

**NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**December 8, 2018**  
**8:30 a.m.**

Vesta Jo Still–High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. Vesta Jo introduced Gae Phillips-State President-elect and Troy Johnson-state webmaster and welcomed them to the Northwest District.
- II. Vesta Jo had all the teachers introduce where they were from' And what they taught.
- III. High School Jazz Band-Matt Rome Chair
  - A. Assistant-
  - B. Clinician-Brad Dawson-Fort Hays State University
    - a. 6 schools participated
    - b. 13 students
    - c. Concerned about amount of students auditioning.
    - d. Jazz band was excellent this year and sight read a fifth piece for the concert.
    - e. If any teachers have questions contact Matt Rome, Kristi Vetter or Katie Gladding
- III. Junior High Band-Megan Reiner Chair
  - A. Assistant-Samantha Lackey
  - B. Clinician-Ken Hakoda-Kansas Wesleyan
  - C. 25 schools represented
  - D. 102 students selected
  - E. District purchase the music for the concert.  
Only played of the four pieces. The music Is for sale at %50 off. If interested contact Connie Reishus-Executive Director.

- IV. High School Band-Vesta Jo Still Chair
  - A. Assistant-Lucas Burmeister
  - B. Clinician-Kyle Hopkins-McPherson College
  - C. Used Festival Scores for auditions
  - D. 99 students auditioned
  - E. 82 selected for band
  - F. 24 school represented
  - G. Not enough clarinets auditioned to fill section however Those selected were very strong.
  
- V. High School Honor Band Audition music concerns
  - A. All-State audition material is too difficult for most of the Students in the band which leads to a decrease in the Numbers of students who audition.
  - B. Audition Material is usually grade 5 or higher and the Music Northwest Districts bands play is not.
  - C. 2011 the district band was reduced to 90 students so that it was of an honor to be in the district honor band. Some feel like the district band is a stepping stone to the All-state and isn't a big deal.
  - D. Very low numbers from the Northwest district are represented in the 1234A state band. Only 2 selected last year.
  - E. Has been some concern that the music level chosen for the District is too easy especially since the audition material Is so hard.
  - F. District is shrinking in population and the sizes of the Bands is shrinking.
  - G. What steps do we in the Northwest district need to take to make this a more valuable experience for our students?

Much discussion was held pertaining to the items above.

1. Some felt should keep all-state music for audition music
2. Some felt should use as tryout music exerts out of the Rubank book. This is audition music used before switched to all-state music.
3. Band time with students has changed and sometimes decreased.
4. Because of difficulty of state audition material some Some students look at music and don't even try.
5. need to build the district band up to get more to audition for All-state band.
6. Need to give the students in the Northwest District a great musical experience.
6. Need to try something different in auditions as the way it has been done is not working at this time.

**\*\*MOTION- Sammantha Lackey made the motion that Beginning the fall of 2019 Northwest district use one part All-State music and one part from the Rubank book for High School District Honor Band audition music. Seconded by Kelly Buris-Osborne. Motion carried.**

A committee was formed consisting of the following members to put together the audition music. Results need to be posted on the Northwest District website by May 1<sup>st</sup> so that teachers can get material to students before school years is out.

Chairman-Sammantha Lackey

Matt Rome

Kristi Vetter

Don Mordecai

Renetta Dawson

Katrina Long

- VI. Concern of flipping weekends for the December Mini-Convention
- A. Currently the December Convention is held The first Saturday on year and then the Second Saturday the following year.
  - B. Both weekends have many conflicts.
  - C. It was suggested to move the convention To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in December.
  - D. Due to the fact that deadline for State Band auditions has to be in by the middle Of December it is not feasible to change The December Conventions.
  - E. Much discussion was held regarding so Many athletic events are scheduled on The weekends of both conventions.

**The December Convention will remain as it is.**

Meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
NW Executive Director