in the next school year. Ms. Schulz is looking into pricing and whether some items can be covered by the school budget.
- An upcoming clinic for grades 6-8 Chorus is estimated to cost up to to \$200.

Bands Director updates:

- The public events calendar will be updated to show spring dates so it can be posted on the MMA website.
- The Tri-M induction ceremony will include multiple music performances and Wind Ensemble. Refreshments are requested. MMA needs to know the number of participants.

- Work on a composition will be moved to the next school year; other schools will be invited to be involved.
- A proposal for a Ludwig suspended concert bass drum stand was proposed. The first two options would cost about \$1,000 and would replace the stand. The third preferred option from the Band Director is from Wolf Percussion Services, and would be a custom repair that would not require shipping. It's estimated to cost \$125 for labor and about \$125 for new hardware.
- It was noted that a theater rehearsal would conflict with the spring Jazz Band concert scheduled for the MHS Auditorium. MMA requested that the concert stay at the high school unless it absolutely must be moved to Fowler.
- A proposal was made for instrument-specific clinics at Fowler over the span of two weeks (flute, clarinet, trombone, sax, trumpet, percussion). These 45-minute clinics are estimated to cost a total of \$1,350, or \$675 for one week.
- The Six Flags field Trip will include Band and Chorus students in grades 7-12.

MHS Choral Director updates:

- Ideas for enrichment include a Handel and Hayden concert, a performance in Littleton, a concert in Cambridge, and a beatboxing workshop. The workshop requires more research and may need to be considered for next year. Chorus students will be surveyed to gauge their interest and availability.
- The Chorus program currently has 17 students.

Meeting votes:

A motion was made to support an estimated 80 people to attend a BSO open rehearsal for \$2,500 for transportation and \$800 for tickets.

Final vote: 7/7

Motion carries: Yes

A motion was made to approve a workshop with Jonathan Richter, director of choral activities at UMass Lowell, of up to \$200 for grades 6-8.

Final vote: 7/7

Motion carries: Yes

A motion was made to pay up to \$250 for repair of a suspended concert bass drum stand.

Final vote: 7/7

Motion carries: Yes

A motion was made to pay up to \$200 for a high school band workshop and up to \$200 for a Fowler band workshop, for a total of \$400.

Final vote: 6/6

Motion carries: Yes

A motion was made to fund separate instrumental clinics at Fowler over the course of two weeks of up to \$1,350.

Final vote: 6/6

Motion carries: Yes

Post-meeting online votes:

A motion was made to approve \$300 for MHS Chorus students (plus Kevin Murphy and chaperones) to attend the Ku'umba spring concert as an enrichment activity.

Final vote: 8/8

Motion carries: Yes

A motion to approve \$600 to be split evenly across the three clinicians who will be running workshops with the MHS jazz band on April 8, 2026.

Final vote: 7/7

Motion carries: Yes