

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday June 14, 2017
Rawlins County High School

Northwest District Kayla Tiemeyer called the meeting to order.

Board members present were:

President-elect-Don Mordecai-Norton
Executive Director-Connie Reishus-Plainville
High School Jazz Chair-Matt Rome-Hays High
Junior High Choir Chair-Barb Albrecht-Rock Hills
JH Choir Assistant-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
Junior High Band Chair-Kevin Pham-Plainville
Elementary Choir Chair-Krista Latta-Plainville
Assistant High School Band-Vesta Jo Still-Logan
Orchestra Chair-Joan Crull-Hays High
December Site Coordinator-Terry Crull-FHSU
State Website-Troy Johnson
Advocacy/Mentor Chair-Bill Schick-Phillipsburg

Kayla had everyone introduce themselves; tell where they are from and what position in the district they held.

I. Minutes-Connie Reishus

Connie stated all minutes are posted on the district website.

MOTION: Vesta Jo Still made a motion to approve the Minutes as stated. Seconded by Barb seconded the motion. Motion Carried

II. Treasurer's Report-Connie Reishus

Connie stated she is in the process of preparing the financial report for the State auditor. The financial report needs to be sent to the state by June 30, 2017. The balance on the Northwest District account is \$20,397.82.

MOTION: Matt Rome made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kevin Pham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- III. Reports of Chairpersons
 - A. Junior High Choir –Barb Albrecht-Rock Hills
 - 1. Assistant-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
 - 2. Clinician will be Randy Berls-Colby
 - 3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney
 - B. Junior High Band-Kevin Pham-Plainville
 - 1. Assistant-?
 - 2. Clinician will be Kyle Hopkins-McPherson College
 - C. High Jazz Band-Matt Rome-Hays High
 - 1. Assistant-?
 - 2. Clinician will be Jim Pisano-Bethel College
 - D. High School Choir-Janet -Seehafer
 - 1. Assistant-Jessica HoKada-Ellsworth
 - 2. Clinician will be Terry Crull-FHSU
 - 3. Accompanist –Pam McGowen
 - E. High School Band-Kristi Reneberg-Kensington
 - 1. Assistant-Vesta Jo Still-Logan
 - 2. Clinician will be Tim Farrell-Kearney, Nebraska
 - F. Elementary Choir-Krista Latta-Plainville
 - 1. Assistant-Jill Nichols-Colby
 - 2. Clinician-Holly Taylor-Wichita
 - G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull
 - 1. Northwest District will host the District Honor Orchestra this year. Joan stated Each year the numbers have been increasing
 - 2. Clinician-Raul Manguai-Pittsburg State

H. Advocacy-Bill Schick-Phillipsburg

No report from the State on Mentoring yet

I. Mentoring-Bill Schick-Phillipsburg

1. Bill informed the Board that the New Teacher Dinner would be held October 15th in Phillipsburg at the Huck Boyd Center. It was suggested that all Board Members and new teachers be invited to this Dinner. Also there was a suggestion to invite a representative from Tom's Music House. More information will be sent in the fall

2. Bill stated that if any board members are aware of new teachers in the district please let him know so he can set up a mentor for them.

J. Honored Educators-Don Mordecai

The Northwest District no longer has a Past-President since Stacey Williams the Past-President has moved out of the Northwest District. Therefore, Don Mordecai, President-elect has agreed to assume the duties of the Past President. Don reported that there were quite of few nominations this year for Outstanding Educators and Administrators for the Northwest District. After discussion the following were selected.

Administrator-Stacey Green-Stockton

College-Pat Ziegelmeier-Colby Community College

High School-Joan Crull-Hays High School

Middle School-Tamra Cochran-Norton

Elementary-Susan Keith-Ellsworth

Don will contact nominees and get resumes from all of the Award winners. After all the information has been compiled, the Executive Board will review the resumes and vote on the Outstanding Educator who represent Northwest District on the State Level. The Nominee will need to be sent in by October 1st.

K. District Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship Awards-
Don Mordecai

The Northwest District annually awards three \$500 Scholarships to college juniors and seniors majoring in music education. This year there were four names submitted. Connie stated that the Northwest District has enough money to award four scholarships.

****MOTION-Don Mordecai mad the motion to award four Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. Matt Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Students receiving the Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship are:

1. Kayla Hockett-Kansas Wesleyan
2. Max Befort-FHSU
3. Adam Flax-FHSU
4. Aubrey Cook-Kansas Wesleyan

L. Webmaster-Troy Johnson

1. Troy mentioned the KMEA state mentors- Lynn Unruh and Holly Taylor
2. Festival Scores were very successful last year. Other states have adopted festival scores and there were over 5000 auditions using festival scores.
3. Troy stated there are some upgrades that are being done on Festival scores at this time pertaining to the rubrics.
4. Troy stated must have a current NAFME membership to have students participate in State Honor groups and to vote on the District and State levels.
5. Troy explained about Managed email groups and also domain-NWKMEA. At this time Northwest district is listed under the state. He stated he could have an email set up as one district group for the cost of \$3.00 per month.

****MOTION-Kevin Pham made the motion to have Troy set up for Northwest District to have a managed email group. Matt Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

6. Troy explained that Northwest District is now receiving emails under the State Domain. He can set the Northwest District under a new Domain NWKMEA at the cost of \$15.00 per year. This would be for all directors in the Northwest District.

****MOTION-Kevin Pham made the motion to have Troy set up the Northwest District under a new Domain NWKMEA for the cost of \$15.00 per year. Don Mordecai seconded. Motion carried.**

7. Troy informed the Board that John Taylor has hired **Precision Engraving out of Sterling Kansas as the new company to handle T-shirts and Plaques at the Conventions. Clark Comley, the director at Sterling is one of the owners of this company.**
(Pepwear will no longer be doing this)

****MOTION- Barb Albrecht made the motion that Northwest District KMEA use Precision Engraving as the T-Shirt and Plaque company beginning this year in 2017, at the November and December Conventions. Matt Rome seconded. Motion carried.**

IV. Old Business

- A. November Mini-Convention will be November 4, 2017
 1. Hays High School
 2. Concert time-3:30 p.m.
 3. Groups- High School Jazz Band, Junior High Honor Choir and Junior High Honor Band
 4. Site Coordinator-Johnny Matlock-Hays High
 5. Kayla thanked Johnny for hosting this convention and all of the work he does.
- B. Kayla informed all Board members to get info ready to publish on the District Website. Deadline is July 15.
- C. Once honor groups are selected this fall and in December, numbers need to be emailed to Connie so she can make out receipts.

D. December Mini-Convention will be December 2, 2017

1. Fort Hays State University
2. Concert time- Elementary-12:30 p.m.
High School groups-3:30 p.m.
3. Groups-Elementary, High School Orchestra,
High School Choir and High School Band.
4. Because Northwest/Southwest Orchestra is this year, “Over the Rainbow” will not be performed.
5. Site Coordinator-Terry Crull.
6. Kayla thanked Terry for hosting the convention at FHSU and for all of his work.
Terry commented that all meetings could be held in Palmer Hall this year.

V. **New Business**

A. District Deadlines: Please be on time with Deadlines. Must talk about this at the State Meeting last week! Please don't wait till the last minute. Notice dates are different this year. Encourage all the people in the District to be **“ON TIME”**

B. Deadlines for Northwest District for 2017:

JH Band Audition Upload deadline-Monday,
Sept. 25, 2017

HS Jazz Band Audition Upload deadline-Thursday,
Sept. 28, 2017

JH Choir Registration deadline-Thursday,
October 5, 2017

HS Choir Registration deadline (this is also state)
Sunday, **October 8, 2017**

HS Band Audition Upload deadline-Wednesday-
October 25, 2017

Elementary Choir registration deadline-Thursday,

October 26, 2017

**HS Orchestra Audition Upload deadline-Thursday-
November 2, 2017**

- C. New Teachers to District-Please let Bill or Kayla know
Of any new teachers!
 - 1. Many advocacy ideas available from Kelly
Knedler and Mike Quilling. Most important
Thing we do...keep the new teachers.
- D. New T-shirt and Plaque business: Precision
Engraving-Sterling, Kansas.
- E. Report from the June State Board Meeting
 - 1. EC and NE will break into the new districts.
 - 2. The State Executive Board will be voting in July
Between 1234/56 or SATB/Treble Choirs.
 - a. Last summer it was voted to implement a
New State Choir.
 - b. The formula/audition protocol will be
worked out once the new choir is
Voted on and make sure all are auditioning
the same way. Data is being collected
now. Anyone want to help serve on this
committee? Kayla would like to have a
least on Choir chair on this committee.
 - c. What Questions do you have about
Auditions?
 - d. It is a work in progress and if it doesn't
Work the board will revisit it.
 - e. Discussion of Freshmen being included
All-State Choir and Band or in all groups.
 - f. Will begin in 2019 so Auditions will be
affected in the Fall of 2018.

- g. What Questions/Ideas/Concerns do you Have for including freshman? Please send an email to Kayla with your ideas.
3. KMEA All-State Elementary Honor Choir- 2nd year went very well and will continue.
4. Will keep using Expo Hall for exhibits.- Great feedback for this venue. Cost us a lot of money but well worth it.
5. KMR-They are wanting more articles from the Teachers and what you do in the classroom. If you have articles, PLEASE send them to Kayla and she will get them to Steve to put in KMR.
 - a.KMR is used for Communication so please watch for the articles. **Online
6. Mike Quilling is working very hard to help us be represented with our Legislatures and Senate. Our voice is being heard thanks to him.
 - a. Be sure your Principals and Superintendents are aware of what KMEA is and what we stand for. Share about KMEA Workshop new option.
 - b. Principals and Superintendents should know about this KMEA event and how important it is.
7. OCT. 1, is the deadline for all Awards and Hall Of Fame entries are due. *If you recommend someone, please submit a nice portfolio: letters of recommendation, bio, resume, picture, ect.
8. Someone from the Executive Board plans to be at Northwest District Mini Convention this year.
9. Does anyone have a Clinic proposal for KMEA/
10. Kansas Standards on the Website. If you have Some great teaching ideas or ways you are using them. Please let Kayla know or email direct

to Martha Gabel, State Vice President.

11. LEADERSHIP CAMP-Next June 7, 2018
All chairs are encouraged to attend. Also Executive Directors and any one on the Board is welcome.
12. INFORMATION ABOUT ISW:
 - a. Groups will possibly be rehearsing somewhere Other than Century II or Hyatt so be prepared. Fewer groups are being selected due to Rehearsal/Performances in the Concert Hall.
 - b. Possibly a Parent reception will be prepared for the parents of the All State Groups. Feb. 2018 ISW will be a trial on this idea with one or two groups.
13. ISW Website: isw.ksmea.org
14. ksmea.org/nw - northwest website moving to nwkmea.org (note this will change once Troy sets it up)
15. Bylaws-Connie Reishus
 - a. Connie explained that the state has required all Districts to set up by-laws. Because Northwest District did this two years ago many districts are using ours as a pattern to set theirs up. Connie stated she sent a copy of our by-laws to John Taylor-KMEA State Executive Director to check over for any changes. There are some changes he suggested. Once Connie has them corrected, they will have to be voted on in December before the convention. Changes will be highlighted in black.
 - b. Policy change-this can be voted on by the Board.
**Under Policies-Page 20- The Exception: Directors had questioned because FFA was listed why is FCCLA not listed.

After much discussion the following motion was made:

****MOTION-Vesta Jo Still made the motion that under exception it should read: Any absence due to an emergency conflict for Live Choral Auditions, the audition must be sent in via recording (complete cut recorded of all audition pieces) due on the day of live auditions. The absence is only excusable due to KSHAA State level events or FFA, FCLA or FBLA State Events and if a student has a special circumstance it must be approved by the executive board. If a student does not attend live auditions but sends in a CD recording, they may be eligible for District Honor Choir but not State Honor Choir. Barb Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

16. Revision of “Over the Rainbow”-Connie Reishus
Connie stated Darren Jenkins has been contacted and contracted to rewrite our combined Choir and Band number “Over the Rainbow” He was directed to write the flute and clarinet parts so they are not so difficult and to arrange the number so it is better balanced with the choir. Also he was asked to possibly add the antiphonal brass part within the band arrangement. Total cost of this arrangement is \$2000.00 of which \$1000.00 has been paid up front and the rest upon completion of the work. Darren stated he should have it completed by this fall.

- VI. Anything else for the good of the group
Vesta Jo Still stated she is State Chairman of the Small Schools and wondered if there is any particular topic that Northwest would like her to take to the Board? She stated if there is please email her.

****MOTION**-Matt Rome made the motion to adjourn the board meeting. Don Mordecai seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Reishus
Northwest District Executive Director