

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2024 MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2024 -- Lincoln, Nebraska

The 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Music Advisory Committee met on June 14, 2024, 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 (via zoom)
- District V -- Dale Ritter, Alma
- District VI -- Jacob Hoffman, Kimball

NSAA – Taryn Retzlaff, NSAA Assistant Director
Cindy Callaway, NSAA Office Manager

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

The purpose of this 2024 NSAA District Music Coordinators Committee meeting was to evaluate the District Music Contests that were held April 15-20, 2024, and to plan for the 2025 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 were very appreciative to the district site hosts for their collective support and hard work of the 2024 district contests. Live critiques with large ensembles were well-received again, but still taking some getting used to in some districts. The committee asked for the copyright section in the manual to be more detailed. The judge's NFHS certification classes seem to be well received. It was recommended to create a detailed checkoff sheet for district hosts to use while preparing their site to host. The committee discussed ways to increase district music participation. The use of photocopies seems to still be an issue. The coordinators stated that overall, the district music contests were a huge success!
3. **Financial Reports for each of the NSAA District Music Contest Sites.**
 - a. 241 schools and 13,900 students participated in the 2024 District Music Contests (2023: 283 schools, 16,156 students.
 - b. The 2024 financial report will be reviewed by the district coordinators and then approved at the August NSAA board meeting.
4. **Planning for 2025, 2026 & 2027 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 14, 22-26, 2025.
 - b. The committee discussed the expenses to run a district and compared how others handled their budget.
5. **Discussion on 2024-25 NSAA Music Manual**
 - a. It was mentioned to create a district host handbook with a checklist of things that a district host needs to see done prior to the district contest.
6. **Other Business**
 - a. The committee set Monday, May 30, 2025 as the next meeting date.

The next scheduled annual meeting of the NSAA District Music Advisory Committee has been set for Monday, May 30, 2025, 9:00am at the NSAA office in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taryn Retzlaff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taryn Retzlaff, Assistant Director, Music
Cc: 2024 District Music Financial Report