

**NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING**  
**December 8, 2018**

President Kayla Tiemeyer called the business meeting to order.

Kayla welcomed everyone and introduced the Northwest District officers and chair people.

I. Minutes-Connie Reishus

Connie stated the minutes from the 2017 business meeting, band director's meeting, choir director's meeting and the 2018 summer board meeting, are all on the Northwest KMEA website. Bill Schick made a motion to accept the minutes. Matt Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Treasurer's report-Connie Reishus

Connie reported as of November 30, 2018 the balance in the NW District account was \$21,323.50.

A. She stated that because we have a nice balance the board voted at the summer board meeting to award five \$500.00 Julie Groom Memorial scholarships this year. She also explained that because of copyright laws changing it was necessary for the district to purchase Junior High Concert Band music and High School Concert Band music. The board agreed to sell the music used at the convention at 50% of cost as the district does not have anywhere to store music.

B. Connie had passed out financial statements from 2017 and 2018 and explained where there were increases on income and expenses.

C. She then explained that all financial records are audited by the state KMEA auditor. The state KMEA then files a report to the IRS. Each June Connie has to turn information in to the Wichita office.

Paulette Wildeman moved to accept the treasure's report and Megan Reiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Reports from Chairpersons

A. Junior High Choir-Barb Elbracht-Rock Hills

0. Assistant-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
2. Clinician-Brandon Wade-Pratt High School
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Trego
4. 28 school represented
5. 229 Students performed

- B. Junior High Band-Megan Reiner-Stockton
  - 1. Assistant-Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth
  - 2. Clinician-Ken Hakoda-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina
  - 3. 25 schools represented
  - 4. 102 students selected
  - 5. The District purchased four pieces but only played three for the concert.
- C. High School Jazz Band-Matt Rome-Hays High
  - 1. Assistant-Katie Glading-Russell
  - 2. Clinician- Brad Dawson-Fort Hays State University
  - 3. 6 schools represented
  - 4. 13 students selected
  - 5. There is a concern with the number of students that are auditioning for the Jazz Band.
  - 6. The jazz band was excellent this year and had the music so well prepared ahead of time that they sight read and played a fifth piece for the concert.
- D. High School Choir-Janet Seehafer
  - 1. Assistant- Jessica Hakoda
  - 2. Clinician-Dr. Mark Lucas-Bethany College
  - 3. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
  - 4. Auditions were held November 3, 2018
  - 5. 30 schools represented
  - 6. 269 Students registered to audition
  - 7. 216 actual auditioned
  - 8. 199 selected
  - 9. 183 in attendance at convention
- E. High School Band-Vesta Jo Still-Logan
  - 1. Assistant-Lucas Burmeister-Hoxie
  - 2. Clinician-Kyle Hopkins-McPherson College
  - 3. 25 schools represented
  - 4. 99 students auditioned
  - 5. 82 selected
  - 6. Not enough clarinets auditioned to fill the section, but those That were selection were very strong.
  - 7. There is a big concern regarding the audition music. So a committee has been formed and they will choose one piece from the state music and one from the Rubank Book that was used before the district went to just the state music.

**It was voted by the band directors that this committee will have the new audition music posted on the District website by May 1, 2019.**

8. The district purchased music again for the high school honor band and will be selling it at 50% off original price.
9. The High School honor band will perform for the first time an arrangement by composer Darren Jenkins, of the combined choir and band piece “Over the Rainbow.” The woodwind parts have been rewritten easier and the brass have been scored so they do not cover up the choir.

F. Elementary Choir-Krista Latta-Plainville

1. Assistant- Nichols-Colby
2. Clinician-Blake Thompson-Harvard NE public schools
3. 33 schools represented
4. 190 students selected

G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull

- 1, The Orchestra was in the Southwest District this year
2. No report given

H. Advocacy/Mentoring-Bill Schick

1. Bill reported on the dinner held at the beginning of the year for new teachers in the district and their mentors. It was held in Phillipsburg in October.
2. Date in 2019 will be October 20<sup>th</sup> to be held in Phillipsburg.
3. Kayla thanked Bill Schick for keeping our Mentoring on track! She thanked him for reaching out and for all the work he does. PLEASE be reminded that there is a Mentoring, Meet, and Greet, following the business meeting.
4. PLEASE notify one of the Executive Board members If you know of new teachers, returning teachers and be sure they know the process and the importance of the DEADLINES!!!! (Connie, Kayla, Don, and Bill)

I. Honored Educators-Don Mordecai-Norton

Outstanding Educators for Northwest District

1. Elementary Educator-Alisha DeBey-Smith Center
2. Middle Level Educator-Jill Nichols-Colby Middle School
- 3 High School Educator-Janet Seehafer-Sylvan Grove  
Janet was also selected to represent Northwest District

KMEA on the State Level.

4. College Educator-Jeff Jordan-Fort Hays State University
5. Honored Educator-Mr. Toby Countryman, Quinter

J. Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships-Don Mordecai-Norton

1. Kayla Hockett-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina
2. Jacob Long-Fort Hays State University
3. Rhiannon Mullins -Fort Hays State University
4. Tabor Rucker-Fort Hays State University
5. Aislinn Walters-Fort Hays State University

K. Election results-Welcome to new NW KMEA Board

1. President-Don Mordecai-Norton
2. Past-President-Kayla Tiemeyer-Atwood
3. President-elect-Joey Nichols-Colby
4. High School choral chair-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth
5. High School band chair-Vesta Jo Still-Logan
6. Junior High choral chair-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
7. Junior High band chair-Megan Reiner-Stockton
8. Elementary chair-Jill Nichols-Colby
9. Orchestra chair-Joan Crull

IV. Old Business

A. Policies and Bylaws-Connie Reishus

Connie explained corrections to be made on the By-laws and policies in the Northwest Handbook.

1. Act of God policy

At the State summer board meeting the State Board made a motion and it was passed regarding the Act of God policy pertaining to District and State eligibility for All-State ensembles. The policy reads as follows:

**\*\*\*Act of God: Students are required to attend all District ensemble rehearsals and performances to be eligible for audition and participation in All-State Ensembles. In the case of an “Act of God” the State Board of Directors will make a decision as to what the status is for the student auditioning for State Groups.**

**An Act-of-God is deemed to include inclement weather, fire, emergency facility incapacity, or any other event resulting in limited or cancelled participation of the honor groups by the attendee. Exceptions to this policy, although not normally granted, may be approved by a majority vote of the State Board of Directors.**

**\*\*\*Northwest District KMEA will not refund fees or registration paid to the District for participation in the November or December mini-conventions due to nonattendance of a registrant caused by an Act-of-God or for any other reason.**

(Connie explained clinicians, building rentals and other expenses still will occur)

- B. Handbook
  - 1. Connie stated she would update the handbook with all the changes added.
  - 2. Please check the handbook for all policies pertaining to Northwest District KMEA.
- C. District Alignment-some discussion of some auditions changing. Discussion only at this time.
- D. **PROCESS of Registering/getting registered and Auditioning!**  
Registration for Auditions/Participation-Troy Johnson
  - 1. Be careful to spell names correctly, have correct voice part in, and be ON TIME.
    - a. Choir meeting voted can change voice part only up until state choir deadline.
    - b. Remember can enter a student late but must pay designated late fee before student can audition.
  - 2. Kindly encourage your school staff/parent/whoever is Responsible to pay registration/participation fees on time.
- E. Process of preparing for the Auditions
  - 1. There is ONLY audition mp3 Practice files for the full songs and accompaniments available from the State KMEA Choral chair. Those go on the website.
  - 2. Audition cuts are released a few days prior to the

audition.

3. MP3s are not available for the audition clips. You may make your own to rehearse with or work on the music as you do all of your music.
  4. Several study sessions are held in the fall to take your students to, to learn and work on the music to be prepare for auditions.
- F. Election year for President-elect this year. Please be thinking about serving in a few years. (2021)

V. New Business

- A. WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!! There is a meet and greet for new teachers following the business meeting.
- B. State News-Gae Phillips- State President-elect
  1. Reported changes in concert schedules, rehearsal and venues due to adding treble choir.
  2. Lynn Unruh is Northwest District Mentor representative from the State.
  3. Jane Vanderhoff is also a mentor representative from the State.
  4. Both of these ladies are in attendance today and were introduced.
  5. 9 students from Northwest District were chosen for the National Ensemble convention to held in Florida.
  6. Gae encouraged all Northwest teachers to vote for the State President-elect.
- C. Vesta Jo Still-Logan is running for KMEA State President-elect.
- D. This years KMEA State Inservice workshop 2019-85<sup>th</sup> Birthday of KMEA!! (Cake)
- E. Next years Northwest November Mini-Convention Date November 2, 2019.

(Conflict-the first weekend of November is State Cross-country, State Volleyball and State Soccer all scheduled on that weekend. Also NAFME Honor Ensembles are that weekend November 7-9 and possible football playoffs.)

**After much discussion teachers agreed to leave the November mini-convention on November 2.** There will always be conflicts no matter which weekend the convention is held.

1. Students who are involved in KSHSAA events are allowed to make recordings.
  - F. Registration and Upload Deadlines for 2019 (Pending Webmaster approval. Please meet deadlines.
  - G. 2019-2020 School year
    1. Junior High Band Audition Upload Deadline-Monday, September 23, 2019 11:59 p.m.
    2. High School Jazz Band Audition Upload Deadline-Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:59 p.m.
    3. Junior High Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019 11:59 p.m.
    4. Elementary Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019 11:59 p.m.
    5. High School Band Upload Deadline-Wednesday, Oct.23 , 2019 11:59 p.m.
    6. High School Orchestra Upload Deadline-Thursday October 31, 2019 11:59 p.m.
    7. High School Choir deadline-to be determined by the state.
    8. **Mini-Convention I-Hays High School-Saturday November 2, 2019. (JH Honor Choir, JH Honor Band and HS Honor Jazz Band.**
    9. **Mini-Convention II-Fort Hays State University-Saturday, December 7, 2019 (HS Honor Choir, HS Honor Band, HS Honor Orchestra and Elementary Honor Choir.)**
  - H. Band Music purchased from the November and December conventions is on sale at 50% off. Please contact Connie if interested in purchasing.
  - I. Extra November convention programs are available from Kayla Tiemeyer.
- VI. New Choir Formula-Janet/Kayla Tiemeyer
  - A. Available spots in the All-State Choir are based partially on numbers of auditions Northwest actually have plus population. The more auditions, the more chance the district has to get more students into the All-State Choirs.

- B. Top 28 audition scores go to All-State Mixed and Treble Choirs
  - Sop 1-5
  - Sop 2-5
  - Alto 1-5
  - Alto 2-5
  - Ten 1-2
  - Ten 2-2
  - Bass 1-2
  - Bass 2-2

\*\*\*The way the formula is set at this time is that the top Sop 1 score, goes into the Treble choir, the next Sop I score goes into the SATB choir, then the next Sop I score goes into the Treble, 4<sup>th</sup> goes into the SATB choir, ect. The same applies to the Soprano II, Alto I and Alto II. All Tenor and Bases automatically go into the All-State SATB Choir.

VII. All-State Choir Grade Levels for Future Choirs is still under discussion

VIII. Northwest District KMEA website is a great source of information. PLEASE check it often.

[nwkmea.org](http://nwkmea.org) or [ksmea.org](http://ksmea.org)

\*\*Please check emails. Information is sent and many redundant emails are sent after information has been sent. New teachers contact your mentors for questions. They are there to help you.

Kayla thanked both site coordinators-Hays High-Matt Rome and Terry Crull- Fort Hays University for all their work to make both Conventions run smoothly.

Kayla thanked those teachers from Northwest District that are serving on special State committees. Those serving on the State Choir Formula committee are Susan Nelson and Connie Reishus. Those serving on the State Choir Alignment committee are Joey Nickols and Lucas Burmeister. Kayla is chair of the State District Alignment committee and those serving with her on this committee are Tamra Cochran, Matt Rome, Don Mordecai, Connie Reishus, Joey Nickols and Vesta Jo Still.

**A special thank you from Kayla Tiemeyer:** Thank you for entrusting me to be your District President for 2 years. It has been an honor. If I can help you with anything in the future, please let me know.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
Northwest Executive Director