

# NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## 2023 MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2023 -- Lincoln, Nebraska

The 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Music Advisory Committee met on May 22, 2023 at the NSAA offices in Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendees:

- District I -- None
  - District II – Tyler Gruttemeyer, Omaha South High School  
Jeff Peabody, Columbus
  - District III – Chad Dean, O’Neill High School
  - District IV – Morgan Harms, Broken Bow High School
  - District V -- None
  - District VI – None
- NSAA – Taryn Retzlaff, NSAA Assistant Director  
Cindy Callaway, NSAA Office Manager
- NMEA – Clay Blackman, President  
Cheyenne Nelson, Executive Director

NSAA Assistant Director Taryn Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this 2023 NSAA District Music Coordinators Committee meeting was to evaluate the District Music Contests that were held April 13, 18-22, 2023, and to plan for the 2024 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 hosts, administrators, and staff for their efforts in hosting the 2023 contests. Live critiques with large ensembles were well-received again, but still taking some getting used to in some districts. The committee brainstormed ways to make better use of judges. Some ideas were to spread out the days that districts are held throughout the week. Also, create a google doc allowing district hosts to put down the dates and names of judges that they have hired. Doing this will hopefully give other district hosts dates of judges and days they are available. It was recommended that the hosts start the district judges hiring process earlier. The certification process has been well received and worthwhile. A suggestion was mentioned to mainstream the judge’s registration process and make it easier for judges to edit their contact information. The Points of Emphasis video and NFHS course will continue to be used and reinforced to all judges. Overall, great district music contests!

District I – No report.

District II – Reported that all contests went well this year. One day contest was a full day, but time frames worked well at new OPS schools. Schedule worked well. Overall, great contests!

District III – Two new sites. Suggested creating a site/district specific handbook for the host. This would give guidance when setting up and running the tournament. A reminder to review the copyright rules. Scanned vs. photocopy vs. digital copies.

District IV – District sites did a great job. A question if the Academic All-State Award could be given to (2) Instrumental, (2) Choir, (2) Orchestra students. Currently two students are awarded the “music” Academic All-State Award.

District V – No report.

District VI – No report.

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

- a. 283 schools and 16,156 students participated in the 2023 District Music Contests (2022: 285 schools, 16,137 students).
- b. The 2023 financial report was reviewed and accepted by all districts.
- c. The committee discussed various ways to meet and pay added expenditures.

**4. Planning for 2024, 2025 & 2026 NSAA District Music Contests.**

- a. Coordinators submitted the extended sites for the 2024, 2025 and if possible 2026 district music contest sites. The 2024 dates will be April 15-20, 2024.
- b. The committee discussed a more efficient way to assign judges by using a google doc to share adjudicator names and availability.
- c. The committee discussed the shortage of judges and what they could do to help recruit more people.

**5. Discussion on 2023-24 NSAA Music Manual**

- a. Replace the words “Live Critique” with “Live Feedback”.
- b. Pg.13 - #9, “The requirement to number measures of original scores is not mandatory, but highly suggested.”

**6. Other Business**

- a. The committee set Monday, May 20, 2024 as the next meeting date.
- b. Discussion surrounded the ability for districts to spread the days out of hosting to make it easier to hire judges, but keep in mind the school calendar to not conflict with other activities.
- c. The committee discussed what is the “Why” of attending district music contest? What is the purpose? How can we make it a big deal?

The next scheduled annual meeting of the NSAA District Music Advisory Committee has been set for Monday, May 20, 2024, 9:00am at the NSAA office in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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



Taryn Retzlaff, Assistant Director, Music  
Cc: 2023 District Music Financial Report