

NW KMEA SPECIAL MEETINGS
June-November, 2020

This year has been a different kind of a year with everyone dealing with COVID. There are numerous decisions that were made throughout the summer and fall regarding the northwest district.

1. At the summer board meeting the board was informed that Fort Hays University would not be able to host the December Convention and Hays High School was not sure if they could host the November Convention. The State Board would make a decision by September 15th as to whether they would hold the ISW in person or virtual. It was decided by the Northwest Board to wait until the States Board's decision as to whether to cancel in person for the Northwest District Conventions. Until then members would look into alternate places to have the conventions.
2. Due the in-person conventions being cancelled the following motion was passed by the board regarding payment of clinicians and accompanists. (This was also passed by the State KMEA Board.)

Motion: In the event of cancellation of the Northwest KMEA Honor Groups in- person for the November and December Mini-Conventions occurs more than a year in advance of the event, clinicians and accompanists will not be paid their contracted fee. If cancellation occurs less than a year but more than 30 days before the event, clinicians and accompanists will be paid half of their contracted fee. If an event is cancelled less than 30 days in advance of the event, clinicians and accompanists will be paid their full contracted fee.

3. In September the State Executive Board voted to hold the ISW virtually in February.
Motion; Don Mordecai made the motion that Northwest KMEA cancel in-person conventions for the Northwest District and move to some sort of virtual format due to Covid and no Sites available. Joey Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following items were decided by the Board:

- a. There would be no elementary choir
- b. High Jazz Band, Junior High Choir and Junior High Band would have auditions and names only would be listed.

It was decided that the clinicians for each of these groups would present a 45-60 minute virtual clinic on the original date scheduled for the November Convention. (Nov. 7).

- c. High School Choir and High School Band would audition using Festival Scores for both groups. Jessica Hakoda (choral chair) will let directors know audition process, as when students audition for district choir they will also be auditioning for state choirs. It was discussed at length and decided High School band and choir students selected for district will perform virtually “Over the Rainbow” having Thomas Hays from Wichita put the recording together and then show it sometime in January.
 - d. Vesta Jo Still would contact Darren Jenkins arranger of “Over The Rainbow” to see if he would present a clinic. It was agreed to pay him \$200.00 for his services.
4. November special meeting
- a. A special meeting was held in November regarding the virtual performance of Over the Rainbow by the High School Honor Band and Choir.
 - b. Matt Rome and Alex Underwood worked on the tempo markings to give to Thomas Hays of Wichita.
 - c. After much discussion it was decided it would not be feasible to put together a virtual recording with the High School band and choir.
 - d. It was decided that the High School Band clinician (Shawn Knopp), Choral Clinician (Ryan Beeken) and Darren Jenkins would give 45-60 minute virtual presentations on December 12th. Also on the December 12th virtual Convention will be the awards for four year participants in all high school honor groups along with the Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship recipients and the Outstand Music Educator recipients.
 - e. It was decided that the High School Band and Choral clinicians would be paid the total amount due to the virtual concert not being cancelled prior to 30 days before Convention. Also the High School accompanist would be paid half of the contract amount.
 - f. A business meeting will also be held virtually also.

Respectfully submitted,
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