

**NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**December 8, 2012**

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

- I. Band directors introduced themselves so new teachers in the district would know who they are. Deanne also welcomed all the new teachers.
- II. It was explained where band students sit during the concert-in the balcony.
- III. Chairs need to be reset after the choir performs. Volunteers are needed to help set up.
- IV. Deanne state a new high school band chair is needed for the next two years as she has served her time. Renetta Dawson volunteered to serve as high school band chair.
- V. Bill Schick talked about the state music advocacy survey. It needs to be filled out by the end of December. One person from each district needs to fill it out. Kansas is setting the tone for the National Advocacy. If help is needed or any questions regarding the survey please contact Bill Schick at Phillipsburg.
- VI. Deanne state names are needed for four year participants in the band.
- VII. Discussion was held regarding rehearsal time of the band and choir groups pertaining to the combined finale piece “Over the Rainbow” Dr. Jordan felt due to the extra time it took to practice the combined number that it was taking away time that the band and choir could practice their individual numbers. Also there was some concern that the choir could not be heard from the balcony over the band. His suggestion was to eliminate the combined number completely. In the years that the orchestra performs the combined number will not be performed.

The combined band choir piece “Over the Rainbow” was a Commissioned worked written especially for the Northwest District at a cost of \$5000.00. Many directors feel strong about Keeping this finale number on the concert the years when the Orchestra does not perform. It was suggested appoint a Committee to look at adjusting in the rehearsal schedule and Also possibly moving the choir to a location where they can be heard.

- VIII. 130 students auditioned for the band  
2 baritones, 8 horns, 6 tubas (4 showed), No bassoons, Bari saxophones, or contra bass clarinets. (filled the bari Saxophones with students who had auditioned on alto
- IX. The ACT tests were scheduled for today which created some conflict.
- X. It was suggested to teachers that they hand out district audition music to students in May before school is out and also give students the dates of tryouts and convention.
- XI. There were three different audition recordings that were questionable. Please be careful teachers when you record students.
- XII. Dr. Jeff Jordan-FHSU is the new mentoring chair. If you are a new teacher he suggests you may contact him for help and advice.
- XIII. Marcus Bishop-KBA  
Marcus reported that KBA now has a middle level honor band at KBA in the summer. 2013 Guest conductor will be Richard Saucedo. He encouraged everyone to attend the KBA convention in Wichita this summer. You must be a KBA member to attend.
- XIV. KMEA scholarship recipients must be music education majors.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
NW District Secretary