

KMEA SE District Minutes

June 22nd, 2020

Members Present:

Andrea Dinkel	Megan Gabehart	Willey Abati
Neva Rowland	Alan Paxson	Nancy Riecker
Aaron Burke	Aaron Shockley	Seth Harley
Mary Jo Harper	Cooper Neil	Troy Johnson
Jami Kleinert	Lauren Burke	Lance Burnett
Meredith Reid	Brad Harzman	

Members Absent:

none

Special Guests:

none

Andrea welcomed the board to the meeting, and the board introduced themselves.

2020-2021 SEKMEA Events/Locations:

Andrea provided everyone with the dates for our upcoming dates and locations. They are all posted on the website.

Reports:

Executive Director – Alan Paxson:

Alan emailed several documents to everyone. The Whistle Blower/Conflict of Interest document must be signed every year by voting members, so please sign those and get them back to him. Alan shared our financial balance statement as of June 17th. Everything balances out at this point, and there should not be any changes between now and the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. Our net operating income for the year was \$-26.05. For IRS purposes, we need to adopt a records retention policy and an emergency contingency plan.

Vice President – Willey Abati:

none

President-Elect – Megan Gabehart:

Megan attended the state board meeting earlier this month via Zoom, and will attend the next state board meeting in Wichita this July. She thanked Andrea for all her hard work as President.

President – Andrea Dinkel:

Andrea shared the updates from the state board meeting. The state board endorsed KSHSAA's Guidelines for Summer Marching Band Rehearsals. KSHSAA has also shared the NFHS recommendations for instrument cleaning. KSHSAA is currently working to figure out permissions for online solo/ensemble festivals. Two major studies on aerosols and music rehearsals are hoping to have results by July 1st. KSHSAA always posts new information to the top of the KSHSAA.org music page. Always read any emails from Craig or Kathy, and call Craig with any questions about KSHSAA. USD's can choose to be MORE restrictive than state/county guidelines, but cannot be LESS restrictive. Always check with your superintendent for further clarification. If you have extra-duty personnel, they need to be paid directly from a USD account, not a booster account. New grants, called CODA grants, will be available soon for special projects. Members can and are encouraged to write articles for the Kansas Music Review. Kansas submitted 92 entries for all-national NAFME ensembles this year. There has been a change in literature for HS State Choir, so if you have purchased the Daniel Elder piece, you can return it; contact Lori Supine at Senseney Music. A 2nd All-State Orchestra is being discussed, with the same all-state excerpts, and All-State Band is discussing changing percussion auditions to include all 3 instruments.

Elementary Choir – Seth Harley:

Seth reported that Janie Brokenicky will be this year's clinician. She is on faculty at K-State and is the director of the Flint Hills children's choir. Mary Jo asked if we had any plans for changes to this event due to COVID-19. Seth and Andrea confirmed that we are currently going ahead with all events as normal, but will re-evaluate as more guidelines come out from the state.

MS Choir – Lance Burnett:

Lance is talking with Dr. Sharlow at MSSU about being our clinician, but nothing has been agreed on yet. He is hoping to have someone confirmed by the end of the summer. Since Chanute is hosting again this year, he will be working on perfecting the concert rotation and figuring out lunch options.

MS Band – Aaron Shockley:

Aaron asked for a clarification on what we pay clinicians, and what to tell them regarding COVID-19 related questions. Alan clarified we pay middle school clinicians \$375. Troy read the state addendum that was voted on this summer regarding ISW cancelations. The board discussed that we have always paid clinicians the full amount in the event of cancelation, and we expect to continue that policy.

HS Choir – Aaron Burke:

Aaron is in contact with a couple of possible clinicians. He said that last year we started using our online google form rubric and it went very well, however the change of location for auditions might change our ability to do it this way. At the very least, we will use the new rubric in paper form and upload that information into an excel spreadsheet. Andrea asked if the rubric was changed to include the judges name, and Aaron said it will be.

HS Band – Nancy Riecker:

Nancy said the clinician will be Kyle Hopkins from McPherson College. She loved the google form rubric from Choir last year, and would love to see how to do that on the band side. Troy discussed which districts are currently doing online forms, and the difficulties with internet access at sites.

HS Jazz Band – Cooper Neil:

Cooper said the jazz clinician will be finalized soon, and the performance date changed slightly to allow for a little more time between auditions and performance. Troy suggested moving the jazz auditions to online and moving the date up. He said that several districts are currently doing online auditions or will begin this year.

HS Orchestra – Lauren Burke:

Lauren said the clinician is Dr. Mark Laycock from Wichita State. The district prep day went very well last year, and she is hopeful to do that again this year, depending on COVID-19.

Mentoring – Mary Jo Harper:

Mary Jo reported that we have 4 transferring teachers moving into our district that she knows of, and a couple of jobs still available. She also knows of a few teachers in the district. We don't have anyone new in the collegiate world that she knows of, and a few jobs in the district have been reduced. Megan, Andrea, and Jami will still be

mentoring. Pat Harry will be our choral mentor, and Bonnie Kubacka will be helping with elementary mentoring. If you hear of any new teachers or teachers moving to new positions, let Mary Jo know. The first mentoring meeting will be August 1st.

Webmaster – Troy Johnson:

Troy said that all honor group pages have been updated, with TBA if necessary. Please monitor your pages and keep Troy updated with what should be on it. Please send him your clinics picture and profile as well. If you do not have the correct address for your email group, let him know. He is adding the chair-elect as an authorized sender in addition to the chair and executive board. Tell your new teachers to contact Troy using the same email address as their KMEA login so they get put in the appropriate email group(s). Teachers that are changing KMEA districts need to change their NAFME and KMEA registrations. Contact Troy if they have trouble. All directors need to remember to keep their NAFME information correct and active, or they will not be able to register for honor groups, etc. Andrea asked about teachers moving from other state to Kansas. Troy said they need to change their information in NAFME so we can import it.

Old Business:

Email Communication:

Andrea reminded the board that our email system is part of what makes KMEA work so well. Please remember to C.C. emails, and reply all. Please add your assistant chair, if applicable, to any emails you send out, and add Andrea when you send emails to your umbrella aliases. Megan reminded chair-elects that they will receive all the emails for their chair position, but they do not generally need to respond – allow the chair to do that.

Deviation from District Policy:

Andrea said that whatever our district policy is when we leave the meeting, we must follow without exceptions. If you have a situation that you think is valid, contact Andrea or Alan.

Additional Items:

none

New Business:

Recorded auditions for MS Honor Band:

Aaron Shockley said that not much has changed since our January discussion. The idea was pretty well received by the teachers. We have discussed keeping the 2-person guarantee per school and removing the nomination limit, as it would now be an audition. It was also discussed taking excerpts from the concert music and transposing them for all instruments to work on together or taking method book excerpts. Aaron said auditions would be uploaded to the audition site and teachers would be asked to log on and judge auditions. Troy said that some districts have simply copied excerpts from other districts when they began this process. Troy said the audition site allows all these things to occur. Troy also discussed fees and the choice between having audition and performance fees or making it one larger audition fee. Aaron also said that people have expressed concerns over the extra time commitment. He does feel the extra time is worth it, but respects the time concerns people have. In addition, people have expressed concern over differences in recording capabilities. While that is true, it is no different than the unfairness of our current system. Seth spoke to his positive experiences with the audition website. Nancy and Neva spoke positively from the small-school side. Andrea suggested clarifying the 2 guaranteed spots are wind spots, not percussion. Aaron moved to move to recorded auditions in place of nominations for the middle school band for the 2020-2021 school year. Seth seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chair-elect for MS Band:

Andrea asked Aaron Shockley if he recommended a chair-elect for the MS band to assist with the new audition process. Aaron believes that would be helpful, so Andrea will move ahead with that position.

HS Honor Ensemble Chair Discussion:

Andrea said that we need to have a procedure in place for ensemble chair placement for preferences. Andrea would like at minimum a conference amongst the chairs after rosters are created and before they are posted. Troy said that several districts have the policy that rosters go to the executive director and he or she submits them to Troy. The board agreed that the band, orchestra, and choir chairs will have a conference and then submit rosters to Alan and Andrea for a final check before Alan submits them to Troy. This does not apply to jazz, as that performance is on a different date, nor does it apply to middle school ensembles.

Catering Fees:

Andrea asked if we should have a cap on catering fees in place. Alan said we do not currently have a cap on catering fees, but they have been fairly consistent over the years. The board decided not to put a specific amount on the catering, but to have bids accepted or rejected by the executive committee.

Webmaster Fee:

Andrea said that a webmaster fee of \$1500-2000 per district is what Troy has recommended as appropriate for the services he provides. The board discussed what other districts pay him, as well as our concerns for the impact of COVID-19 on this year's finances. Lance moved to increase Troy's webmaster payment to \$1500. Seth seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Additional Items:

Lance moved to approve the minutes from last July's meeting. Aaron Shockley seconded, motion passed unanimously. Aaron Burke moved to adopt the records retention policy. Aaron Shockley seconded, motion passed unanimously. Seth moved to adopt the records and emergency contingency plan. Aaron Shockley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Shockley moved to adjourn. Aaron Burke seconded, motion passed unanimously.