

NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 2, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Kristi Reneberg–High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. High School Honor Band-Kristi Reneberg-Chair
 - A. Assistant-Kristi Reneberg
 - B. Clinician-Tim Farrell-UNK at Kearney-very easy to work with.
 - C. Talked about instruments that auditioned for high school honor band.
 1. 25 schools represented
 2. 110 auditions
 3. 78 selected
 4. No French Horns auditioned (using 3 today from Fort Hays State University
 5. Only 1 Euphonium auditioned.
 6. Recommended take 3 (three) oboes instead of 2 (two)
Motion: Bill Schick made the motion to leave it to the high school band chair and clinician to decide whether to use 2 or 3 oboes for the high school honor band. Shawn Shipley seconded the motion. Motion carried
 7. Kristi encouraged more students to audition. If the Music is to hard do the best you can.
 - D. The deadline was met by all schools entering.
 - E. Pilot year for Festival Scores and it was very positive
 - F. Kristi thanked all that helped judge high school honor band auditions.
 - G. Changes for future years
 - a. Judging rubric editing
 - b. MP3 file consistency
 - c. Take 3 oboes
 - d. Encourage more auditions
 - e. judges need to specify what instrument fluent in

H. Copyright issues

- a. Practice copies will be collected and destroyed
- b. Originals will be collected and scores sold to district teachers willing to pay a discounted price

II. Junior High Honor Band-Kevin Pham-Plainville

- A. Assistant-Megan Reiner-Stockton
- B. Clinician-Kyle Hopkins-McPherson
- C. 23 schools participated
- D. 97 Students selected
- E. Short trombones and low brass.
- F. Suggested to assess audition material

III. High School Jazz Band-Matt Rome

- A. Assistant-Katie Glading-Russell
- B. Clinician-Jim Pisano-Bethel College
 - a. 11 schools participated
 - b. 18 students
 - c. Need more schools to audition
 - d. saxophones and trumpets both had pretty good auditions
 - e. Need to bring rhythm sections up more. Matt asked if the drum set audition was too much for the district as very few auditioned. Can it be cut back on audition amount. Need to check with other teachers regarding this situation.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
NW District Manager