

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 29, 2015

Northwest District Stacey Williams called the meeting to order.

I. Minutes

Connie Reishus stated all minutes are posted on the district website.

II. Treasurer's Report

Connie presented to the members present, the financial report, that will be sent to the state June 30th, 2015. The balance on the Northwest District account at this time is \$14,181.21.

III. Reports of Chairpersons

A. Junior High Band-Alisha Debey-Smith Center

1. Clinician will be Dr. Lucas-Bethany

B. Junior High Band-Kathy Amrein-TMP Hays

No report given

C. High Jazz Band-Kristi Vetter-Beloit/Jill Nichols-Colby

1. Clinician has not been chosen yet
2. There was discussion regarding the audition material. Seems it is a still a little confusing.
3. Rehearsal schedule for Jazz band was discussed. It seems because the Jazz band was scheduled to start rehearsal 30 minutes earlier it has created some problems as high school students coming on buses with other students are arriving late.

MOTION-Terry Crull made the motion that all groups at the November Convention begin rehearsal at the same time. (Registration at 8:00 a.m. / Junior High Percussion rehearsal)- All rehearsals begin at 8:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Joan Crull. Motion carried.

- D. High School Choir-Janell Antholz
 - 1. Clinician-Ken Hakoda-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina
 - 2. Accompanist-Judy Weber-Salina
 - 3. Music has not been chosen yet.
- E. High School Band-Kristi Reneberg
 - 1. Clinician-Don Linn-Kansas State University
- F. Elementary Choir-Randy Sauer
 - 1. Clinician-Greg Goodwin-Salina
 - 2. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney
- G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull
 - 1. Clinician-Ramiro Miranda-Interim director
Emporia State University
- H. Advocacy-Bill Schick

Bill stated he has not had any advocacy meetings yet this year. He did each of the groups at the December Convention and found only one teacher was having problems with his administration.
- I. Mentoring-Jeff Jordan
 - 1. No report
 - 2. Stacey stated the state is going to send out surveys again.
 - 3. Northwest District has a lot of new teachers this year.

J. Honored Educators-Vesta Jo Still

Because Vesta Jo was unable to attend Kristi Reneberg read her report.

Vesta Jo reported that we don't have enough nominations at this point to fill all categories. I purpose we change the process so that it is easier for teachers to nominate. The process would be: nomination for completed and submitted to the Past President by May 1. Then, at the summer board meeting award winners are selected. After the board meeting, work is done to collect info about each winner (resume, philosophy, one letter of support and photo). This information needs to be collected by August 1st. Then the executive committee (President, President-elect, Past president and Executive Director) reviews and selects outstanding educator to represent the Northwest District to be sent to the state. Information then is compiled for State Deadline.

MOTION Bill Schick made a motion to change the process of selecting Outstanding Educators and Administrator using the above process submitted by Vesta Jo beginning in 2016. Janelle seconded the motion. Motion carried

Outstanding Educators for 2015 are as follows;

1. Elementary-Jennifer Ruder-Norton
2. Middle Level-Don Mordecai-Norton
3. High School-Barbara Elbracht-Mankato/Rock Hills
4. Collegiate-No nominations
5. Administrator-No nominations

K. District Scholarships

Vesta Jo stated there are the same issues as the Outstanding Educator awards. She is in the process of

updating the form so that there are no year dates. At this time there have been no nominations for this award.

L. Stacey stated that chair people need to get all their information ready to put on the website by the deadline of July 15th.

M. Honor group numbers need to be emailed to Connie upon selection of students. No names needed just numbers by schools.

N. Contracts, housing, and accompanists for the November and December Mini-conventions

IV. Old Business

A. November Mini-Convention- November 7, 2015

Johnny Matlock site-coordinator will be taking over at Hays High School for Craig and everything seems to be in order.

B. December Mini-Convention-December 5, 2015

Terry Crull-site coordinator stated this year we will have the orchestra on the concert. He would like to hire a college student to help with transporting equipment and setup percussion. All rooms needed for the convention have been reserved.

V. New Business

A. District Deadlines

1. JH Band-Sept. 16, 2015-Wed.
2. HS Jazz Band-Sept. 19, 2015-Sat.
3. JH Choir-Oct. 2, 2015-Fri.
4. HS Choir-Oct. 9, 2015-Fri.
5. SW/NW Orchestra-Oct. 13, 2015-Tues.
6. Elem. Choir-Oct. 30, 2015-Fri.
7. HS Band-Oct. 30, 2013-Fri

B. FHSU Piano tuning

Connie had a question as to whether KMEA needed to pay to have the piano's tuned for the December convention as FHSU has a contract to have them tuned before every concert. Terry stated he would handle the tuning situation.

C. New teachers-Stacey stated there are a lot of new teachers in the Northwest District this year. If anyone knows of a new teacher please let her know.

D. Report from the June State Board Meeting'

1. KMEA Fund-It is sustaining scholarships.

Anyone can donate to this fund.

2. Accompanists and KSHSAA- Stacey stated that The KSHSAA has put in a new rule that schools can only have one accompanist for every 30 entries. The reason for this is that using only one accompanist for all entries over 30 was slowing festivals down.

3. KMEA All-State Elementary Honor Choir
This year at ISW there will be an All-State Elementary Honor Choir. A student does not have to be in the District Honor Choir to audition for the state. MP3 audio files will be used for audition and the concert will be Thursday evening of ISW at 6:00 p.m.

4. Century II and the Internet

Wi-fi will no longer be free for the convention.

5. ISW Website <http://isw.ksmea.org>

E. Northwest District By-laws (Handbook)

Connie stated that the state wants each District to write By-laws for their individual district. She has put together the Handbook for the Northwest District with the help of Stacey. She explained the different parts of the Handbook include the By-laws, Job descriptions and the policies. Only Board members who are voted

in by the district members will be voting members. Also if the members present are on board with everything the Handbook with the By-laws, Job Descriptions and Policies will be sent to all teachers in the Northwest District this fall and then voted on at the December mini-convention.

MOTION- Bill Schick made the motion to accept the Northwest District Handbook which includes the By-laws, Job Descriptions and Policies. Randy Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janell Antholz made the motion to adjourn. Kayla Tiemeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus

Executive Director