

SEKMEA District Board Meeting Agenda

June 26, 2023

1:00 p.m. Opies Restaurant-Chanute, KS

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present – Erin Shelton, Shannon Plymell, Theresa Fischer, Cooper Neil, Delani Vogrin, Alan Paxson, Amelia Markley, Danica Gibson, Sydney Shannon, Whitley Chesney, Seth Harley, Megan Gabehart, Andrea Dinkel

Not Present – Christopher Kurt, Matt Carter, Mendy Burnett

2. 2023-2024- SEKMEA Events/Locations

Nov. 4, 2023 - Sat

District Auditions — HS Honor Groups
Pittsburg High School

Nov. 15, 2023 - Wed

Clinic & Concert — HS Jazz Band
Pittsburg State University, Bicknell Center
\$15 participation fee per selected student

Dec. 2, 2023 - Sat

Clinics & Concerts — HS Band, HS Choir, HS Orchestra
Pittsburg State University, Bicknell Center
\$15 participation fee per selected student

Jan. 27, 2024 - Sat

Clinics & Concerts — MS Band, MS Choir, Elementary Choir
Pittsburg Middle School
\$15 participation fee per selected student

- Discuss in December and January about a location and date for the new jazz band/middle school date. Have two items for directors to choose from at the meetings so we can all vote on the date and location.
- Thoughts are for moving the middle school event on a Wednesday in November with the jazz band OR leave everything as is.
- Reach out to the Bicknell (Shawna 620-235-4536 or switherspoon@pittstate.edu) for space. We will need a space for middle school choir, band, elementary choir, and jazz band. Second option could be Memorial and Presbyterian Church.
- Date is November 13th 2024 or January 25th 2025 for corresponding date.

3. Special Guests, if any: No special guests today. (You all are special, I promise)
4. Reports (verbal)
 - Executive Director – Alan Paxson
 - Whistle blower/conflict of interest
 1. Forms sent to everyone to sign and turn in to Alan.
 - Financial report
 1. Alan sent an email with our financial report, please look that over.
 2. Cash Mileage Check
 - District Chairs get information to Troy for the website ASAP
 - Vice President – Megan Gabehart
 - No Report.
 - President-Elect – Christine Lovell
 - No Report.
 - Elementary Choir-Mendy Burnett
 - Mendy is not here, but the clinician is Matthew Schwan.
 - MS Choir – Sydney Shannon
 - Zachary Cook from ICC will be the clinician.
 - MS Band – Delani Vogrin
 - Will Cooper will be the clinician.
 - HS Choir –Theresa Fischer
 - Joshua Donaldson from Emporia State.
 - HS Band – Cooper Neil
 - Andrew Chybowski will be the clinician.
 - Look over band excerpts and any questions or concerns contact Paul Bessetti.
 - Andrea Dinkel stated August 15th is the last date to report any corrections for music. Watch your music!
 - Susan Lauchman has agreed to help with warmups for choir.
 - HS Jazz – Andrea Dinkel
 - Ryan Heinlein will be the clinician.

- HS Orchestra – Amelia Markley
- **Canes Nicholas will be the clinician.**
- **Rachel Dirks will be the clinician for 2024.**
- **Online for auditions this year.**
- **Looking at deadline being November 3rd for Orchestra auditions???**

- Mentoring – Christine Lovell
- **So far we have 12 new teachers in the district.**
- **Working on a Zoom meeting for a hangout in Late August or Early September.**
- **Send emails to Christine for any teachers known joining your district.**

- Advocacy – Christopher Kurt
- **No report.**

- President – Erin Shelton
 - KWBDA-Kansas Women Band Director Association (Jennifer Antonetti)
 - Build camaraderie, mentorship, advocacy, social activities, promote women conductors and women composers. So far Jennifer has formalized the organization, membership, officers, dues, bylaws, KBA rep, affiliated with KBA and they have a Facebook page (Kansas Women Band Directors Association) Her email if you are interested in being a part of this group is: jantonetti@tps501.org
 - Dana Hamant reported that large choral groups will learn 3 pieces for the festival instead of four. One number will still need to be acapella. Choir students may participate in as many groups as they are enrolled in at the festival.
 - Encouragement to ensembles to perform pieces in contrasting styles.
 - Allowing recorded accompaniments in various formats in lieu of a piano accompanist when accompanists are just not available.
 - *The two topics brought up today pertaining to clinic sessions and festival duets will be discussed in the fall. Possibly make the duets for instruments like inst only, ex 2 flutes, 2 trumpets, etc...Get a feeling of what our directors think, no vote yet, just what are the thoughts.*
 - **Pros – Might Work with Limitations, More People May Participate.**
 - **Cons – Time restraints and Judging.**
 - **Suggestion - Maybe do so many entries per school.**

Craig Manteffeul: KSHSAA Changing the rubric for piano festival to make it better for this upcoming year. (still working on it) Numbers were up for all festivals from last year but not as high as pre-Covid. (SB113) Homeschooling changes, there are a lot of unknowns. Happening July 1 2023, be watching for updates.

How we respond to the phone call from homeschooling parents: we follow KSHSAA laws (that is why we are waiting to see) but as of right now KSHSAA does not allow homeschool students to participate. If you have an issue with that, please contact KSHSAA, don't have long conversations with them, just move along. Laura Kelly signed a bill letting homeschoolers pick and choose what high school they can attend for any given sport/music group.

Alex Wimmer: KBA

- *Adding a clinic session opportunity within our State Large Groups Festivals. Would require 5 judges, some facilities don't have the room, would have to start with one group perhaps band for a trial run which would have to be approved by the executive committee at KSHSAA 2) Adding duets as an entry type for Solos and Small Ensembles Festivals. There will be an open discussion on these topics and more.*

12A Band-Barb Elbracht

- The KMEA 12A Honor Band is a nominated honor band for students from 1A and 2A schools. This group is not an "All-State" ensemble as it is not an auditioned group. To be eligible, students from 1A-2A high schools must complete an audition for their KMEA district band or jazz band. Directors will submit nominations to KMEA, and the final roster will be selected from that list. Students will have an opportunity to be in a state-level festival ensemble with an outstanding clinician. The 12A Honor Band will rehearse and perform as part of the In-Service Workshop.
- Nominations will open in the KMEA Members site immediately after the posting of the All-State 1234A Band roster and will be open for 10 days.
- The final list of participating students and alternates will be posted on the KMEA website no later than 5 days after nominations close. Music will be sent to the accepted students before the first rehearsal.
- Schools will be charged a participation fee similar to All-State participation fees.
- Students are required to attend all rehearsals and the performance during the KMEA ISW (refer to All-State rules for accepted excuses to rehearsals).
Students with known conflicts should not be nominated for the 12A Honor Band.

Kick-Off meeting with all directors in August or Early Sept, do we need to do this?

- Other districts do it, not all but many and have break out sessions and talk about auditions, locations, cuts of music, etc...
- **SEKMEA Kickoff with directors – August 23rd. Mentoring Hangout as well. Have handouts of information of**

everything that is going on in the year. Choir, band, and orchestra breakoffs to talk. Christine will find a place to meet and hangout. 6pm.

Randy Fillmore reports:

- By August 15th the music will be posted with no further corrections. So be watching the music for corrections, important for band directors to know.
- KMEA calendar, esp look at the choir deadlines, elem and MS, check everything. State auditions are one week later, Jan. 13 and the fees and late fees. Weather contingency is Jan. 20. Once you hit save on auditions you have to pay no matter if the student backs out or not.
- There will be a medical form added to the All-State group members

Troy Johnson-

- Choir chairs-Nov. 30th deadline to give numbers to Troy Johnson so they can do the “formula”
- Also, to get the quartet/octet #'s up, start recruiting schools that are not participating in the district/state auditions and that will help.
- **Web Cost Increase from 1683-2000. Alan Paxson confirmed that we can afford the price increase. Motion was Megan Gabehart and second was done by Cooper Neil. Everyone was in favor. No disagreements.**
- **Possible way to save money is to cut printing programs in half. Have a QR code for some tech savvy parents but to print some for those who want to have a program for memories.**

Other Info

- October 1 – Hall of Fame, Outstanding Music Educator of the Year, and
- Administrator of the Year nominations due to Mark Gard
- October 1 – 2024 ISW Clinic Proposals due
- Tri-M Chapter of Year: Olathe East: Encourage members to start and continue Tri-M chapters and apply for this award. (cash prize & plaque) **Cooper Neil clapped for this chapter.**
- Card for Lori Supinie signed by the board and send to Senseney (she has a caring bridge)

- John Taylor-resigning from position (moving) applications are going out, trying to have hired by July 15th will be shadowing and take over July 1 2024

5. Old Business

- Email communication – reply all, CC, aliases
 - Make sure you hit reply all so that we are all included in conversations.
 - Chairs always include elects so they learn and know how the system goes.
- No deviation from district policy (audition deadlines, etc)
- Ideas for discussion ** may require motions
 - Festival Scores Fee-we currently pay \$3.00 per audition, any further discussion on this?
 - **We decided not to raise the fee.**
 - Festival Auditions
 - Board discussed Festival Auditions last year and this is what happened: Orchestra is looking into recorded auditions
 - Jazz likes current way
 - Choir wants to keep Festival Auditions
 - Band wants to keep the current way and then re-discuss next year.
 - Motion made to adopt Festival Audition HQ plus for the HS choir and Meredith seconds the motion, passes unanimously. Troy did not vote, and stepped out of the room during discussion.
 - Grades for district Elementary/Middle School Ensembles
 - Are we happy with grade levels offered at the Elementary Choir level?
 - Cindy Rucker mentioned that it is confusing on numbers because of the way buildings distribute grades. Maybe suggesting grades 3-5 for elem choir and 6-8 for middle level choir. This is what happens at the state level. This would be worth asking the teachers in January.

1. What did the teachers decide on in January?

- Number of nominations per school for Elementary/Middle School Ensembles
 - We need to talk with elem/MS teachers about the wordage and numbers of elem and MS choir students that can be nominated for the honor groups. This year will stay the same and it will be discussed for the future.

- We decided to keep it the same this year. Have a discussion in January to talk about maybe a percentage of kids that can be sent to the choir. Total school population would make since. Missouri does this.

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1. Adjourn the meeting

Cooper Neil moved to adjourn the meeting.

Megan Gabehart seconded.