

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
**June 23, 2022 3:00 pm**  
**Hilton Garden Inn-Hays, Ks.**

**Northwest District President, Joey Nickols called the meeting to order.**

Joey welcomed everyone and asked everyone present to introduce themselves and state where they teach.

Board members present were:

President-Joey Nickols

President-elect-Alex Underwood

Past-President--Don Mordecai-Norton

Executive Director-Connie Reishus-Plainville

High Band Chair-Lucas Burmeister

High School Choral Chair-Michael Davidson

Junior High Choral Chair-Kathy Conway

Assistant JH Choral -Annie Adams

Elementary Choir Chair-Cindy Root

High Jazz Chair-Randy Sauer

Junior High Band Chair & Nov. site Coordinator-Matt Rome

State Webmaster-Troy Johnson

**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 explained that Northwest District did better this year even though honor group numbers were down. She explained that as of 6-23-2022 the balance in the Northwest District checkbook was \$8944.27. Northwest District KMEA also has a \$3148.99 in a savings account. Connie explained that she cashed in the \$5000.00 CD as it had come due and money was needed for the December concert. She opened a savings account to put the money from the CD in.

**\*\*Motion: Matt Rome made the motion to accept the financial report. Michael Davidson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **IV. Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Forms**

1. Joey stated the above forms must be completed and turned into the Executive Director each year for every voting member of the Board.

#### **V. NWKMEA 2021-2022 Board Members**

1. Officers (\*=voting members as identified in bylaws)
  - a. \*President-Joey Nickols
  - b. \*President-elect-Alex Underwood
  - c. \*Past President-Don Mordecai
  - d. Executive Director-Connie Reishus
  - e. \*HS Band Chair-Lucas Burmeister
  - f. Asst. HS Chair-Max Befort
  - g. \*HS Choir Chair-Michael Davidson
  - h. Asst. HS Choir Chair-Emily Stefen
  - i. \*HS Orchestra Chair-Joan Crull
  - j. \*HS Jazz Chair-Randy Sauer
  - k. Asst. HS Jazz-Brad Persinger
  - l. \*JH Band Chair-Matt Rome
  - m. Asst. JH Band-Carrie Gooden
  - n. \*JH Choir Chair-Kathy Conway
  - o. Asst. JH Choir-Annie Adams
  - p. \*Elementary Choir Chair-Cindy Root
  - q. Asst. Elementary Choir-Paul Prevo
  - r. Advocacy Chair-Bill Schick
  - s. \*Mentoring Chair-Bill Schick
  - t. November Site Coordinator-Matt Rome
  - u. December Site Coordinator-Terry Crull
  - v. Webmaster-Troy Johnson

#### **B.State KMEA Information**

##### **1. 2023 KMEA ISW Feb. 23-25**

- a. Joey asked board members their opinion in regards to ISW an earlier start times to allow more practice time for honor groups. Joey stated the string players really would like to start earlier. Northwest district board members thought it would be ok to start earlier.

- b. State Clinicians are;
  - 1. Elem. Choir-Jim Papoulis
  - 2. Middle Level Choir-Kristina MacMullen
  - 3. 1234A Band-Tonya Mitchell-Spradlin
  - 4. 56A Band-Paula Crider
  - 5. HS Mixed Choir-Randall Stroope
  - 6. HS Treble Choir-Michael Habawait
  - 7. Full Orchestra-Joseph Young
  - 8. String Orchestra-Apo Hsu
  - 9. Jazz-Matt Harris
  - 10. 12A Honor Band-Michael Sweeney
- c. Submit clinic session proposals
  - 1. Due by Oct 1
    - a. State affiliate groups and advisory boards choose sessions, NOT state KMEA
  - 2. If you send in a proposal, it is suggested to let Joey know so he can lobby on your behalf.
- d. Submit for ISW Performance Groups  
This was due in May. If you submitted a group but did not get in this year try again next year. More Elementary Choirs and Middle Level Groups are needed. Joey suggested NW District needs to have more groups represented.
- e. KMEA has already created a Twitter page for NW District. Erik Stone oversees all KMEA related social media platforms NW KMEA twitter is @nwkmea.

## **2. CODA GRANTS**

- a. Grants are available for up to \$200 “for a creative project that enhances curriculum.
  - (1) Cindy Root-Claflin received one last year.
- b. Forms will be made available at:  
<https://ksmea.org/resources/coda-grant/>
- c. First round is due October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **3. State Scholarships@KMEA Level**

- a. <https://ksmea.org/scholarships>
  1. All State Groups Scholarships are for HS students Enrolling in Music Ed. a 4 year Kansas College
  2. Robert and Myrabel Hollowell Scholarship Goes to a college junior
  3. Don and JoAnn Corbett Scholarship Goes to a student teacher-\$500.00
  4. KMMA Scholarship-goes to a college senior

Joey suggested these scholarships are available and if any teachers in Northwest knew of someone deserving of any of these please submit their names.

### **4. Instrumental auditions**

- a. Scale sheets have been added for each instrument and can be printed off for your students to use.
- b. KBA is continuing their work on creating the new audition material and is anticipating it to be ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **5. KMR (Kansas Music Review) Submissions**

- a. In addition to the regular articles, they are looking for middle level topics as well.

### **6. KSHSAA**

- a. Nationwide, this year's 6-8 graders are the smallest classes coming up.
  1. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is the smallest, then 7<sup>th</sup> grade is a little larger, then 6<sup>th</sup> grade, then back to more "normal" sized classes.
    - a. Keep this in mind when talking with administrators and counselors regarding why group sizes may be smaller.
    - b. Continue to follow this trend throughout. Bands and music classes will be smaller.
- b. Wet bulb globe temp monitors
  1. NFHS Foundation is sending them out to all HS hopefully by August 1.

- a. A WBGT device is a measurement tool that uses ambient temperature, relative humidity, wind and solar radiation from the sun to get a measure that can be used to monitor environmental conditions during exercise.
  - b. KSHSAA is writing a grant to get them for MS/JH.
  - c. See the KSHSAA website by around July 1<sup>st</sup> to see how to use them.
2. Page 15 of the music manual regarding large groups and Choirs.
- \*\*\*\* a. Schools may enter a total of three (3) large choral groups but no student shall participate as a member of more than one mixed chorus, tenor'/bass choir or treble choir **with the exception of students who are academically(officially) enrolled members of more than one chorus or choir.**
3. 2022 Performing Arts Conference.
- a. The Music Arts Conference will be held in person September 20-21, 2022 in Denver, Colorado, Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center.

## **7. Jeff Jordan Composition Competition**

- a. The state KMEA Board voted in February to rename the Composition in Dr. Jordan's memory.

## **8. All State Choir Formula**

- a. The NW District maintained our octets for the mixed choir. (SATB-16)
- b. However, we lost a quartet to the Southeast district for the treble choir. (3997 students counted), 5154 students in Northwest district. (TREBLE-12)
- c. 21 schools in our district did not have a student participate in auditions for high school choir.
  - 1) If we encourage those 21 schools to have a student audition, their total enrollment of their School would count towards our numbers which could give us a possibility of more spots.
  - 2) The state choirs are figures based on 1/2 population and 1/2 auditions.

- 3) Northern Valley, Beloit St. John, Cheylin, Brewster. Heartland Christian (Colby), Ellis, Grainfield/Wheatland, Hays Kansas Academy Of Math & Science (FHSU), Hoxie, Natoma, Oakley, Osborne, Palco, Rexford, Golden Plains, Smith Center, Tipton Catholic, Victoria, Weskan, Winona, and Triplains.

## **9. Liability Insurance**

- a. Just a reminder that KMEA purchases liability insurance through NafME. It covers lawsuits brought against leaders for decisions made as part of Board service.
  1. It is a gift KMEA is giving to the District and Affiliate Boards.
    - a) Any person who is elected to the Board and is a voting member is covered.

## **10.Tri-M**

- a. The state KMEA board voted to, again, support new chapter creation.
  - 1) The state KMEA will pay \$50 towards the creation of a chapter of Tri-M for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

## **C. NW District Information**

### **1. Honored Educator Awards (Don Mordecai)**

- A. Elementary-Megan Riener-Stockton
- B. Middle School-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
- C. High School-Emily Stefan-Goodland
- D. Collegiate-Benjamin Cline-FHSU (low strings)
- E. Administration-Keith Hall-Thunder Ridge

### **2. Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship**

1. Daisy Hawkins-UNK (junior)-Atwood
2. Nathan Leiker-FHSU-(junior)-Hays High
3. Millicent Brown-FHSU-(junior)-Quinter
4. Sierra Portenier-McPherson-4<sup>th</sup> year-Phillipsburg

## **V. Board Report**

### **A. Executive Board**

1. **President**-Joey Nickols
  1. Joey stated that he attended the leadership boot camp early June.
2. **President-elect**-Alex Underwood
  - No report
3. **Past President**-Don Mordecai
  - Had already given a report regarding the Outstanding Music Educators and Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship recipients.

### **B. District Chairs**

1. **HS Band**-Lucas Burmeister
  1. Clinician-Luke Johnson-Olathe, KS
2. **HS Choir**-Michael Davidson
  1. Clinician-Mark Lucas-Bethany College
  2. Accompanist-Luis Reyes-Hays High School
  3. Emily Stefan from Goodland has agreed to serve as choral Assistant.
  4. Michael stated that Northwest needs to seriously consider updating Northwest Districts infrastructure for live auditions. He stated that the CDs and CD players are unreliable and have caused audition irregularities in the past.
  5. He stated auditions should consider quick hits guidelines and procedures for running the audition rooms and judging the singers.
  6. Michael felt an audition fee should be charged to offset some problems the choir has had with cancellations and to improve the auditions.

- E. **HS Jazz**-Randy Sauer
1. Clinician-Randy Crow-retired music educator-Wichita
  2. Randy stated needed to have students audition for Jazz Band.
  3. Troy has updated the Northwest Website with the audition information this year. Northwest will be using the State Jazz Band Audition materials that are online. Randy said he did omit one of the etudes.
- F. **HS Orchestra**-Joan Crull
1. Clinician-Dr. Leonardo Rosario-Kansas Wesleyan
  2. The Northwest District will be hosting the Orchestra this year.
  3. The orchestra will be using festival scores again.
- G. **JH Band**-Matt Rome –Chair as Samantha Lackey has moved out of the district.
1. Clinician-Keith Dodson-Bethany College
  2. Max Befort-Victoria has agreed to be assistant.
  3. Matt stated the clarinets audition music has changed.
- H. **JH Choir**-Kathy Conway
1. Clinician-Shana Lander-Manhattan
  2. Accompanist-Maggie McCain
- J. **Elementary Choir**-Cindy Root
1. Clinician-Lisa Simmelink-Wichita State Univ.
  2. Accompanist-Kayla Wombacher
- K. **Mentoring**: Bill Schick
1. Joey gave the report for Bill. He stated that this is the last year Bill will be mentoring and advocacy chair.
  2. The first and second year teacher dinner will be held October 16, 2022 in Phillipsburg.
- L. **Site Coordinator-Mini-Convention I**-Matt Rome  
Matt stated everything is a go for the November Convention.
- M. **Site Coordinat-Mini-Convention II**-Terry Crull
1. Terry stated December 3, 2022 preparations are set and All room reservations have been made.



### **M. Troy Johnson- State Webmaster**

1. Troy reminded members to renew memberships in NAFME.
2. Screen for District Presidents to monitor memberships.
3. There are clinicians auto biographies in the data base.
4. Tech notices-automation
5. Festival Scores rollovers soon. It will run under a single event tag
6. Troy then explained a new system he set up "Festival Auditions".

Discussion was held regarding a new system called " Festival Auditions" for High School Choir. Troy explained how it would work. It is a tabulation system where judges would program into their phones the results of the students live auditions. The judges would need access to Wifi password at Hays High School.

Event Tag.....RmID.....Access Key

Cost would be HQ only .5 cents per audition

HQ plus .10 cents per audition

The chairman of the choir would do a practice event for the Judges ahead of time so they would know what to do come live auditions. There was much discussion on this system on how this would benefit the choir auditions and how would it be financed. Michael also suggested that instead of using CD players for live auditions that the district purchase blue tooth recorders. Michael will into the cost and where to order them.

The first year Michael stated may have to also use paper ballots Incase there is a problem with the blue tooth devises. Michael State he will do a practice event with the choral judges so they Know what to do the day of live auditions.

**\*\*\*MOTION;** Michael made the motion to use the HQ plus addition of Festival Auditions for the high school choir auditions at the cost of .10 cents per audition. A \$3.00 Audition fee will be used to pay for the Festival Auditions and for the updated software. Joey seconded the motion. Motion carried

## **VI. Old Business**

### **1. Audition fees or Participations fees**

JH Band –currently uses Festival Scores at \$2.00/audition

HS Band-currently uses Festival Scores at \$2.00/audition

HS Orchestra-currently uses Festival Scores at \$2.00 /audition

HS Choir-pays only for Participation

All ensembles pay \$10 participation fees.

2. Should we consider fees to help with making the NW District a little stronger in financial stability.

### **\*\*\*MOTION**

Michael Davidson choral chair made the motion to implement a **three dollar (\$3.00)** for all auditioned ensembles in the Northwest District beginning fall of 2022. (**Junior High Band, High School Band, Orchestra, High School Jazz Band, and High School Choir**)

Note the participation fee will remain at ten dollars (\$10.00) per student and that nominated ensembles will not be affected.

The stated reasons for the implementation of this policy are the Following:

1. To decrease the audition cancellation rate for the HS honor choir.
2. To help pay for new equipment and software that better facilitates the implementation of the auditions.
3. To ensure the continued financial operation and viability of the Northwest District.

With these goals in mind, this policy will be in effect for 2 years and measurable data will be compared each year of the trial to ensure the intended effects were achieved.

Don seconded the motion. Motion carried

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Festival Scores Fee Change**

**\*\*\*Motion-**Michael Davidson made the motion to raise the fee for those ensembles (HS Band, HS Jazz Band, HS Orchestra and JH Band) using Festival Scores to \$3.00 per entry beginning in 2022.

Lucas Burmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. District Auditions**

1. Really push those auditions at all levels.
2. Encourage students to audition for the district honor groups.

**B. District Dropbox**

1. Each chair has a dropbox. Please begin uploading your files into them. The dropbox is located on their KMEA member profile.

**VIII. Important Dates**

**A. Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

**CALENDAR NWKMEA 2022-2023 Proposed Deadline Dates**

Wed. Sept. 28, 2022-JH Band Audition Upload deadline

Thurs. Sept. 29, 2022-HS Jazz Band Upload Deadline

Thurs. Oct. 6, 2022-JH Choir Deadline

Sun. Oct 16, 2022-NW Dist. Fall Mentoring Dinner @ Phillipsburg

Sun. Oct. 9, 2022-HS Choir Audition Registration Deadline (set by State)

Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022-Elementary Choir Registration Deadline

Sun. Oct. 23, 2022-High School Choir Audition Registration- **Late Deadline #1**

Wed. Oct. 26, 2022-HS Band Audition Upload deadline

Wed. Oct. 26, 2022-HS Orchestra Audition Upload Deadline (NW/SW)

Fri. Nov. 4, 2022-High School Choir Audition Registration-**Late Deadline #2**

Sat. Nov, 5, 2022-High School Choir Audition Registration-**Late Deadline #3**

**November 5, 2022-** Mini Convention I, JH Choir, JH Band, HS Jazz Band

Hays High School

**December 3, 2022-**Mini-Convention II-HS Band, HS Choir, Elementary Choir, HS Orchestra-Fort Hays State University-Beach Schmidt Auditorium

**MOTION:** Michael Davidson moved to adjourn. Randy Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
Northwest District Executive Director