

NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 3, 2011

Deanne Langness –High school Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. Due to the weather $\frac{3}{4}$ of the students selected for the high school Honor band are in attendance.
- II. This is the first year the high school band numbers have been reduced. All positions were still not able to be filled.
- III. Total auditioned -117
 - A. Audition numbers were two more than 2010 auditions
 - B. One trumpet and one alto saxophone from small schools auditioned, did not make it, but were put in the band so their school was represented.
 - C. 91 accepted
 - D. 27 students not in attendance due to weather
- IV. Committee felt that the reduction of the band improved quality Of the band and it raised the bar of the honor band.
- IV. State is reconsidering letting freshman audition for the State Band.
- V. Directors need to talk to Craig regarding KBA is thinking about developing a J.H.-7th and 8th grand band this summer.
- VI. Kathy stated needing an assistant High School Band chair.
- VII. Renetta Dawson suggested using something different for Junior High band auditions. She suggested possibly using the back pages of scales and arpeggios in Essential Elements-Book II. After much discussion the majority of the band directors felt Junior High Band audition material should remain the same with possibly adding more scales.
- VIII. Marcus Bishop will be Junior High Assistant chair.
- IX. David Will reported on High School Jazz Band
 - A. Assistant is Julie Groom
 - B. 18 auditioned
 - C. 7 schools represented
 - D. 16 selected for the band
 - E. David stated he was concerned with decreasing numbers.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
NW District Secretary