

NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 3, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Lucas Burmeister–High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

- I. LUCAS had all the directors introduce themselves and tell where they taught.

- II High School Band-Lucas Burmeister
 - A. Assistant-Max Befort
 - B. 88 signed up, 78 completed auditions
 - C. 66 selected
 - D. 21 schools
 - E. Troy sent out audition numbers for the last two years. Auditions up 40 from 2020 Covid year. From the last seven years 2017 was the most auditions at 135.
 - F. Instrumentation-8 clarinets. Need more low clarinets
 - G. Biggest concern horn and tuba
 - H. A question was asked regarding are there rules regarding the recording process. **NO METRONOMES TO BE USED DURING RECORDING**
 - I. The State has adopted scales for All-State tryouts. Does Northwest want to adopt the chromatic scale from the state sheet?

****Motion**

Vesta Jo Still made the motion for Northwest KMEA not to use a metronome for auditions but will use the chromatic scale that was adopted by the state. This is for high school Concert band only.

Billy Wicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- III. High School Jazz Band-Randy Sauer
 - A. Assistant-Brad Persinger
 - B. Clinician-Randy Crow-McPherson
 - C. Students auditioned-13
 - D. Students selected-11
 - E. Schools represented-9
 - F. Need more students to audition
 - G. No drum set, piano or guitar
 - H. Alan Brockmeir - drum set
Student from Fort Hays-piano
Randy Sauer played guitar

- IV.** Junior High Band-Matt Rome
- A. Assistant-Carrie Goodson
 - B. Clinician-Dr. Keith Dodson-Bethany College
 - 1. 111 entries
 - 2. 18 schools represented
 - 3. 72 students selected.
 - 4. Need to focus is on getting more to participate.
 - 5. Concern expressed that the music was too easy for an honor band
 - Some students felt because of the easy music not an honor to play in the band.
 - concern that a lot of the percussion could not play due to music
 - 6. It was suggested that there be guidelines for Middle school band for chair and clinician.

****MOTION**

Vesta Jo Still made the motion that music for Middle Level Honor Band be at least a grade level of 1 ½ and not more than a level 3. Shawn Shipley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*****MOTION**

Billy Wicks mad the motion that music for the High School Honor Band be at least a grade level of 2 to 3 ½ repertoire and not to exceed a level 4. Jordan Riggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- V.** Other
- A. New audition music for High School Band will be out starting 2023. It will be previewed at February ISW.
 - B. KBA Convention is July 12-15 2023 in Wichita
 - C. New director of boot camp-May 27 at Senseney-Contact Kristi Vetter
 - D. Deadlines must be observed.
 - E. Hall of Fame deadline is January 6.
 - F. More presenters are needed for KBA

Meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
NW Executive Director