

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2018 MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2018

Lincoln, Nebraska

The 2018 Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Music Advisory Committee met on May 21, 2018 at the NSAA offices in Lincoln, Nebraska. Those present were the following:

District I - Jim Kucera, Waverly High School
District II – Doran Johnson, Omaha Westside High School
District III – Chad Dean, O’Neill High School
District IV – Teresa Rotert, Hershey
District V—Dale Ritter, Alma High School
District VI – Sharon Hoffman, Bayard

NSAA – Dan Masters, NSAA Assistant Director
Cindy Callaway, NSAA Administrative Assistant

NMEA - Jeff Mount, NMEA President

NSAA Assistant Director Dan Masters called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this 2018 NSAA District Music Coordinators Committee meeting was to evaluate the District Music Contests that were held April 16-21, 2018 and to plan for the 2019 Contests. Reports and discussion on the District Music Contests comprised most of the meeting.

The following were the major items reported on and discussed:

1. **Call meeting to order and introduction of Jeff Mount, NMEA President.**
2. **Reports from each of the NSAA District Music Coordinators - Overview of District Music Contests at each site:**

Each of the District Coordinators expressed their appreciation to the contest host schools/colleges and to their administrators and professional staffs for hosting the 2018 events.

District I - Reported that all contests went well this year. Had one copyright situation. No walk-out issues.

District II – Was happy overall on how the districts were run. Need to look into length of days at the Fremont and Auburn sites. Online ballots were used at the Platteview and Fremont sites. Sites were run smoothly with use of online ballots, but still a concern of the man-power to set up the online ballots. NSAA will work with District II to find a smoother transition in setting up ballots. Judges had no complaints using electronic ballots. Still a concern of late entries and how to track and collect late fees. No copyright or walk-out issues.

District III – No issues on copyrighted music. Will take some time to educate people, but feel it was well received. Adding a site thinned the district out financially. Will give it another year and then re-evaluate.

District IV – Districts site did a great job. New director at Hershey site. Also a concern of late entries and tracking entries and fees. Suggested a better way to print certificates to decipher the various entries in the same category. No copyright or walk-out issues.

District V – Went smoothly. No copyright or walk-out issues. A bit of a concern on comments from judges and how we can remind the judges to give constructive criticism on their oral critiques. Make it a learning experience for the student.

District VI – Both districts went well. A reminder that all entry fees will be collected in the fall. No walk-out issues. Had one copyright situation. Allowed the student to perform, but was not scored.

Discussion of the “NEW” late entry form. The NSAA will continue to fine tune the form to make it an easier way of tracking and collecting fees for each district. Overall, the form was well received and helpful. It gave each district a paper trail to keep track of entries and monies.

3. Financial Reports for each of the NSAA District Music Contest Sites.

- a. 289 schools and 21,946 students participated in the 2018 District Music Contests.
- b. No changes in DMC Entry Fees.
- c. The 2018 financial report was reviewed and accepted by all districts.
- d. Three schools exited out of District II and one from district VI to participate at a different site.
- e. No Updates.

4. Planning for 2019, 2020 NSAA District Music Contests.

- a. Coordinators submitted the extended sites for the 2019, 2020 and if possible 2021 district music contest sites. Discussion of the 2019 district music dates to schedule around Easter. The dates will be April 10-13, 15-18, 2019.
- b. The committee reviewed Bylaw 7.5.
- c. Trends: Less show choirs and jazz bands participating in district music. Schools choosing to take their groups to various festivals instead of district music.

5. Discussion of 2018-2019 NSAA Music Manual

- a. No additions or changes suggested for the music manual at this time.

6. 2018-2019 NSAA Music Proposals

- a. The committee discussed a vocal solo category of musical theatre and a vocal category for contemporary A Capella groups. No action was taken.

7. Other Business

- a. Date set as Monday, May 20, 2019.
- b. DMC shirt sales were positive. The NSAA will continue to explore electronic Google Forms based adjudicator forms.
- c.-d. The NSAA will look into potentially implementing an annual online rules meeting for adjudicators. First, the music advisory committee will review the NFHS Music Adjudicator video.
- e. Scheduling: No action taken as allowing individual schools the opportunity to comment on individual students schedules is not feasible.
- f. Dan Masters will create and share an adjudicator survey with the music advisory committee.
- g. Dan Masters and Doran Johnson will meet with the site directors from Fremont and Platteview High Schools to review their electronic adjudicator forms processes.
- h. The NSAA will look at updating the Superior Award certificates for 2019.

The next scheduled annual meeting of the NSAA District Music Advisory Committee has been set for Monday, May 20, 2019, 9:00am at the NSAA office in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at Noon.



Dan Masters, Assistant Director, Music
Cc: 2018 District Music Financial Report

****INSERT UPDATED FINANCIAL REPORT**