

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 22, 2016

Northwest District Stacey Williams called the meeting to order.

I. Minutes

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

A. Connie went over some concerns that were on the December business meeting minutes.

1. H.S. Concert band numbers were too easy for an honor band. Vesta Jo stated she looked at the scores and they were not as easy as thought. Also it was noted the few hours to prepare. Students need to come prepared.
2. J.H. Band-concern that two numbers at the concert were not performed. Clinician and chair need to make sure music is playable in amount of rehearsal time.
3. Jazz Band-need more trombones
4. H.S. Choir-need more guys
5. Problems with student union not opened in December. Terry will make sure he has a key and that it is opened.

B. Connie stated that our Northwest District Handbook that was adopted at the December business meeting has all the additions that were discussed and is on the website.

1. Policies can be changed or updated by the Board.
2. By-laws must have a full vote of the membership to be changed

- C. Connie pointed out that everyone needs to read page 18 under the Act Of God Policy very carefully as it pertains to Live Auditions for Choir.
- D. Whistle Blower and Conflict of Interest Statements. It is a requirement of the IRS that every voting members needs to sign a Whistle Blower and Conflict of Interest Statement. These need to be signed every year and sent to the state accountant.

MOTION: Vesta Jo Still made a motion to accept the Minutes as stated. Seconded by Randy Sauer Motion Carried

II. Treasurer's Report

Connie presented to the members present, the financial report, that will be sent to the state June 30th, 2016. The balance on the Northwest District account at this time is \$119003.21. However, there are still two bills out at this time. (\$140.00 and \$134.27)

MOTION: Kathy Amrein made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Janell Antholz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Reports of Chairpersons

- A. Junior High Choir -Alisha Debey-Smith Center
 - 1. Assistant-Barb Albrecht
 - 2. Clinician will be Gretchen Harrison-Kansas City
 - 3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney
- B. Junior High Band-Kathy Amrein-TMP Hays
 - 1. Assistant-Kevin Pham-Plainville
 - 2. Clinician will be Kirk Harrison-Kansas City
- C. High Jazz Band-Kristi Vetter-Beloit/Jill Nichols-
 - 1. No assistant
 - 2. Clinician will be Arthur White-Missouri

- D. High School Choir-Janell Antholz
 - 1. Assistant-Janet Seehafer
 - 2. Clinician will be Jason Sickel from Blue Valley High School-Shawnee, Ks
 - 3. Accompanist –Pam McGowen
- E. High School Band-Katrina Long
 - 1. Assistant-Kristi Reneberg
 - 2. No report
- F. Elementary Choir-Randy Sauer
 - 1. Assistant-have not found one yet
 - 2. Clinician will be Janie Brokenicky from Manhattan
 - 3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney
- G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull
 - 1. Summer Mills from Dodge City will be assistant and they will trade off as chairs
 - 2. The Southwest District will host the Honor Orchestra this year.
 - 3. No clinician yet
 - 4. Joan stated they were up to 66 students in their third year of honor orchestra
- H. Mentoring and Advocacy-Bill Schick
 - 1. Bill stated there were 6 new teachers last year and each was given a mentor.
 - 2. The new teacher/mentor dinner will be held **October 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg.**
 - Note: New teachers, mentors, President, President-elect, Past President and Executive Director are invited.
 - 3. Stacey stated 500 music teachers jobs have been lost since the cuts started and 36 jobs were lost last year.

I. Honored Educators-Vesta Jo Still

Vesta Jo reported that there were quite of few nominations this year for Outstanding Educators for the Northwest District. After discussion the following were selected.

Elementary-Gloria Blackwell-Hays

Middle Level-Joey Nichols-Colby

High School-Kristi Vetter-Beloit

Collegiate-Terry Crull-Fort Hays State University

Administrator-Lisa Gehring-Plainville

Vesta Jo will get in touch with the people who nominated the Educators and have them fill out the form and gather further information. From the forms and information the executive committee will choose the person to represent the Northwest District on the state level.

MOTION-Kathy Amrein made the motion that we add in our handbook a policy stating: A Plaque will be given to the Honored Educator who is chosen to represent Northwest District on the State Level.

Vesta Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**** (Policy-need to add to Handbook)**

J. District Scholarships

Vesta Jo stated there have been no nominations for Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships. There are three to possibly be awarded to a junior or senior music education major. They must have graduated from a Northwest District High School. Vesta Jo stated please try to get nominations in by October for these scholarships.

IV. Old Business

- A. Please get info ready to publish on the website-
Deadline is July 15.
- B. Honor group numbers need to be emailed to Connie upon selection of students.
- C. Please send contracts, housing, and accompanists for the conventions to Stacey.
- D. Conventions dates
 1. November Convention-Hays High School-
November 5, 2016 Concert: 3:30 p.m.
 2. December Convention-Fort Hays State
University-December 10, 2016 Concerts: 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

V. New Business

- A. District Deadlines for 2016
 1. JH Band-Sept. 22
 2. HS Jazz Band-Sept. 28
 3. JH Choir-Oct. 6
 4. HS Choir-Oct. 9
 5. SW/NW Orchestra-Oct.18
 6. Elem. Choir-Oct. 27
 7. HS Band-Nov. 2

In 2015 there were issues regarding not meeting deadlines. After much discussion there was a motion made regarding how to deal with deadlines and there will be a policy added to the Northwest District Handbook.

1. Some districts have late policies just for their district.
2. Some districts have policies where there are 2 deadlines with different fees.
3. Kathy Amrein expressed concern that if a teacher was late it would hurt the students.

4. It was highly suggested to send entries in earlier and not wait until the last minute.

MOTION: Randy Sauer made the motion that the registration deadline will be strictly enforced and no entries will be accepted after the deadline. Kayla Tiemeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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B. Orchestra Parts for “Over the Rainbow

1. There was discussion on writing orchestra parts for the combined choir and band parts for “Over the Rainbow”.
2. Bill Schick stated that when Darren Jenkins originally orchestrated “Over the Rainbow” there was talk about writing parts for orchestra.
3. There was concern that the facilities at Beach Schmidt would not have enough room for all groups
4. Also there was discussion on having Darren Jenkins re-orchestrate parts for clarinet and flute parts as they are very difficult and a lot of northwest students can not play the parts.
5. Stacey Williams stated she wants the choir to sing in the aisles this year (2016).

MOTION: Kathy Amrein made the motion that Darren Jenkins be contacted to re-orchestrate “Over the Rainbow” working on the clarinet and flutes parts so they are more playable for the small district band and also to make the parts softer in places where the choir performs. Stacey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Online Voting for December Convention

1. State Webmaster-Troy Johnson explained that teachers must now have a valid KMEA membership for students to be able to audition for State Honor groups. **If membership is not current, students will not be eligible for State honor groups.**
2. Voting for District will be online and to vote must have a current membership in KMEA. Teachers who are unable to make the convention or the business meetings will now be able to vote. At this time Northwest District is the only district not voting online.
3. Teachers will need to affiliate their individual accounts.
4. This is mandated by the state for IRS purposes.
5. President-Stacey Williams will send out an email to everyone on this procedure.

MOTION-Vesta Jo Still made the motion that the Northwest District will go to online voting beginning this year-2016. Joan Crull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**** (Policy-need to add to Handbook)**

D. Festival Management System-www.festivalscores.com

1. Troy Johnson explained a new system to help with auditioning honor groups. It is modeled after the State Middle School Choir.
2. Troy went through examples for board members present. The chairs of each honor group will

need to set up their section and Troy will work with the chair with the setup.

3. A \$1.00 fee will be assessed per each completed entry. This fee will be paid by the Executive director out of the \$10.00 per student participation fee. There will not be an increase in fees this year. Troy Johnson, the state webmaster will send a bill to the Executive director with the amount due for the Festival Scores.
4. Festival Scores will help eliminate having to mail in CDs and then sending them back out to the judges. It will all be done online.

MOTION-Vesta Jo Still made the motion that the Northwest District use Festival Management System beginning this year (2016) for the following honor groups:

- 1. Junior High Band**
- 2. Orchestra**
- 3. Jazz Band**
- 4. High School Band**

**Joan Crull seconded the motion. Motion carried.
(**Policy-need to add to the Handbook)**

*****Special Note-The Executive Committee met and due to the deadline set up for this year plus the fact that High School Band students are also eligible to audition for State Honor Band, it was decided that the High School Band for this year will remain as it has always been. Registration deadline will be November 2nd and CDs need to be brought to Hays High School November 5th, 2016 and will be judged that day by directors.**

E. State Information

1. The KMR is moving to a new format. At the present time issues are based on four publications a year. It will move to putting new content every other week. It is moving away from advertising to having sponsors. This was due to the loss of advertisers and readers. Go to Kansasmusicreview.com.
2. **There is major discussion of how the State Honor Choir will be selected which will affect greatly Northwest District.**
 - a. Live auditions and choose the best of the best throughout the state. This would mean Northwest District would lose their 24 member guarantee. The reason behind this is because of the large numbers in the Eastern Districts.
 - b. Two different choir- 5&6 A Choir and 1234 A Choir. Two equally ability groups at which Northwest District would be allowed One quartet (4)
 - c. A Vote on this issue will be taken at the July State Board meeting in Wichita.
 - d. Discussion was held on which option would benefit our district the most of which board members felt the live auditions would be the best for Northwest District out of all the options.

MOTION: Vesta Jo Still moved the meeting be adjourned. Joan Crull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Reishus

Northwest District KMEA Executive Director