

NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 11, 2021
8:30 a.m.

Lucas Burmeister–High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. LUCAS had all the directors introduce themselves and tell where they taught.

- II. High School Jazz Band-Randy Sauer
 - A. Assistant-Brad Persinger
 - B. Clinician-Dr. Ryan Heinlein
 - 1. 7 schools participated
 - 2. 18 students auditioned
 - 3. 14 students participated
 - 4. More trombones are needed. Only one tried out this year.
 - 5. Audition Material
 - a. Discussion was held regarding using the state material so the students have it under their fingers for state auditions.
 - 1. Having it aligned with state music makes it easier and better for students, teacher, and budgets.
 - b. It was suggested to keep the chromatic scale for the auditions.
 - c. Discussion was held regarding improvisation and it was agreed to keep it optional.

****MOTIOM:**

Billy Wicks made the motion to have the Northwest District High School Honor Jazz Band audition music align with the State. Kristi Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- II. Junior High Band-Samantha Lackey
 - A. Assistant-Matt Rome
 - B. Clinician-Shawn Knopp
 - 1. 54 entries
 - 2. 13 schools represented
 - 3. 78 students selected
 - 4. 50 students participated.
 - 5. Need to focus is on getting more to participate. Only three clarinets auditioned.
 - 6. The audition music needs to be looked at and revised. The clarinets go up to high D's. It was suggested to form a committee to look at audition music.

****MOTION**

Vesta Jo Still made the motion to examine the clarinet junior high audition music and to have it be in place by spring of 2022. No discussion. Katrina Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Katrina Long and Barb Albrecht are assigned to work on the clarinet audition music.

- III. High School Band-Lucas Burmeister
 - A. Assistant-Max Befort
 - B. Clinician-Dr. Frank Perez
 - 1. Used Festival Scores for auditions
 - 3. 60 selected for band
 - 4. 24 school represented
 - 5. Keep encouraging more students to audition.
 - 6. 1A&2A state honor band videos as well
 - 7. Promotional Posters and a NWKMEA flyer to share on the website to print.
 - 8. Sections lacking instrumentation: Baritone, Tuba, Bass Clarinet, Horns, Bassoons,

- IV. Mentoring and Advocacy-Bill Schick
 - A. If a teacher moves on in their career to another school or place, please let him know.
 - B. Topeka advocacy day in March. Contact Bill or Kelly Knedler if interested in participating in Topeka.
 - C. There will a special Advocacy session held at ISW.
 - D. Band director boot camp at KBA at Kansas State summer of 2022.
 - E. AdvoAngle is available so please use it.
 - F. There will be a special inservice-Shawn Knopp will be presenting a Special inservice on Jan. 17, 2022 in Phillipsburg at the Huck Boyd center music oriented and will offer college credit. A small fee for lunch and knowledge.

Meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
NW Executive Director