

SE KMEA Summer Board Meeting
Minutes
June 8, 2012
Pittsburg, KS

The SE District held their annual summer board meeting at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS on Friday, June 8. The meeting was called to order and facilitated by Gae Phillips, SE District President.

Presidents Report

Gae Phillips reported on the following information from the state KMEA board meeting that was held June 2 and 3 at Friends University, Wichita.

- A motion was passed to move KCOMTEP under the umbrella of KMEA as part of SMTE.
- A motion was passed to rotate the All-State Concert order so that groups take turns going last. Choir will remain either first or last due to setup requirements.
- A motion was passed to adjust on-line KMR advertising rates.
- The KMR is exclusively on-line—NO hard copies will be sent.
- The ISW application for submission of performance at KMEA deadline was moved up a week.
- The deadline for State live auditions will be extended past the \$50.00 deadline up to 10:00 a.m. the day of auditions for a \$100.00 fee.
- KMEA continues to study re-districting.
- KSHSAA is considering allowing three orchestras and bands to large group festival.
- Directors are encouraged to submit articles for KMR focus issues.
- KMEA asks that directors not reserve large groups of rooms at the Hyatt for the ISW. Please cancel the rooms immediately when you know a final count of what you need.

New Business

Reports

Reports were given by all of the chairs and the business manager. Officers present at the meeting were: Dawn Bailey, Greta Adams, Linda Evans, James Fox, Rhonda Allen, Christine Lovell, Robert Walker, Christa Weber, and Ray Essington, Gary McCarty, and Lance Burnett. John Womeldorff, Scott Allison, and Dirk Myers were unable to attend due to a conflict.

Elementary/Middle School Concert Admission

A motion was passed by the board to charge a \$2.00 admission to the Elem/MS Honor's concert. Students and children will be admitted free.

Event Facilities

November Auditions

Auditions will be hosted again by Robert Walker at Parsons High School.

High School Mini-Convention (Band/Choir/Orchestra)

- The December Mini-Convention will be held at Labette County High School with Scott Allison serving as facilities chair.
- Robert Walker reported that he had recently toured Parsons Municipal Auditorium and informed that the venue looked to be suitable. Rehearsal space was available at nearby buildings and he reported that space looked practical as well. Discussion will continue on the possibility of moving the event to this location.

High School Jazz

The SE District Jazz Band will rehearse and perform at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium with the concert shared by Pittsburg State University Jazz Bands.

Elementary/Middle School Event

The Elem/MS event will be held at Chanute High School with Dirk Myers and Lance Burnett hosting as facilities chairs.

Outstanding Educator Nominations

The following were nominated as outstanding SE KMEA Educators. Nominations will be open through August as information must be turned into the state board by October 1.

Jeanne Hoover, Lakeside Elementary, Pittsburg

Jeff Russell, Anderson County Middle School

Erin Shelton, Independence High School

Pat Harry, Hall of Fame

Brad Minor, Chanute Middle School Principal

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Choir Committee

A choir committee was formed last year to discuss and come up with a better audition process. Dawn Bailey reported that the following changes would be implemented this year in order to better facilitate auditions for the choir. Dawn reported that further discussion would be taking place to resolve the lengthy choir audition process.

Changes for this year:

- Will accept 35 per part and then add additions for schools not chosen
- Stress to directors to only send students that are prepared
- If a student fails to sing the first song within the audition, the student will be excused from the audition room

Middle School Band Audition/Nomination Process

James Fox reported that he is compiling a panel to further discuss possible solutions for the middle school band audition/nomination process. The panel will meet at KBA and will bring thoughts/ideas to the middle school directors at the January event.

Advocacy

Advocacy Chair Christa Weber stressed that she would like to see more names from the SE district added to the High Profile Advocacy Network. Christa will be producing a form with information concerning the network in order for directors to better explain the network to possible advocacy candidates.

SE KMEA Director Database

The database of director contact information was reviewed. Information was exchanged on new hires and vacancies throughout the SE district.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
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SE KMEA District President