

## **SWKMEA Instrumental Meeting 12-3-2016 @ 9:00am**

Brandon Wade SWKMEA President from Pratt HS started with introductions.  
36 SWKMEA Teachers were present.

### **MaKenzie Johnson (HS Band)**

Dr. Steve Oare from Wichita State University is the HS Band clinician  
110 Auditions from SW KS  
84 Accepted Students to District Band  
82 Students present

### **Summer Miller (HS Orchestra)**

Dr. Jesse Henkensiefken from Kansas Wesleyan University is the HS Orchestra clinician  
60 Auditions from Western Kansas  
48 Accepted Students to District Orchestra  
44 Students present today

### **Festival Scores**

First year of implementation!  
Unanimously “Yes!” to continuing use of Festival Scores  
Dates were addressed, but they must be set with Troy Johnson, KMEA Webmaster. We have to make sure not to overload him throughout the state.  
Brandon would like to keep trying to move the dates a little later.  
Summer interjected that it would be nice for a Monday cut-off rather than Friday?  
Angela Wilczek (Minneola) would like to align cut-off dates.  
It was suggested that audition excerpts be put on separate tracks.  
Lyle Sobba (Garden City) asked that a recording app be built in to the website?  
Jessica Brownlee (Macksville) would like to have the option of several medias for recording.

### **New State Ensemble**

The new state ensemble could open up to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
What do you think about adding 9<sup>th</sup> graders?  
-Excerpt audition cycle would need re-worked...Only 3 cycles (Peter Weinert, Pratt)  
-Might increase the amount of time to listen to auditions (Katie Sperry, Larned)  
-Will it affect all disciplines? (Bob Lee, Pratt-Skyline)  
-It will be voted on in Band, Choir will vote separate-As will orchestra.  
-Concern over different rules for different ensembles.  
-Currently, there is nothing for instrumental at KMEA for 7-9 grades (Elaine Wierman, Ness City)  
-This could open it up for 9<sup>th</sup> graders in instrumental.  
-Lots of Freshman make district and are disappointed when they cannot audition for state. (Lyle Sobba, Garden City)  
-Jodi Reese (Scott City) interjected that KCDA is the group who advocated for this originally. KBA might consider pushing too.

-Discussion of Band versus Choir at the 9<sup>th</sup> level might affect one group or the other when students audition. (Peter Weinert, Pratt)

## **OPEN FORUM**

Gretchen Bixler is here today from Goddard-Eisenhower HS and she is the KMEA President-Elect.

Yvonne Burden asked about Concert Attire issue. Choir is trying to adopt a state-level policy of Black and White required concert attire. Are we going to do it at the district-level.

CURRENTLY @ State Level:

-KMEA All State Band is Concert Black.

-Timing was quick, and some cannot buy the attire on a week's notice. (HollyAnn Sewell, Dodge City)

Vote to adopt Concert Black

Lyle Sobba, Garden City made the motion to vote.

Katie Sperry, Larned seconded the motion.

24 YEA - 5 NAY - 7 ABST

-The attire requirement will be published in the SWKMEA Guidelines at the District Level!

Audition Excerpts for the HS Band

-There are several excerpts that are very difficult in the cycles. It was asked could they be changed. The State level must make their discussion, but we could change the district level.

-Shawn Martin, Lakin said that we have kept them aligned to allow students to measure themselves against the state standard. It separates the can from the cannot at the "state expectation level."

-Katie Sperry, Larned worries about kids becoming frustrated and not even auditioning at the district level.

-Questioned the possibility of a 56A cycle and a 1234A cycle.

-Shawn Martin, Lakin explained that he was on the State Board that it was looked at and it was decided to keep both bands on the same cycles of music.