

**NWNMMEA Band Spring Meeting Agenda**  
**May 23, 2022**

**1. Call to Order: 4:05 PM**

**2. Attendance (13 people, quorum met)**

- a. Helen West - Shiprock HS
- b. Jon Hamilton - Mesa Alta MS
- c. Daniel Fear - FMS
- d. Ben Ludwig - Hermosa MS
- e. Chris Smith - Mesa View MS
- f. Callen Thompson - Gallup MS
- g. Cody Jackson - Heights MS
- h. Paul Magnuson - NorthWest MS/HS
- i. Benjamin Cross - Miyamura HS
- j. Amos Brown - Bloomfield HS
- k. AJ Carson - Kirtland HS
- l. Kevin Zwiers - Rehoboth Christian School
- m. Jennifer Lasley - Tibbetts MS

**3. Treasurer Report**

- a. No report today, Alex Olivas is not here today to report & nothing of import needs to be noted.
- b. Balance for band is \$2,905.22

**4. Old Business (Look over, no discussion, any questions?)**

- Honor Band Clinicians for 22/23- Kelli Morrison, MS and Dr. Richard Mayne, HS
- Sight Reading Committee- Came up with new proposal and got approved at Winter Meeting. Procedures added to Handbook.
- HS Honor Band Clinician for 23/24- Dr. Steven Smyth from NMSU
- Honor Band needs to be changed
- No discussion needed, this was looked over individually.

**5. New Business**

- Honor Band Proposal
  - Some Main New Ideas In the proposal:
    - Honor Band CHAIR appointed every year (not necessarily the same as the Site Host)
    - **Audition** Timing as normal (late October / early November) - digital to continue
    - **Audition** adjudication in house *or* out to college professors, etc.
    - **Auditions for MS** move away from sheet music, but a specific etude, 2 scales, 1 chromatic (always cycle through 3 sets of etudes)

- **Auditions for HS** 4 sets of etudes, cycle through, All State Scale Requirements
  - *BIG CHANGE*: Freshmen/Sophomores can choose between all state & general etudes
- *BIG CHANGE*: TWO Day Honor Band
  - **Kevin**: would this 2 day festival be a Fri/Sat or Thurs/Fri????
  - **David**: the current schedule is Thurs/Fri
  - **Cody**: A discussion to be had: If a student can't make the 1st day can they still participate in the 2nd day of honor band?
- DISCUSSION
  - **Kevin**: Thank you, Cody for putting everything together. What was the rationale behind changing the dates to later January?
    - **Cody**: It feels early, gives more time for kids to prepare & directors to work with kids. That time frame of January avoids other obstacles (although it does run in other things)
    - **Helen**: These dates feel too close to FLC Honor Band. I would like at least 1 weekend in btween FLC & District Honor Band.
    - **Kevin**: In conflict with another music event (choir all state. I prefer the 1st semester. Gets my kids excited & practicing a little bit.
    - **Ben**: Not much to add, but I'm in support of the January dates. I really like the idea of more time to prepare.
    - **Cody**: another idea is to have MS/HS at different dates.
    - **AJ**: Looking at the calendar, having it right after All State. All State 2023 is Jan 4 - 7, Jazz All State is 27 - 29....maybe we could weekend 12/13 - 14 or the 20th.Gives kids something to look forward to right after the break or if they don't make all state.
    - **Cody**: Whatever ya'll want to do to. It's not going to satisfy everyone.
    - **Helen**: Motion to have a 2 DaY Honor Band Festival, dates TBD. Second: Ben Cross
      - YAYs: 12
      - Opposed: 0
      - Abstentions: 1
  - Cody Jackson/Kevin Zweirs: Motions to be honor band chair. Second: Chris Smith.

- Yays: 10
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstentions: 1
- Ben Cross: I move to table the discussion of dates to a later date. Second:
  - Ben Ludwig: putting it off stresses me out.
  - Ben Cross: I resent my motion.
- **Cody Jackson:** I motion for honor band for end of January, outside of FLC time frame. Second: Thompson: RESENT
- **Helen:** motion to have an honor band Thursday/Friday of some date. Second: Cody Jackson
  - Yays: 8
  - Opposed: 1
  - Abstentions: 3
  - Motion passes
- **Helen:** motion everyone votes 3 times, then pick Second: Ben Ludwig.. Honor Band will be Thursday January 19, 20 2023
- **Ben Cross:** I am somewhat skeptical about changing the etudes for HS because even just working on the all state etudes gives you some experience.
- **Cody:** moves to create MS etudes for audition. Second: Ben Cross.
  - **Helen:** I'd like to see a sub-committee created.
  - **Kevin:** We've run the gamut on this. We used to do etudes, gone back to sheet music & back & forth. In past auditioning on sheet music helps students prepare.
  - **Cody:** I think 2 Days will help alleviate this concern. It's up to a director to prepare my kids.
  - **Ben Cross:** We could write etudes to the part.
  - **Paul:** adding. to what Kevin mentioned. In the past we didn't give them measure numbers that they'd need to work, but have to work on the entire thing.
  - Yays: 6
  - Nays: 3
  - Absention: 3
  - Motion Passes. Who is interested in writing etudes: Cody Jackson, Daniel Fear, Jennifer Lasley, Ben Ludwig
- Motion: Helen: HS honor band audition follows all state audition process and then discussion about splitting later. Second: Jennifer.

- Yays: 7
- Nays: 0
- Absention: 3
- Debate/Voting Needed:
  - ⊖ ~~Audition MS Etudes (who creates?)~~
  - ⊖ ~~Audition for HS split???~~ How will we create that rubric?
  - ⊖ ~~2 Day Festival~~
  - ⊖ ~~JAn~~
- A Few Things to Address from the Band VP
  - Directors not able to make it to meetings due to lack of planning. Please make sure to put in leave early. We need to be here to vote on things.
  - Meetings hopefully will be kept to 2 meetings per year. Additional meetings may be called, but sometimes these are necessary.
  - Band VP will continue doing surveys on minor issues. Thank you for participating in those surveys.
  - Next year with fall & spring meetings we will be moving to KCHS. These will be a HYBRID meeting (in person & virtual).
  - I know this has been challenging year for all of us. It has been a learning year. I hope to be more prepared next year and have a better year next year.

## 6. 2022-2023 Schedule (Determine Hosts for NWNMMEA Events)

NWNMMEA Fall Meeting	August 22, 2022	Kirtland Central HS
Valencia Classic Marching Festival	October 1, 2022	Los Lunas, Valencia HS
NM Pageant of Bands	October 22, 2022	Rio Rancho HS
NWNMMEA Marching MPA	October 26, 2022	<b>Shiprock HS ?</b>
Honor Band Auditions Due	November 6, 2022	Via Recordings
All-State Band Auditions Due	November 6, 2022	Via OpusEvent
All-State Conference	January 4-7, 2023	Albuquerque, UNM
NWNMMEA Honor Band	January 19-20, 2023	Piedra Vista HS
Fort Lewis Honor Band	February 3-4, 2023	Durango, CO- FLC
Fort Lewis Jazz Festival	March 2, 2023	Durango, CO- FLC
NWNMMEA Large Group South	February 28, 2023	Grants HS
NWNMMEA Large Group North	March 1, 2023	Bloomfield HS
NWNMMEA Jazz Festival	March 24, 2023	Grants HS
Solo and Ensemble	April 29, 2023	Rehoboth Christian School
NWNMMEA Spring Meeting	May 15, 2023	Kirtland Central HS

## 7. Adjourn Meeting

- a. Band Director Positions Open:
  - i. Asst. Band Director Durango
  - ii. Aztec HS
  - iii. Northwest HS (sweet gig, no marching band!)

- iv. Kirtland MS (would have an AWESOME colleague in AJ Carson!)
- v. Dolores MS/HS (pay isn't great, but West will be your friend!)
- vi. Cortez HS (pay isn't great, but West will be your friend!)