

SWKMEA Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

10:00am-11:50am

Comanche Middle School Library (Dodge City, KS)

GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

Those present were: Jodi Reese, Whitney Maxwell, Jacob Miller, Hollyann Sewell, Erika Clausing, Lynn Unruh, Jane Vanderhoff, Kim Stewart, Sonya Battin, Brandon Wade, Jeffery Poort, Rachel Trombley, Victoria Stuckenschmidt, Sean Boller, Ryan Partin, and Kelly Knedler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June board meeting)

1. Change to the minutes for the May, 2018 SW KMEA Board meeting that we also have a registration fee of \$11 too.

2. Also, we will need to re-word the Orchestra Chair-Elect

OLD BUSINESS

- Wording of fees
 - The Board discussed the wording of the fees for the SW District. A motion was given by Sean Boller and seconded by Kim Stewart to change the wording of “Registration Fee” to “Audition Registration Fee.” The motion unanimously passed.
 - The Board decided to keep the current progressive fees of \$10-~~\$11~~-\$12-\$13, which are already in place.
- Orchestra length of terms on the SW Board
 - The Board voted to elect a new MS Orchestra Chair-elect and keep HS Orchestra Chair Isaac Enochs as HS Director one more year. Hollyann Sewell so moved and Sean Boller seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

VOTE: A motion to accept these minutes with the two changes was made by BRANDON WADE/RACHEL TROMBLEY, seconded the motion. It unanimously passed.

CHAIR REPORTS

- MS Orchestra – Whitney Maxwell
Clinician – Amanda Peterson, SWMS-Lawrence
- Elementary Choir – Victoria Stuckenschmidt
Clinician – Lisa Simmelink
- Accompanists for Choir

REVIEW OF and NEWS FROM STATE BOARD MEETING

- KSHSAA – possibility of moving some festival dates; north/south configuration; having trouble finding judges, especially for strings
- KSHSAA – possibility of adding guitar to solo/ensemble
- New choir formula
 - Voted to use new formula and recalculate every year
 - Minimums set at 16 (two octets) for mixed and 8 (two quartets) for treble
 - Effect on SW KS
 - Fortunately have Jane Vanderhoff in this district, who has been working with the state the entire time on this change.
- New choir audition procedures – two songs for treble and two songs for tenor/bass; teachers will only have three songs to order/prepare
- Composition contest change – student needs to be from a Kansas school
 - Kids must be from a Kansas school.
- 2019 KMEA – 85th birthday of KMEA
- ISW performance venues and schedule still up in the air
 - The KMEA All State performances will be set time (time-wise) during the next KMEA Board meeting in late-July, 2018.
- Audition alignment committee
 - Information being gathered, try to align all auditions across state
 - Audition procedures changed
 - Act of God policy added
 - o Please read the minutes from the KMEA State Board Meeting in June, 2018 for further clarification.
- 9th grade students added to all ensembles starting with 2019-2020 school year
 - Committee formed to look at options for alignment of choirs
 - Begins Fall 2019, and it will affect our district too.
- Parent receptions were good, but small; more planned for instrumental ensembles for 2019 ISW

OLD BUSINESS

- Elementary Choir format
 - Allowing 5th grade – effect on numbers from each school, other changes
 - The idea behind this is to involve all elementary teachers.
 - Limit all schools to 5 students per school.
 - In essence, Dodge City has 9 elementary schools, so they could essentially send 45 students. This will help open up the enrollment and will possibly increase numbers and widespread participation.

VOTE: A motion was made by RACHEL TROMBLEY/LYNN UNRUH seconded to open Elementary choir in SW KMEA to 5th and 6th grade students where each school has the opportunity to enter up to 5 students (combined 5th/6th) from each school.

- MS Band audition
 - Change chromatic scale for this year
 - Discussion was had about the octaves set for each instrument, how it aligns with rubrics, solid or full range etc.
 - Discussion about how the scale scoring is scored and will be scored.
 - What to put in for next year?

VOTE: A motion was made by HOLLYANN SEWELL/SEAN BOLLER seconded to have a two-octave chromatic scale which is appropriate for each instrument's range to be implemented for 2018-2019 school year SW KMEA Auditions for MS Band. It unanimously passed.

- New fall mentoring event for SW KS – Lynn and Jane
 - September 23, 2018 from 4pm-6pm.
 - For New Music Teachers (1-2 years teaching) and Board members
 - Cimarron High School
 - This will be listed on the www.swkmea.org website
 - There will be including group discussions during this time.
- List of duties from all chairs for website
 - To be completed by August 19, 2018
 - All of these can be found on the www.swkmea.org website under GUIDELINES and TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- Teachers leaving district, names of new teachers
 - Any names to report?
 - At this time Deerfield is looking for a music teacher, Tabitha Richins joins Dodge City.
 - Please let Lynn Unruh and Jane Vanderhoff to collect. They can be reached at: mentoring@ksmea.org

- Piano competition – Brandon, Lynn, Kim, Sonya
 - Barclay College in Haviland, KS is reserved for October 27, 2018 Piano Competition.
 - Open 9th-12th grades only.
 - Register through SW KMEA website
 - Scholarships for places: \$250.00 1st; \$150.00 2nd; \$100.00 3rd
 - Scholarships will not go directly to student, but will go to them upon graduation for college.
 - Hymns, Pop, Country etc. will not be allowed as solo styles
 - Teacher must be a KMEA member in good standing to enroll students.
 - Students must not be a student enrolled in the enrolling teacher's classes.
 - Registration fee will be \$20.00 per student.
 - Dependent upon entries we will have 1 or 2 judges to be paid \$100.00-\$200.00.

VOTE: A motion was made by BRANDON WADE/RACHEL TROMBLEY seconded to create a SW KMEA Piano Competition in Haviland. It unanimously passed.

- Pizza amount for lunches
 - Effect on cost to district
 - We will add chips to the menu and students will get 2 slices of pizza this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Outstanding administrator and teacher nominations
- Looking for nominees currently!
 - ADMINISTRATOR:
 - OUTSTANDING HS EDUCATOR:
 - OUTSTANDING MS EDUCATOR:
 - OUTSTANDING ELEM EDUCATOR:
- Payment for executive director, facilities coordinator, and elementary choir director stipend
 - Other districts pay their executive director around \$1000.00, currently SW KMEA

VOTE: A motion was made by SEAN BOLLER/KIM STEWART to raise salaries for SW KMEA Executive Director to \$1000.00 and Facilities Director to \$500.00 to compete with all other districts in the state. It passed unanimously.