

SDHSAA MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2024 AGENDA

Zoom Meeting
April 2, 2024

6:00pm(CT)

1. Call meeting to order
SDHSAA representative, Brooks Bowman, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members present were Jessica Perkins, George Dragoo, Scott Muirhead, and Joni Willoughby. Jake Vertseeg was not present.

2. Additions to the agenda
No additions to the agenda.

3. Approve the minutes from the March 30, 2023 meeting

Scott motioned to approve the minutes
Joni seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Calendar of Music Events for 2024-25
 - a. All State Orchestra Audition Registration Due – September 25, 2024
 - b. All State Chorus Registration Due – October 11, 2024
 - c. All State Orchestra Auditions
 - i. Huron Community Campus – Tuesday, October 15
 - ii. Rapid City Central High School – Tuesday, October 15 (evening) and Wednesday, October 16
 - iii. Augustana University – Thursday, October 17
 - d. 2023 All State Chorus and Orchestra – November 1-2, 2024 – Sioux Falls
 - e. All State Band Audition Registrations Due – December 20
 - f. All State Band Auditions
 - January 17, 2025 – Pierre – Methodist Church
 - January 18, 2025 – Rapid City Central High School
 - January 24, 2025 – Aberdeen Central High School
 - January 25, 2025 – Brandon Valley High School
 - January 31, 2025 – Watertown High School
 - February 1, 2025 – Sioux Falls Lincoln High School
 - g. State Music Education Conference – October 31 – November 2, 2024 – Sioux Falls Convention Center
 - h. SD In-Service Music Conference at SDSU, Brookings – February 13-15, 2025
 - i. All State Jazz Band & Show Choir Auditions Registration and Recordings Due – March 1st
 - j. All State Band – March 27-29, 2025 – Watertown High School
 - k. Dates for Solo/Ensemble & Large Group Region Music Contest – February-May, 2025. **NOTE: The earliest date that a Region Contest can be held is Monday of Week 31 (February 3, 2025) the last day a Region Contest can be held is**

Wednesday of Week 45 (May 14, 2025). *Following their submission to the SDHSAA, the Region Contest dates will be posted on the SDHSAA website.*

- I. All State Jazz Band & Show Choir – May 8-10, 2025 – Brandon Valley High School

5. Items for All-State Music
 - a. Make recommendations for future All-State Music conductors/clinicians
No recommendations were given
 - b. Review the audition report provided for All-State Orchestra
 - c. Review the Audition report provided for All-State Band
 - d. Review the Audition report provided for All-State Jazz Band & Show Choir
 - e. Reports from SDBA and SDMEA – no reports from either group
 - f. All-State Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra Judging Personnel
Band: Audrey Miller, Terry Beckler, Bethany Amundson, CJ Kocher
Orchestra: Sonja Kraus, Ioana Galu, Michael Walsh, Travis Netzer
Jazz: Grant Manhart, Brian Hanegan, Terry Beckler, Ken Mund, TBD (guitar, bass, piano)
Show Choir: Brett Epperson, Stephani Hyatt, Katherine Gorr, Matt Huth

6. Discuss options for Spot Check schedule changes for All-State Chorus

Joni motioned to keep spot checks in the morning and allow any school selected for spot checks, that is also involved in a football playoff game the night before, to do their spot check at 1:45pm.

George seconded the motion.

Brooks clarified that schools with All-State Chorus students involved in football playoff games the Thursday prior to All-State Chorus, and have a long distance to travel to the All-State Chorus site, will be permitted to arrive after lunch on the Friday of All-State Chorus. If any of those schools are selected for spot checks, they will do their spot check separately at 1:45pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider changes to Spot Check school selection formula

The committee recommends that a subcommittee be formed to review quartet numbers and explore ways to structure the spot check selection process that would prevent schools from being selected for spot checks multiple years in a row.

8. Discuss concerns submitted by SD collegiate vocal professors pertaining to recruitment efforts of hired guest conductors of the All-State Chorus.

The committee discussed the concerns presented from the collegiate vocal professors. Brooks will verbally inform guest conductors that direct recruitment during the event is not permitted.

No motion was made on this agenda item.

9. Review changes to All-State Band audition requirements recommended by the ASB subcommittee.

The committee discussed the recommendations presented by the subcommittee. Recommendations for changes to the All-State Band audition process include eliminating the terms test, eliminating minor scales, rewriting major scales to include 2 octaves whenever possible, and to have students randomly select 2 scales for their audition. Scales would be divided into 2 groups; group 1 would contain scales with 0-4 sharps/flats, and group 2 would contain scales with 5-7 sharps/flats. The subcommittee also proposed using the solo literature list that is used by the NYSSMA, located at hickey.com. The committee rejected the recommendations from the subcommittee. No motions were made on this agenda item.

10. Review proposals submitted by Harrisburg, Lyman and Howard school districts regarding recorded All-State Band auditions

The committee discussed the proposals regarding a format change for All-State Band auditions. Brooks expressed concerns about inherent inequities in the audition process due to auditions being held on 3 separate weekends. The committee does not feel that providing some students with an additional 2 weeks of preparation time gives those students a competitive advantage. The committee expressed concerns over recording quality affecting audition scores. Brooks discussed concerns with inclement weather and difficulties in rescheduling auditions if some need to be postponed due to weather. Factors in the discussion included safety in travel for students, directors, and judges, difficulties in rescheduling the charter plane, working around the teaching schedules of the judges, missed class time for students and directors, lack of substitute teachers in the state, ensuring that all students are auditioning in the same format (all live or all recorded), and ensuring that students audition for the same judges (ie.. all flutes in SD will be heard by 1 judge).

After much discussion, the committee rejected this proposal. No motion was made on this agenda item.

11. Review proposals submitted by Northwestern, Gregory, Hoven, Winner, Chamberlain, and Aberdeen Roncalli regarding a change to 2 weekends of All-State Band auditions, combining the schools from the Pierre, Watertown, and Aberdeen sites into one site in Huron.

The committee discussed the proposal to combine the Aberdeen, Pierre, and Watertown auditions into 1 site. Brooks presented the audition schedule for the combined site using audition numbers from those sites from the 2024 auditions. Brooks expressed concerns over judges being required to judge auditions from 8am-6pm at this site, as well as the Sioux Falls and Brandon sites. Brooks explained that some auditions could be moved to the Thursday night prior to the Friday auditions in order to lighten the audition numbers for Friday. Brooks expressed concerns over increased travel for schools using this option. Some schools would have auditions scheduled on Thursday night and on Friday which would cause those schools to travel 2 days in a row. This option would also increase the travel distance for many schools, requiring some schools to drive 3 or more hours to the audition site. Brooks also expressed concerns over logistics in holding auditions on a Friday at Lincoln High School due to the large student population at the school and the number of rooms needed for auditions and the terms test.

After much discussion, the committee rejected this proposal. No motion was made on this agenda item.

12. Organization of the Committee Starting in 2024-2025

George Drago, Class AA Band rep – West, has finished his term on the committee. The class AA Vocal rep (West) position is open. Nominations for both positions will be accepted via email to Brooks Bowman. Nominees will be placed on a ballot and directors will vote for new representatives.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.