

**NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**December 10, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Katrina Long –High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. High School Honor Band-Katrina Long Chair
  - A. Clinician-Randy Fillmore-Lawrence, Ks
  - B. Assistant-Kristi Reneberg
  - C. Talked about instruments that auditioned for high school honor band.
    1. 27 schools represented
    2. Full sections of flute, oboe, all saxophones, trumpet, tuba and percussion
    3. Desperately need clarinets, French horns, Euphonium, trombones and bassoons
    4. Total 81 auditioned, 72 selected
  - D. The deadline was met by all schools entering.
  - E. Katrina thanked all that helped judge high school honor band auditions. She stated that she hated to double up on some of the instrumental judging, but luckily it worked out. Without the directors being able to help this would not have been possible.
  - F. Beginning in 2017 Festival Scores will be used for High School Band auditions. (Troy Johnson-State Webmaster was available to explain how Festival Scores works and to answer any questions)
  - G. By using Festival Scores for auditions directors will be freed up to help with High School Choir Live Auditions.
  - H. A vote was taken by teachers that on Festival Scores to use two judges per instrument.
  - I. Audition Deadline needs to be earlier so music can be handed out at the November Mini-Convention

J. There was a concern that the using the state music as audition music was too difficult for Northwest students and therefore many students are not evening attempting to audition. After much discussion motion was made.

**\*\*MOTION-Kristi Vetter made the motion to keep the same audition music rotation but have teachers assess the cuts.**

**Seconded-Kevin Pham**

**Motion carried.**

**Note: It was decided to use teachers who were fluent on certain instruments to assess the cuts. For example-Kathy Amrein-Bassoon and Oboe. Katrina will compile a list of teachers to assess the cuts.**

- II. Junior High Honor Band-Kathy Dreiling-Amrein chair
  - A. Assistant-Kevin Pham-Plainville
  - B. Clinician-Kim Harrison-Kansas City
  - C. 23 schools participated
  - D. 140 auditioned
  - E. 90 Students selected
  - F. Past President-Vesta Jo Still suggested that the junior high audition material needs to be assessed also. There are many of the parts that are way too difficult for junior high.
  
- III. High School Jazz Band-Jill Nichols/Kristi Vetter
  - A. Assistant-Matt Rome-Hays
  - B. Clinician-Arthur White-Columbia Missouri
    - a. 8 schools participated
    - b. 18 students
    - c. Need more schools to audition
    - d. Matt stated improvisations should be optional on the district level. Need to be stated on the Website.**
    - e. Kristi Vetter commented on how important Jazz Band music is and emphasized to all teachers need to have students audition for the District Honor Jazz Band. If teachers have questions or need help with the jazz band audition music to please contact her.

IV. Bill Schick talked about the mentoring program

A. Bill told about the new teacher/mentor dinner held in Phillipsburg at beginning of the year.

B. Bill asked if there were any new teachers who had not been contacted about having a mentor.

V. Stacey Williams-Northwest President thanked Katrina for her service as High School Band Chair.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
NW District Manager