

## SE KMEA District Minutes

August 6, 2020 via Zoom

### Members Present:

Andrea Dinkel	Willey Abati	Lance Burnett
Neva Rowland	Nancy Riecker	Mary Jo Harper
Aaron Shockley	Seth Harley	Aaron Burke
Lauren Burke	Cooper Neil	Alan Paxson

Members Absent: Megan Gabehart

Special Guests: Troy Johnson

Andrea welcomed everyone to the meeting via Zoom and gave everyone a chance to check in and give an update and catch up on what was happening with everyone.

Andrea introduced Troy Johnson who was present to give the board an overview and demonstration of how an audition event would be run the Festival Scores site remotely, and how it could be used for auditions this fall under the present circumstances surrounding the Covid situation.

### New Business:

#### Recorded auditions for all High School Groups:

Following Troy's presentation, questions were asked and answered, followed by discussion. If the district decided to use Festival Scores for remote auditions, Troy would give an in-depth, detailed training for each of the ensemble chairs. The service will also include data storage and technical support if any questions arise.

Cooper Neil moved that auditions for all High School ensembles be held online for the 2020 auditions through the Festival Scores system. Aaron Shockley seconded, motion passed 9-0.

#### High School Mini-Convention:

Discussion was held concerning the feasibility of having the High School Mini-Convention. The uncertainty of being able to do this safely was the main consideration. Question was posed as to whether or not we would be able to use the facility at PSU and, even if we could use it, would an audience be allowed? Andrea reported that at this time, the facility would be available, but she didn't know about the audience. Concerns were raised over the fact that different schools would possibly handling things differently, students would be required to wear masks and be 6 feet apart which wouldn't be feasible. Also, some districts possibly wouldn't allow students to participate in events such as this. Discussion was held about possibly delaying the event, but the consensus was that having this event in person just wasn't going to be possible. Also, delaying the event could be a problem by running into deadlines and other events that might be held later on in the year if circumstances allowed. The board felt it would be in the best interest for the district to make a decision so directors would know at the start

what to expect and could plan accordingly. Students would still need to audition for district to be eligible for State Ensembles.

Cooper Neil moved that all High School ensembles would be roster only, no in-person mini-convention or virtual event for this year. Aaron Shockley seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Elementary/Middle School Mini-Convention:

Discussion was held considering the elementary/middle school event. For the same reasons, there was concern as to whether this event would be doable. Again, there were some districts that were already told they wouldn't be able to participate and possibly would be more as the year progresses. There was some feeling that it wouldn't be quite right if the high school event was cancelled, but not the elementary/middle school.

Aaron Shockley moved that the January Mini-Convention for Elementary/Middle School Honor Groups be roster only for the year 2020-21. Middle School Band would still do a recorded audition for roster only and the elementary/middle school choirs would be a nomination for roster only. The only fees charged this year will be the \$2 audition fee for the Festival Scores online band audition. There will be no participation fees charged for this year. Aaron Burke seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Other items:

Dates for the 2020-21 year only-

October 21 – November 4: Window open to upload auditions

November 4: Upload deadline\*

November 4 – 11: Judging auditions

\*November 4 will be the only audition deadline this year. (no audition will be accepted after this date)

Audition fees will be the same for High School Auditions: \$5 for Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Orchestra; \$4 for Choir auditions. There will be no late registration fees (this year only) and there will be no participation fee.

Andrea closed the meeting by expressing her gratitude and appreciation for all the extra work the chairs are having to do and difficult decisions having to be made under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Paxson, Executive Director