

NEKMEA Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, June 10, 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Lawrence High School

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Executive Board Present:**
 - B. Board Members Present:**
 - C. Board Members Absent:**

- II. Approval of Minutes** (*requires a motion*)
 - A. Motion to approve from Rachel Naughtin**
 - B. Motion passed? Yes**

- III. Introductions and Announcements**
 - A. NEKMEA 2024-2026 Board**
 - 1. Executive Committee
 - 2. Ensemble Chairs and Chair Elects
 - 3. Introductions of Advisory Chairs - Elise Peterson, not present
 - 4. Introduction of Employees Present

 - B. Upcoming Events and Deadlines**
 - 1. **September Dinner Meeting** - September 9, 2024 at Lawrence High School
 - a) New Teacher Meeting at 5:15pm
 - b) Dinner at 6:00pm
 - c) General Business at 6:45pm
 - d) Breakout Sessions at 7:00pm
 - 2. **HS Choir Registration Deadline:** Sunday, October 6, 2024
 - 3. **HS Band, Jazz Band, and ML Band Registration Deadline:** Thursday, October 10, 2024
 - 4. **HS Orchestra, ML Orchestra, and Elem. Orchestra Registration Deadline:** Sunday, October 13, 2024
 - 5. **ML and Elem Choir Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024
 - 6. **District Live Auditions:** Saturday, November 9, 2024
 - 7. **NEKMEA Mini-Convention:** Saturday, December 7, 2024

C. Meeting Logistics

1. Voting Members - Executive board and ensemble chairs for all levels. Everyone including voting and not voting members are encouraged to participate in discussion.
2. Making a motion - For note-taking purposes, please state your name when making your motion. All motions require a “second”, so state your name as well when you second. After the mention and second, there will be a discussion period. After discussion, we will vote on the motion.

IV. Reports:

A. Executive Committee

1. [President - Mariah Barnett](#)
 - a) KSHSAA Music Manual updates regarding duets
 - b) NFHS Pilot program - contract teachers filling vacant positions
 - c) ISW Update - early start; \$10 cost increase; HS/Tri-M students attend free
 - d) Medical forms for All-State musicians
 - e) All-State rehearsal process - no Thurs/Fri evening rehearsals; allowance for State Bowling students to miss some rehearsal
 - f) How to get more high school students interested in music education
 - g) All-State Live Auditions @ Salina Central HS
 - h) Change for percussion All-State auditions
2. President Elect - Jayme Malsom
 - a) No report
3. Vice President - Becky Thomas
 - a) No report
4. Executive Director - Mike Jones
 - a) Financial update (July 1 - June 30)
 - (1) Starting balance 24,320
 - (2) Ending balance - 33,487
 - (3) Withdrawals - 23,273
 - (4) Deposits - 32,441
 - b) Registration/door donations 19-20, 20-21, 22-23, 23-24
 - (1) Band 11K, 9K, 9K, 10K
 - (2) Choir 12.2K, 10.3K, 11.9K, 12.1K
 - (3) Orch 5.7K, 5.2K, 5.5K, 6.1K
 - c) Mutual fund - \$58.6K
 - d) Chair responsibilities - acquire clinician; help guide with repertoire selection; Mike’s role in coordinating clinician;

B. District Chairpersons

1. [1234A High School Band - Steven Rathert](#)
 - a) Greg Scheetz - chair elect
 - b) Lee Hartman - clinician
2. [56A High School Band - Sarah Grose](#)
 - a) Positive improvements over the last couple of years
 - b) Reached out to several clinician options
 - c) Jared Prost - chair elect
 - d) Preparing teachers for upcoming percussion changes
 - e) Cuts announced by the business meeting
3. [High School Jazz Band - Garrett Jones](#)
 - a) Adam Larson - clinician
 - b) Charles vanMiddlesworth (Tonganoxie) - chair elect
 - c) Provide clarity for auditions
 - d) Encourage auditions to students
 - e) Need updates to Jazz website wording
 - f) Jazz rehearses night before therefore can be in both jazz and band for District
4. [Middle Level Band - Colin Watgen](#)
 - a) Justin Kline - chair elect
 - b) Two potential clinicians
 - c) Potential band change from 7th/8th band to separate 7th and 8th grade bands; eliminate 9th grade as “middle level” and recategorize as HS
 - (1) Requires an update in policies and procedures
 - (2) Motion by Collin Watgen to reclassify middle level bands as one 7th grade and one 8th grade band when we get to old business
5. [High School Choir - Rachel Naughtin](#)
 - a) Brian White - chair elect
 - b) Sight singing stats
 - c) 183 voice district choir
 - d) Potential for a treble choir in the future
 - e) Colin Knoth - clinician
 - f) Joe Piontek - accompanist
6. [Middle Level Choir - Zack Shoemaker](#)
 - a) Zack absent - Garrett Viets, chair elect, filling in
 - b) Greg Bontrager - clinician
 - c) Potential change to registration from SSAATB + two alternates to SSAATTBB

- d) Should ML choir continue to include 9th grade?
 - e) Update to language regarding changed voices?
 - f) Change to schedule needed to avoid director meeting at same time as student break
 - g) Requesting previous years' programs for Bontrager to review repertoire
 - h) Will gather data at the September meeting about changing sextet/octet, or grade levels etc.
7. [Elementary Choir - Pete Gipson](#)
- a) Sarah Walker - chair elect
 - b) Kelli Baker - clinician
 - c) Becky Kunard - accompanist
 - d) Continue to give 6th grade unchanged voices opportunity to be in elem choir
8. [High School Orchestra - Ryan Mosatto](#)
- a) Chris Kelts - clinician
 - b) - chair elect
 - c) No procedure changes
 - d) Policy wording change - allow "up to 5 students" represented
9. [Middle Level Orchestra - Whitney Maxwell](#)
- a) Katherine Anderson - chair elect
 - b) Joseph Keeney - clinician
 - c) Seeking teacher feedback from teachers
10. Da Capo Orchestra (Elementary) - Dan McCready
- a) Isabelle Luckman - chair elect
 - b) Martha Barnhill - clinician
 - c) No policy/procedure changes
 - d) Potential need for clarity regarding "Elem orch" and "Da Capo (Elem) orch"

C. Advisory Personnel

- 1. Mentoring Chair - Elise Peterson, Olathe South
 - a) Not present
- 2. [Advocacy Chair - Aimee DeSotel](#)
 - a) Kansas MEA ranked 10th in country
 - b) CMENC ranked 6th
- 3. Music Merchant Rep - Todd Manning
 - a) Not present

D. Employees *(No formal report expected, but feel free to share)*

- 1. Secretary - Allison Enneking
 - a) No report

2. Webmaster - Troy Johnson
 - a) Not present

V. Old Business *(May require a motion if making a change to policy)*

- A. Reminder to reach out to new NE district teachers.
- B. [Job Descriptions Information Page](#)
- C. Honors Ensemble Information Page Coming Soon!
- D. Reformation of the middle level and 9th grade band
 1. [Survey Results](#)
 - a) Motion Collin Watgen to reclassify middle level bands from one 7th/8th grade band and 9th grade band to one 7th grade and one 8th grade band. The nomination procedure will select at least one student from each school per ensemble. Schools can nominate 12 students per ensemble. Selection is at the discretion of the chairperson.
 - b) Second by Ryan Mosatto
 - c) Discussion:
 - (1) Would not include 9th graders
 - (2) Same nomination procedure
 - (3) Aim to accept 2 students from each school per ensemble; schools can nominate 12 students per ensemble
 - d) Ryan Mosatto moves to vote
 - e) Second by Jayme Malsom
 - (1) Motion passes

VI. New Business *(May require a motion if making a change to policy)*

- A. Site host changes (procedure not policy change)
 1. Washburn Rural High School - Tyler Kuder
 2. Topeka High School - Marisol Chavez
- B. Excused absences from District Ensembles and policy regarding recorded auditions and what exceptions are allowed. (Policy change)
 1. No change
- C. Chair elect candidates requiring a short bio and a picture (procedure not policy change)
 1. Approved
- D. Chair elect voting during September meeting (procedure not policy change)
 1. Will happen every other year
 2. Need info gathered regarding NEKMEA awards
- E. Change in high school orchestra policy verbiage.

1. Motion by Ryan Mosatto - I motion to strike the verbiage “The NEKMEA High School Orchestra will allow each school participating in auditions to have up to five (5) students from their school represented in the NEKMEA High School orchestra (New in 2023)” and change it to “The NEKMEA High School Orchestra will allow each school participating in auditions to have a minimum of five (5) students from their school represented in the NEKMEA High School orchestra at the discretion of the High School Orchestra Chair (New in 2024).
2. Second by Pete Gipson
3. Discussion
 - a) Might decrease need for director/chairperson discretion regarding representation from each school
 - b) Concerns regarding lack of feedback from district orchestra directors
4. Motion stricken - tabled until September

VII. Recap and Adjournment (*Requires a motion*)

- A. Motion by Becky Thomas
- B. Second by Jayme Malsom