

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
**June 24, 2020 -3:00 p,m,**  
**Zoom**

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

Board members present were:

President--Don Mordecai-Norton  
President-elect-Joey Nichols  
Executive Director-Connie Reishus-Plainville  
High Band Chair-Vesta Jo Still-Phillipsburg  
Assistant-Lucas Burmister-Hoxie  
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  
Assistant-Cindy Root-Claflin  
High School Jazz Band Assistant-Randy Sauer-Wakeeney  
High School Choral Chair-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth  
High School Orchestra Chair-Joan Crull-Hays  
November Site Coordinator-Matt Rome-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.

**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. Connie stated with all that is going on with the Covid she was concerned regarding our finances. She stated that the gate receipts in 2019 were down quit a bit therefore causing a loss of about a thousand dollars over the year. Also in January Connie explained she took \$10,000 and invested it in a 9 month CD that would earn more interest than having it in a checking account. The Balance in the Northwest District checkbook as of 6-30-19 is \$11082.87 plus the \$10,000.00 CD.

The CD will expire 10-31-2020

**\*\*\*MOTION: Jessica Hakoda made the motion to approve the treasurers report. Joan Crull seconded the motion. Motion carried**

An adjustment was made for the travel expenses for clinicians due to money not being used in previous years.

**Following is the schedule where clinician's expenses will be increased to \$500.00 beginning in 2020.**

**2020- Junior High Band-Elementary Choir**

**2021- High School Choir-High School Jazz Band**

**2022- High Band-Junior High Choir**

#### **IV. CALENDAR**

##### **2020 Proposed Deadline Dates**

Mon. Sept. 30, 2020-JH Audition Upload deadline

Thurs. Oct.1, 2020-HS Jazz Band Upload Deadline

Thurs. Oct. 8, 2020-JH Choir Deadline

Sun. Oct. 11, 2020-HS Choir Audition Registration Deadline (set by State)

October 18, 2020 Fall Mentoring Dinner-Philipsburg

Thurs. Oct. 22, 2020-Elementary Choir Registration Deadline

Oct. 25, 2020-High School Choir Audition Registration- Late Deadline #1

Wed. Oct. 22-29, 2020-HS Band Audition Upload deadline

Thurs. Oct. 29, 2020-HS Orchestra Audition Upload Deadline (NW/SW)

Nov. 6, 2020-High School Choir Audition Registration-Late Deadline #2

November 7, 2020-High School Choir Audition Registration-Late Deadline #3

November 7-2020 Mini Convention I, JH Choir, JH Band, HS Jazz Band Hays High School

December 12, 2020-Mini-Convention II-HS Band, HS Choir, Elementary Choir, HS Orchestra (**PLACE TO BE DETERMINED**)

V. **Reports of Chairpersons**

**November Convention-Saturday November 7, 2020  
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 2 this fall (2020)
2. Assistant-Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth
3. Clinician-Sharyn Worcester-Kansas State University
4. Upload window is September 23, 2020

**B. High School Jazz Band-Mark DeWauld**

1. Randy Sauer-Assistant
2. Clinician-Dr. Nick Schroeder-Hutchinson Community College

**C. Junior High Choir Chair-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg**

1. Assistant-Kathy Conway-Osborne
2. Clinician- Kathy Simpson-Omaha
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney

**December Convention-Saturday December 2020-(To Be Determined**

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-not chosen yet
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney

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

1. Assistant-Lucas Brurmeister-Hoxie
2. Clinician-Shawn Knopp-Friends University
3. Upload Oct. 22-29
4. Judging Oct. 30-Nov. 4
5. Over the Rainbow will be performed this year due to the Orchestra being in the southwest district.

Vesta Jo- State Small Schools Chairman

She stated there are some cool things happening at the state level for small schools- specifically 1A/2A schools. Hopefully, there will be a formation of some sort of honor ensemble to be included at the ISW. The small schools committee is also working on a way to connect teachers with “master teachers” for an online lesson for such things as

help with all-state prep, foreign language pronunciation, instrument repair, etc. She said it would really help our new teachers in the Northwest District.

**C. High School Choir chair-Jessica Hakoda**

1. Assistant-Alex Underwood-Hays High
2. Clinician-Ryan Beeken-Wichita State Univ.
3. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-Hays
4. There were so many cancellations causing scheduling issues. Cancellations do not help the district.

**D. High School Orchestra Chair-Joan Crull**

1. NW/SW Orchestra will be in Dodge City this year.
2. Clinician-Brian Buckstead-FHSU
3. Date-December 5, 2020
4. Upload deadline-October 29, 2020

**VI. State Advocacy Report and Mentoring-Bill Schick**

1. Kristi Reneberg has agreed to help Bill with the mentoring.
2. Bill gave a list of all the music teacher openings and new Teachers hired for the 2020-2021 school in Northwest District.
3. The New teacher/mentoring dinner will be held in Phillipsburg October 18, 2020.

**VII. Awards/Scholarships-Past President-Kayla Wombacher**

**A. Outstanding Educator Award winners.**

1. Elementary-Cindy Root-Claflin
  2. Middle School-Vesta Jo Still-Phillipsburg
  3. High School-Julianne Samuelson-Quinter
- State Representative from Northwest District**
4. College-Michelle Meyer-Colby Community College
  5. Administrator-Martin Straub -Hays High School

Kayla suggested to simply the nomination form for Outstanding Educator. Vesta Jo stated she thought just an email would be ok. Joey stated the state form suggests 4 or 5 recommendation letters up to 10. It was decided that after the board decides who will represent the state then get the letters of recommendation

**B. Scholarships**

**\*\*Motion-Don Mordecai made the motion to award five (5) scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year instead of three. Joan Crull seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Those receiving the Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships are:**

1. Rachelle Lumpkins-senior FHSU
2. Hayden Sillmon-senior FHSU
3. Ciara Calhoon-senior FHSU
4. Kathryn Walters-junior FHSU
5. Kinsey Volk-junior KSU

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Orchestra**

A discussion was held regarding audition versus participation fees for the orchestra. Joan Crull explained that in southwest district an audition fee is collected for the orchestra and she felt the northwest should be in line with the southwest.

**\*\*Motion-Joan made the motion to change the orchestra to have an audition fee of \$10.00 per student and no participation fee beginning with this year (2020). Joey seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**IX. New Business**

**A. December mini-convention**

Terry Crull, December convention coordinator informed the board that Fort Hays State University has problems with the convention held in Beach Schmidt Auditorium due to the Corona virus.

No audiences and possibly only 80 students to perform. The band could not perform as there is not enough room to be 6 feet apart.

Terry said he would keep checking with Fort Hays State.

**B. November mini-convention**

Matt Rome, November convention coordinator informed the board that at the present the convention is still schedule. But he needed to wait and see what the State Board of Education comes out with in July regarding school recommendations.

1. There was discussion pertaining to a contingency plan if neither Convention can be held in person. Jessica suggested online auditions be held for choir. Matt Rome suggested all auditions

be done using Festival Scores.

2. It was suggested to form a committee to discuss backup plans for the conventions. Those board members on the special contingency plan committee are:

Connie Reishus

Joey Nickols

Jessica Hakoda

Matt Rome

Don Mordecai

Kayla Wombacher

Jill Nickols

3. Jessica stated that if live auditions can not take place and Festival scores is used for choir then she recommends the top scoring students be selected to represent Northwest District in All State Honor Choir.
3. Joey stated Colby is building a new performing arts center and he will check to see when it will be finished. This might be a possibility for the December Convention.

**\*\*Motion-Jessica Hakoda made the motion to use Festival Scores for high school choir auditions if can not audition live and have the top scores represent Northwest District at the state level. Vesta Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

4. 4 year awards-  
It was decided that any student that has participated in Honor band or choir for four years will still receive their medal even if the convention is not held.
5. Elementary Choir-  
There was a question regarding the elementary honor choir. The contingency committee will decide regarding elementary honor choir.

## **X. New Business**

### **A. Guess Clinicians pay**

It was discussed what to do regarding paying guest clinicians if the conventions are not held. Connie stated this item would be discussed in July at the State Executive Directors meeting. She would let us know what is decided.

**B. New Teachers meeting**

1. Bill Schick stated there will be a new teachers meeting for the Northwest and Southwest Districts to be held in Cimarron, Kansas sometime in September.

2. Northwest District will still have the new teacher/mentoring dinner October 18, 2020 in Phillipsburg, Kansas. All board members are invited to attend.

3. Randy Sauer recommended having a zoom meeting sometime in August for new teachers to answer questions or give suggestions for the start of the school year.

**C. Auditions or Participation fees**

It was decided to wait until next year to discuss this item.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
Northwest District Executive Director