

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
July 1st, 2019 3:00 pm
Fort Hays State University Malloy 112

Northwest District President, Don Mordecai called the meeting to order.

Board members present were:

President--Don Mordecai-Norton
President-elect-Joey Nichols-Colby
Executive Director-Connie Reishus-Plainville
High Band Chair-Vesta Jo Still-Phillipsburg
JH Choir Chair-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
Assistant-Kathy Conway-Osborne
Junior High Band Chair-Megan Reiner-Stockton
Assistant-Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth
Elementary Choir Chair-Jill Nichols-Colby
High School Choral Chair-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth
High School Orchestra Chair-Joan Crull-Hays
December FHSU Site Coordinator-Dr. Terry Crull
Advocacy/Mentor Chair-Bill Schick-Phillipsburg

II. Minutes-Connie Reishus

Connie stated all minutes are posted on the district website.

*****MOTION: Vesta Jo Still made the motion to approve the December business minutes. Jessica Hakoda seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

III. Treasurer's Report-Connie Reishus

Connie handed out the financial report that will go into the state the end of June. She also attached a copy of last years report so board members could compare the revenue and expenses. Balance in the Northwest District checkbook as of 6-30-19 is \$22,215.59

Connie stated again what the schedule would be for the increase in Travel expenses for clinicians

Following is the schedule where clinician's expenses will be increased to \$500.00 beginning in 2019.

2019- High School Band – Junior High Choir

2020- High School Choir-High School Jazz Band

2021- Orchestra

2022- Junior High Band-Elementary Choir

*****MOTION: Megan Reiner made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joan Crull seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

IV. CALENDAR

2018-2019 NWKMEA Proposed Deadline Dates

Mon. Sept. 23, 2019-JH Audition Upload deadline
Thurs. Sept. 26, 2019-HS Jazz Band Upload Deadline
Thurs. Oct. 3, 2019-JH Choir Deadline
Sun. Oct. 6, 2019-HS Choir Audition Registration Deadline (set by State)
Oct. 20, 2019-High School Choir Audition Registration- Late Deadline #1
Wed. Oct. 23, 2019-HS Band Audition Upload deadline
Thurs. Oct. 24, 2019-Elementary Choir Registration Deadline
Thurs. Oct. 31, 2019-HS Orchestra Audition Upload Deadline (NW/SW)
Nov. 1, 2019-High School Choir Audition Registration-Late Deadline #2
November 2, 2019-High School Choir Audition Registration-Late Deadline #3
November 2- Mini Convention I, JH Choir, JH Band, HS Jazz Band Hays High School
December 7-Mini-Convention II-HS Band, HS Choir, Elementary Choir, HS Orchestra-Fort Hays State University-Beach Schmidt Auditorium

V. Reports of Chairpersons

November Convention-Saturday November 2, 2019

At Hays High School-Concert 3:30 p.m.

A. Junior High Choir –Megan Reiner-Stockton

1. Junior High band will be auditioning on Cycle 1 this fall (2019)
2. Clinician-Anna Kennedy, assistant director at Seaman High School in Topeka
3. Megan suggested the Rubrics for the Percussion and bass clarinet auditions needed to be reviewed.

4. Upload window is September 10-24 and Judging window is September 25-29.
5. Megan expressed a special thank you to Matt Rome and Renetta Dawson for all their help setting up for the convention. Also she thanked the judges and instructors who helped throughout the day.
6. Assistant-Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth

B. High School Jazz Band

1. Matt Rome has resigned and it was suggested that Don ask Mark DeWald who is now teaching at Claflin. Mark has agreed to serve as Jazz chair.
2. No report was given.
3. Clinician-Martin (Steve Leuth-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina

C. Junior High Choir Chair-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg

1. Assistant-Kathy Conway-Osborne
2. Clinician- Christy Elsner-Bonner Springs
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney
4. Connie made a comment regarding not letting the Junior high choir members come back out into the hall in front after their rehearsal as the doors are open for parents and concert goers. It creates a blockage. The junior high will need to go back into the cafeteria

December Convention-Saturday December 7, 2019-Beach Schmidt

Aud.

Elementary Concert-11:30 a.m.

High School Choir, Band, Orchestra concert-3:30 p.m.

A. Elementary Choir Chair-Jill Nichols

1. Assistant-Cindy Root-Claflin
2. Clinician-Karis Nichols-Manhattan, Kansas
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney

B. High School Band Chair-Vesta Jo Still-Phillipsburg

1. Assistant-Lucas Brurmeister-Hoxie
2. Over the Rainbow will not be performed this year due to having the High School Orchestra. The revised arrangement played last year went very well.
3. The audition material has been changed and is listed

on the district website. Excerpts from Advanced Rubank will be added along with the state audition music.

4. Vesta Jo thanked those committee members who determined the “new” audition material from the “old audition material.
5. Festival Scores will again be used this year.
6. Excerpts will be uploaded between Oct. 10 and Oct.23
7. Judging will open on or about Oct 24 and be completed
8. Folders will be ready for pick up by noon on Nov. 2.
9. There was some confusion with the afternoon schedule last year whether rehearsal started at 1:00 p.m. or 1:15 p.m.
After discussion it was decided afternoon rehearsal will begin at 1:00 p.m. If the Elementary concert is running behind the high choir will need to wait until it is completed.
10. Vesta Jo also stated the clinician suggested having lunch brought in for students to maximize rehearsal schedule. Other districts have done this and it worked great. Fort Hays University has a policy that outside food may not be brought in. To have FHSU provide lunch would be too expensive.
11. Vesta Jo stated she is the state small schools committee chairman and is working on a survey for small school districts. This survey is for 1A/2A schools. Its primary focus is trying to determine the needs, wants and desires of 1A/2A and how KMEA might help meet those needs. One goal is to encourage membership. There is some preliminary discussion about non-auditioned performance ensemble or clinic ensemble so that 1A/2A kids get the All-State experience of sorts without the rigorous audition process. The survey should help decide if a group like this is wanted and needed and what it may look like. Watch for an email at the beginning of the school year or in September. Please respond.

D. High School Choir chair-Jessica Hakoda

1. Assistant-Alex Underwood-Hays High
2. Clinician-Mariana Farah-Kansas University
3. Practice tracks for audition are on ksmea.org. Cuts will be announced about a week before the auditions. There will not be a recording of cuts sent out to teachers. They will need to practice with the full recording. Teachers may make their own practice records, but does not come from KMEA.

4. NW District State choir allowance numbers are up from last year. This year NW district will get to send 16 to mixed choir and 16 to Treble Choir. This is one extra girl for S1, S2, A1, and A2. Guys number in the SATB choir stay the same as last year. Cancelling students for auditions hurts the NW district chances for increasing numbers in state choir.
5. Freshmen are eligible this year for State Honor groups.
6. Students can only audition for band or choir but not both.
7. Voice parts for auditions must be set by the 1st deadline. Any changes to voicing after that first deadline will be considered a late entry and subject to the late fee.
8. **Late fees have to be paid before a student is allowed to audition.**
9. This year auditions will conflict with State volleyball and State Cross Country. Students that qualify for either of these are still allowed to audition. If they can not make it to the live auditions they must submit a CD recording both of the audition songs in their entirety, not just the cuts. Students not auditioning live will not be eligible for the State Choir but will be eligible for the NW District choir. Directors should bring CD recordings along with them on November 2nd. (Policy in Handbook page 20)

E. High School Orchestra Chair-Joan Crull

1. NW/SW Orchestra concert will be in Northwest this year.
2. Clinician-David Dickey-Oklahoma State University
3. Last year had 5 schools participate
4. 55 students auditioned
5. 50 selected for orchestra

VI. State Advocacy and Mentoring Report-Bill Schick chairman

1. Bill listed the music teaching positions open this year in the Northwest district and those that have been filled and those still open.

2. The new teacher Dinner will be October 20th at 3:00 pm in Phillipsburg at the Huck Boyd Center. This is for first and second year teachers along with their mentors and also all board members and assistants.
3. State Advocacy chair-Kelly Knedler has put together a special presentation to show before concerts. It is highly recommended. .

VII. Awards/Scholarships-Past President-Kayla Wombacher

Outstanding Educator-Kayla was unable to attend the board meeting. She suggested that the nomination process be changed and just send a name, where the person that's nominated teaches and an email address. Also there are a lot of teachers who have received the award in one area of their expertise but teach on different levels. Teachers do have to have taught at least 10 years to be eligible. It would be great to have a list of those teachers who have received the awards previously. It was suggested that she send out another email because there were not very many responses for outstanding educator this year. Nominations will close August 1.

Kayla also suggested that nominations for Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship be June 1st. Therefore, they can be voted on at the summer board meeting.

1. Discussion was held on students receiving the Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship when they are either a junior, senior or 5th year senior. It was agreed to add 5th year senior.
2. Also it was discussed if students should be able to receive the Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship multiple times. It was agreed at least two times.

****MOTION-Vesta Jo Still made the motion to award (5) \$500.00 Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships this year to the above students. Jessica Hakoda seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Those college students majoring in music education that will receive the Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship for 2019 are as follows:

Jacob Long-FHSU
Rhiannon Mulls-FHSU
Tabor Rucker-FHSU
Rachelle Lumpkins-FHSU
Hayden Silmon-FHSU

VIII. Old Business

- A. This year convention with Orchestra
 - 1. Should the band and orchestra groups have name tags to turn into the chairs like the choir members so they are accountable?
- B. Both years
 - 1. All students must stay for entire concert
 - 2. All students must show acceptable concert etiquette
 - a. No cell phones
 - b. No talking
 - c. Other items of distraction

IX. New Business

- A. Fee increase

Festival scores is being increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per entry this coming fall. After some discussion Connie said she did not think a participation fee increase was necessary at this time to cover the festival scores increase.
- B. Troy Johnson-webmaster increase

****MOTION: Jessica Hakoda made the motion to increase Troy Johnson's pay to \$1000.00 per year. Kelsey Pinkerton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- C. More programs are needed for the December concert as this past year ran out way before concert started.

X. STATE BOARD MEETING-JUNE 7-8, 2019

- A. Accompanist change for Regional and State Music contest from 30 to 22.
- B. No photocopies will be allowed at music festivals

(accompanists can not make copies even on a page turn. Students will be disqualified.

- C. Gae Phillips-KMEA President
 - 1. Small school Needs (1A/2A)
 - 2. Other Ensembles
 - 3. All-State Participation
 - 4. charter Tri-M chapters
- D. KMR submissions-need volunteers from NW to write Articles
- E. Mentoring-there will some regional workshops
- F. Outstanding Music Educator State Representative from NW is due to Gretchen Bixler by October 1st.
- G. It was dicussed at the state executives board meeting that assistant chairs need to be voted in this year by membership.
- H. Randy Fillmore is All-State Ensemble Manager
 - 1. Elementary is grades 3-5
 - 2. Middle Level grades 6-8 (changed)
 - 3. HS choir, band, jazz and orchestra 9-12 (changed)
Freshman may now audition for All-State Ensembles
- I. Registration for ISW
Fees will increase this year if you register past December 31

XI. Adjourn

****MOTION:Megan Reiner made the motion to adjourn.
Jill Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest District Executive Director