

**NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**December 5, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m.**

Katrina Long –High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. High School Honor Band-Katrina Long Chair
  - A. Clinician-Don Linn-Kansas State University
  - B. Talked about instruments that auditioned for high school honor band.
    1. 22 schools auditioned
    2. Full sections of flute, oboe, all saxophones, trumpet, tuba and percussion
    3. Desperately need French horn (3/9), Euphonium (1/6) trombone (6/9) and No bassoon.
    4. Total in band-80
  - C. Katrina stated to please make sure that everyone follows the deadlines. We had to extend it this year for high school band because we only had 59 entries on the day of the dateline.
  - D. Katrina thanked all that helped judge high school honor band auditions. She stated that she hated to double up on some of the instrumental judging, but luckily it worked out. Without the directors being able to help this would not have been possible.
  - E. There was a concern that the music was too easy for the high school honor band but aware that they only have a few hours to put it all together for the concert.
  
- II. Junior High Honor Band-Kathy Dreiling-Amrein chair
  - A. Clinician-Dana Hamant
  - B. 21 schools participated
  - C. 99 Students selected for band
  - D. Katrina stated that it was a concern that two of the junior high numbers were cut for the performance.

E. There was some concern regarding the deadline for the Junior high band being too early after school started and directors did not have enough time to get students ready and record. Connie explained that Stacey had checked with Troy as to dates that would work that would be later and the schedule for 2016 has been moved later a week. (See business meeting minutes for all dates for 2016)

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III. Jazz Band-Jill Nichols/Kristi Vetter

A. Clinician-Brandon Blackburn

B. 7 schools participated

C. Need more schools to audition

IV. Bill Schick talked about the mentoring program

A. Told about the new teacher/mentor dinner held in Phillipsburg at beginning of the year.

B. Bill asked if there were any new teachers who had not been contacted about having a mentor.

IV. Katrina stated again that for State Live Auditions directors must be there if have a student auditioning for the band or orchestra.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
NW District Manager