

Association of Texas Small School Bands – Region 16

Matt Knight – Coordinator

August 7, 2021

Draw for performance orders done first. These will be posted on the website.

1. Approve Minutes—Bryson Riley (Loop)/John Barry (Levelland)
2. Introduction of Officers
 - a. Don Summersgill – Asst. Region Coordinator/Area West Coordinator
 - b. Anna Jo Knight – Region Secretary
 - c. Gina Muela – Class C State Representative
 - d. Bonnie Anderson – Class 3A State Representative
 - e. Matt Knight – ATSSB President
3. ATSSB State Board –
 - a. Alignment Agreement—waiting for TMEA—passed ATSSB
 - b. Dissolve Composition Competition Committee add new commission for Concert Band. Grade 2—lack of interest and lack of quality entries. To replace, every other year a commissioned piece will be done to be premiered by the A-3A All-State Concert Band.
 - c. All State Band – Melissa – Concert online go to the link that is on ATSSB website. Listen for Balmages speech.
 - d. Renewed Kenneth Griffin as Executive Secretary
 - e. Renewed Pep Wear as the State Vendor for 3 years
 - f. Creation of ATSSB Hall of Fame—all information on ATSSB Website. To be nominated: Any active band director for at least 20 years, at least active for 10 years, must have served to further good of small school bands, good morals, etc.
 - i. First inductee is Kenneth Griffin
 - ii. More information Bonnie Anderson
4. Nominations for ATSSB State Board - Class 2C, 2A, and 4A State Representative
 - a. 2C state rep—Gina nom Christina Smith—accepted by acclamation
 - b. 2A—no nomination
 - c. 4A—no nomination
5. Region Directory - Anna Jo Knight If you are new to the region or have any changes during the year, please e-mail aknight@abernathyisd.com. There is a link and a QR Code to make this easier for you.
6. Local All State Scholarships – students \$100 per all state band—goes to the student directly, not to school
 - a. Students from 2020-2021 -have until Sept 1st 2022

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- b. Students from 2019-2020– have until Sept 1st 2021
- c. A copy of the student’s schedule or **proof of completion of military boot camp** is required to receive the funding.
7. Calendar (may also be found at www.atssbregion16.com) –**Twirling November 17 in Abernathy**
8. Region Band Organizers
 - a. 1A/2A – MS Concert Band – Dr. Russell Pettitt – Crosbyton HS
 - b. 1A/2A – MS Symphonic Band – Carroll Rhodes – Tahoka HS
 - c. 3A/4A – All Region Band – Gina Muela – Littlefield MS
 - d. MS Honor Band – David Rogers – Hale Center HS
 - e. 1A/2A – HS All Region Band – Justin Mauldin – Sundown HS
 - f. 3A/4A – HS All Region Band – Matt Knight – Abernathy HS
 - g. HS Honor Band – Don Summersgill
 - h. All Region Jazz - Adam Bodine
9. All Region Weekend – Hosted at the Civic Center
 - a. Jim Rhodes (Retired director from Forsan HS) will present directors workshop.
10. All Region Jazz – Information--
- 11. RRC (explain)– Don Summersgill Summersgill and Franklin Piland are working on the etudes. The current ones will have “Revised 2021” at the bottom.**
12. Auditions—**year A for state and HS All Region , year C for Middle school all-region**
 - a. **Please note that the TMEA online entry process includes a 3A and 4A All-State Track** (all students in Class 1A and 2A and 3A are automatically in the 3A Track, and all students in Class 4A are automatically in the 4A Track unless they submit a Track Selection with their initial entry selecting another track or TMEA 5A or 6A Track). This tracking does not apply to color instruments. Entry deadlines are standard statewide with penalties for late entries. These deadlines are built into the online entry process and cannot be changed.
 - i. All contests deadlines will be 14 days prior to the audition.
 - ii. The late and final online student entry will be 7 days prior to the day of audition.
 - iii. Correction to an existing student entry may be made between 13 and 7 days prior to the audition without penalty, but any student entry added less than 14 days but more than 7 days prior to the contest will result in an additional 100% student late fee.
 - iv. A CAMPUS entry created less than 14 days prior to the contest will be subject to the TMEA Grievance Process.
 - v. Directors will be allowed to add or change student entries the day of the audition if region rules allow it.
 - vi. 100% additional student late fees will be assessed.

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- vii. All fees must be paid or supported by a school purchase order prior to the start of auditions.
- b. All entries must be accompanied by ATSSB **and** TMEA membership numbers.
- c. Late fees will only be collected if I have to hand enter them.

Region Website –Please read closely. IMPORTANT AUDITION INFORMATION INCLUDED.

- d. www.atssbregion16.com with the password “**Cornet**” (once everything is updated) Should be posted by **Aug 9th**.
 - e. Do Not use any old material!! Make sure everything is current from the site.
 - f. Audition information and materials for all groups are located on this site.
 - g. Entry deadlines are pasted on the homepage. Late fees are not charged until entries have to be entered by hand. At that time, the entry fee is double the original audition fee amount. **AT LEAST ONE STUDENT MUST BE ENTERED BY THE ORIGINAL ENTRY DEADLINE.**
 - h. Audition fees are \$12.50 per student for each of the concert bands. Jazz band audition fee is \$17.50 per student. **–fees dropped (motion by Summergill/second by L Dean-Seminole) Fees are now \$10 for bands / \$20 for jazz**
 - i. If your school has ANY students entered, the **ENTIRE STAFF** is expected to attend the audition to assist/judge.
 - j. High School Honor Band audition music will have NO cuts and all scales. All other auditions will consist of excerpts of the audition music and selected scales.
 - k. PLEASE NOTE: Let your students who are auditioning for HS Honor Band know there is an ACT test on December 11. Auditions will begin in Levelland at 1:00 pm. If your students are testing at any location other than Levelland, they could potentially miss their audition. South Plains College is one of the testing locations available for this date.
 - l. Honor Band audition music is DIFFERENT from the January all-region audition music. Please refer to www.atssb.org for Honor Band audition music. All-Region audition material can be found at www.atssbregion16.com.
 - m. When entering your school on the TMEA website, PLEASE INCLUDE **ALL** directors in your program.
 - n. In the event of a school related audition conflict, contact the region coordinator for recording possibilities. For the Honor Band audition, the only allowable conflict (per state guidelines) is a football playoff game.
13. Entry Deadlines will be posted on the web site as soon as I know them
14. Performance order for contests—Order of performance will be posted on the ATSSB Region 16 website.

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- a. Concert order will be drawn at the conclusion of this meeting.
- 15. Issues needing State Board of Director action (to be placed on the SBOD agenda for February)—
- 16. Old business—
- 17. New business—
 - a. Region 16 All State Scholarship
 - i. For any student that makes all the ATSSB All State Band 3 times, award a bonus \$100.00—effective 22-23 school year
 - 1. Motion David Rogers/second Elaine Truit
 - ii. For any student that make the ATSSB All State Band 4 times, award a bonus \$200.00
 - 1. Motion David Rogers / second L Dean
 - b. Renew Zoom Membership for one year \$ 159.00. approved
 - c. Purchase back drops for All Region Weekend – Don Summersgill—motion Will Burks/2nd Lockney
 - d. Set Audition fee's \$10.00 for band. \$15.00 for Jazz
 - e. \$120 donation to TMEA for snacks—motion J. Rogers (Seminole)/2nd a bunch
 - f. Gina Muela – new Littlefield marching festival—to get on turf and reg size field—**COST \$125** for 35 minutes
 - g. Floydada Band Festival—April 27-30
 - h. Abernathy Band Festival—April 20-23

Call a veteran director if you have questions!!!!

- 18. Adjournment—don't forget to stick around to draw for concert performance order—
12:50