

# NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## 2021 MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2021 -- Lincoln, Nebraska

The 2021 Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Music Advisory Committee met on May 24, 2021 at the NSAA offices in Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendees:

- District I -- None
- District II -- Doran Johnson, Omaha Westside High School  
Jerry Layher, Platteview High School  
Tyler Gruttemeyer, Omaha South High School
- District III -- Chad Dean, O'Neill High School
- District IV -- Teresa Rotert, Hershey  
Morgan Harms, Broken Bow High School
- District V -- Dale Ritter, Alma High School
- District VI -- Jacob Hoffman, Kimball High School
  
- NSAA -- Dan Masters, NSAA Assistant Director  
Cindy Callaway, NSAA Administrative Assistant
  
- NMEA -- Evan Lee, Omaha Central High School

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

The purpose of this 2021 NSAA District Music Coordinators Committee meeting was to evaluate the District Music Contests that were held April 19-24, 2021, and to plan for the 2022 contests.

The following were the major items reported on and discussed:

1. **Call meeting to order.**
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 hosts and to their administrators and professional staffs for hosting the 2021 events. The Points of Emphasis video and NFHS course were well received, and the committee would like to see the districts and judges continue to utilize the videos. Kudos to Dan Masters of the NSAA and the coordinators for their patience and hard work throughout the summer and fall while holding monthly zoom meetings to monitor the Covid restrictions before deciding the 2021 District Music Guidelines. Participation numbers were lower due to the pandemic. Some discussion centered on the coordinators attending NSAA district meetings to enhance communication and planning for schools.

District I – No report.

District II – Reported that all contests went well this year. Solos and ensembles participated only. Overall, was well received.

District III – Full ensembles at four sites. There were two new sites that hosted this year and did a nice job. One concern: some of the smaller schools did not have any large group entries. There was some discussion of district music entry deadline.

District IV – District sites did a great job. District IV likes the host rotation. This district is looking forward to hosting large groups again.

District V – District Music Contests went well. The number of entries were down but did not alter the schedule.

District VI – District VI needed to alter and adjust their schedules. Because of the longer schedule, they added four judges. The finances were affected with higher expenses.

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

- a. 266 schools and 9,867 students participated in the 2021 District Music Contests (2019: 288 schools, 21,367 students).
- b. The 2021 financial report was reviewed and accepted by all districts.
- c. The committee discussed various ways to meet and pay added expenditures.

**4. Planning for 2022, 2023 & 2024 NSAA District Music Contests.**

- a. Coordinators submitted the extended sites for the 2022, 2023 and if possible 2024 district music contest sites. The 2022 dates will be April 11, 19-23, 2022.
- b. The committee discussed giving students more immediate feedback after their performance.
- c. The committee discussed the possibilities of needing to hire more adjudicators if schedules are lengthened.

**5. 2020-2021 NSAA Music Proposals**

- a. Planning and implementation of the approved changes to NSAA Bylaw 7.7.3.2 will begin this summer/fall.

**6. 2021-22 NSAA Music Proposals**

- a. None

**7. Other Business**

- a. The committee set Monday, May 23, 2022 as the next meeting date.
- b. Discussion surrounded the handling of DMCs during the pandemic and what can be learned from this past year.
- c. The NSAA will continue to utilize a points of emphasis presentation for music directors and adjudicators.
- d. None
- e. The committee began the process of exploring the possible use of immediate feedback during DMCs for ensembles and solos.
- f. The NSAA welcomed Jerry Layher of Platteview High School and Tyler Gruttemeyer of Omaha South High School who will be taking over for Doran Johnson in District II and Morgan Harms of Broken Bow High School, who will be taking over for Teresa Rotert in District IV. Many thanks and praise given to Teresa Rotert and Doran Johnson on their retirement from serving as District Music Coordinators.

The next scheduled annual meeting of the NSAA District Music Advisory Committee has been set for Monday, May 23, 2022, 9:00am at the NSAA office in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Dan Masters, Assistant Director, Music  
Cc: 2021 District Music Financial Report