

District Band Vice President Report

SCMMEA District #9 Meeting

MMEA Convention

Saturday - January 22nd, 2020

A. THANK YOU -

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this year's District Band a success.

B. AUDITIONS -

- a. Audition numbers are provided below. This information will be sent out to the District for reference. Just read the bolded totals.

b. Concert Band Auditions *(2018)*

- i. **398 TOTAL** students registered for Concert auditions **409**
1. **41 Schools** registered for Concert auditions **47**
 2. **50 Cancelled** Concert auditions **43**
 3. **348 TOTAL** Concert auditions **366**
 - a. 2 Piccolos 4
 - b. 49 Flutes 42
 - c. 10 Oboes 8
 - d. 6 Bassoons 7
 - e. 14 Bass Clarinets 15
 - f. 3 Alto Clarinets 2
 - g. 7 Contra clarinets 5
 - h. 59 Soprano Clarinets 61
 - i. 35 Alto Saxes 27
 - j. 16 Tenor Saxes 17
 - k. 13 Bari Saxes 11
 - l. 39 Trumpets 43
 - m. 23 Horns 30
 - n. 36 Trombones 28
 - o. 15 Baritones 13
 - p. 16 Tubas 16
 - q. 32 Opt 1 9
 - r. 10 Opt 2 20
 - s. 8 Opt 3 8

c. Jazz Band Auditions *(2018)*

- i. **95 TOTAL** students registered for Jazz auditions **108**
1. **13 Schools** registered for Jazz auditions **14**
 2. **6 Cancelled** auditions **11**
 3. **89 TOTAL** Jazz auditions **97**
 - a. 11 Alto Saxes 14
 - b. 13 Tenor Saxes 14

c.	6 Bari Saxes	8
d.	19 Trumpets	20
e.	25 Trombones	25
f.	3 Piano	4
g.	5 Drumset	3
h.	3 Vibes	2
i.	3 Guitar	3
j.	7 Bass	4

d. General Comments

- i. If you have not paid for auditions please contact Lauren Wilson, Treasurer to resolve this ASAP.
- ii. Things seemed to run very smooth
- iii. Auditions were done very quickly - Once again, everyone was gone by around 8:00pm
- iv. As we discussed in last week's meeting, weighting can be added individually by those judging. This will help us to not alter the system.

C. JOHN EAST AWARD -

- a. Congratulations again to Craig Finger from Nixa for receiving this year's award! I can't think of anyone more deserving.

D. ERNIE PRATT SCHOLARSHIP -

- a. Congrats to Geneva McDaniel from Buffalo High School
 - i. Gina, don't forget to send her class schedule to myself or Lauren once she registers at MSU.
- b. Do you like the Google Form/Online format?
- c. Thinking of eliminating the questions portion of the application... Kids either have nothing to write about in their essay after answering them or they repeat themselves. Thoughts?

E. CLINIC & PERFORMANCE -

- a. Unfortunate that we had to postpone...
- b. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding
- c. Clinicians thoroughly enjoyed working with the students. They were very complimentary!
 - i. However, Allshouse did spend a lot of time working notes and rhythms. As directors, it's hard to find time to work with all of the students on the music prior to the event. At least ask students how they are doing on the music to see their progress... This will help remind them how important it is.
- d. Please make sure that you are reading emails and looking over music. There were some things that were forgotten or overlooked because of this.
 - i. Several percussionists didn't bring the items they were instructed to
 - ii. Trumpets did not have straight mutes
 - iii. Alternates had wrong music
- e. Apologize about the lunch situation...
 - i. I will push for us to use the cafeteria in the future. The Wellness Center is not a good substitution for 200 students...

- ii. Zastoupil released the Honor group 10 minutes early causing moderate chaos among the cafeteria workers.
- iii. Thank you to the directors who helped organize the pizzas while I was taking care of the clinicians.

F. CLINICIAN RECOMMENDATIONS -

- a. Past suggestions
 - i. Jeremy Ford - Springdale HS - Springdale, AR
 - ii. Tim Hendrix - Bentonville HS - Bentonville, AR
 - iii. Dr. Belongia - Arkansas Tech - Russellville, AR
- b. Any new ones?

G. MEETING DISCUSSION POINTS -

- a. Auditions will REMAIN on election day.
 - i. Judges will bring their own room monitors! Thank you Rick Castens for the suggestion!
- b. If the All-State Band chooses to add the remaining scales to the audition material we will continue to keep our rotation as is until it is proven and concrete.
 - i. We will discuss making a change at a later date.
- c. As of right now, we are moving forward using corresponding dates for all District Band related events...
 - i. In order to be able to obtain clinicians for next year's performance, I have to move quickly. I have already been seeking them out during the conference. They have to know the correct date in order to plan.
 - ii. All discussion points from the meeting will be taken into consideration and more research will be done. Before a final decision will be made.
 - iii. There are many things to consider when it comes to making such a significant change, which is why it took the previous board several years to do it.
 - iv. I plan to have a round table discussion on the matter at the Summer Meeting in August. Please spread the word and plan to attend.
 - v. Thank you so much for your input.

H. NEXT YEAR'S EVENT DATES -

- a. Auditions - Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020
- b. 1st Rehearsal - Saturday, January 9th, 2020
- c. Clinic / Performance - Saturday, January 16th, 2020
 - i. Dr. Amy Knopps
 - ii. Ken Hansen
- d. Makeup Date - Saturday, January 23rd, 2020