

NW KMEA BAND DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 9, 2023
8:30 a.m.

Max Befort–High School Band chair called the meeting to order.

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

- II High School Band-Max Befort
 - A. Assistant-Alex Crowley
 - B. Clinician-Kathy Amrein
 - C. 106 signed up, 103 completed auditions
 - D. 75 selected
 - E. 26 schools
 - F. Troy sent out audition numbers for the last two years.
Auditions are up.
2016-135
2017-99
2018-99
2019-109
2020-41
2021-72
2022-78
2023-103
 - G. .Need more oboe 2, bassoon, clarinets and tubas
 - H. Max suggested to teachers to encourage students
 - I. Deadlines are important please be sure to check them.
NO METRONOMES TO BE USED DURING RECORDING
 - J. The State has adopted scales for All-State tryouts.
Northwest District adopted the All-State Music and it was used this year for tryouts. Along with a chromatic scale Max asked if Northwest wants to adopt using a major scale for tryouts. as that is what the state requires?

****Motion**

Hector Hernandez made the motion for Northwest KMEA continue to use a major scale as an auditioning metric for tryouts. Lucas Burmeister seconded the motion. This is for High School Concert Band only.

- K. Questions were asked regarding were their alternates listed High School band and junior high band.
 - 1. 2 alternates for each section should be listed
 - 2. Send music to alternates
 - 3. Let alternates know day before convention.
- L. KBA-Kelly Burrus
 - Kelly gave a report regarding KBA and encouraged to join KBA and to attend summer convention.
- M. Vesta Jo Still stated there would be on January 15, 2024 a Music Inservice in Phillipsburg presented by Shawn Knopp.

III. High School Jazz Band-Brad Persinger

- A. Assistant-Allen Brockmeier
- B. Clinician-Ben Rohrer-Salina
- C. Students auditioned-20
- D. Students selected-19
- E. Schools represented-10
- F. Brad stated numbers were up. Continue to encourage more students to audition.

IV. Junior High Band-Matt Rome

- A. Assistant-Carrie Goodson
- B. Clinician-Kyle Hopkins
 - 1. 103 entries
 - 2. 20 schools represented
 - 3. 95 students selected.
 - 4. Please encourage more students to participate.
 - 5. Matt felt the students were well prepared and seemed to Really respond to Kyle Hopkins
 - 6. The music was challenging for the students.

V. Other

A. Katrina Long had worked on music for the junior high clarinet audition music as it was very high and difficult. She questioned why the new material she submitted was not used. Need to check into this.

B. 1-2 A Honor Band – Check website for deadline and other information.

Meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
NW Executive Director