

Laingsburg High School Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025
LHS Conference Room

Boosters Present: Thomas (Tom) Cousineau, Jessica Higgins, Michael (Mike) Dhaseleer, David (Dave)Sebenick

Motion to Call to Order: Call to Order at 6:35 pm by Mike

Directors Comments: Presented by Tom Cousineau

- The proposed new Eagle Village costs for Band Camp 2026 were presented. We will likely see a rise of about \$50 to \$100 per student. They have indicated that the increase would be more if they didn't extend a discount for previous customers. General discussion was held. Consensus was that we will figure out how to handle the increase once we get the final numbers, but prior to band camp. Tom is checking on the dates as he was told July 19-24 and the paperwork says July 12-17, 2026.
- MSBOA Band Fest will take place the weekend of March 13, 2026. We have requested the 13th as there are no current conflicts with sports or robotics events.
- The Jazz Band will be performing at Laingsburg Winterfest again this year. The date will be December 6, 2025 at 5:00 pm. The timing is still being confirmed. Location will be the Laingsburg First Congregational Church.
- The CMU Jazz Fest will be on February 5, 2026. The Jazz Band will be travelling to Mt Pleasant for it.
- The Holiday Concerts are coming up here at the Laingsburg High School Auditorium. The High School will be performing on December 15 at 7 pm and the Middle School will be at 6:30 pm on December 16.
- Concert Uniforms have been cleaned and were dropped off on November 12.
- The Jazz Band recently played at the Veterans' Day Breakfast at the High School. The fifth graders came up from the Middle School to sing during the breakfast and the new Director is doing well.
- Three students were selected for the Meijer Honor Band - Cody Cataline, Samantha Lapinski, and Reagan Cousineau.
- Senior Night for Marching Band went really well. Kudos to the band, parents, and boosters for being flexible. Larry was very surprised by his award.

September Minutes: Motion to approve as presented by Dave. Second by Mike.

Treasurer Report: No Report

Fundraising Report: Presented by Dave Sebenick

- MSU Concessions
 - We did four games already this season and have another this Saturday. The average has been 8-10 people.
 - If we had more volunteers, we could use the Melting Moments Cart that comes with our stand. This is supposed to be a big money maker, but requires at least two people dedicated to running it.
 - This year has mostly been adult volunteers as the new rules of 16+ takes a lot of our students out of eligibility.
 - Because there are less volunteers, but the money made is the same or more, each game is paying about \$200 per volunteer.
 - This stand is much harder to run than the old one, but the organizers are starting to relax a bit, making it easier to encourage volunteers.
 - Ideally, final accounting totals will be available at the next Boosters meeting.
- Apple Pie Sale
 - Nate and Dave will be taking the trailer to Ludington to pick up the apples. They will be stopping by Sam's Club on the way back to get butter, flour, sugar, etc.
 - Jessica will pick up the frozen pie shells at Meijer that Friday morning.
 - We are buying enough supplies to make 1050 pies.
 - Tina Dafoe is volunteering to check people out at pie pickup.
 - We will be using the same assembly setup as before.
- Band on the Run was successful again this year. It was a very typical year as far as participation and donations went.

Communications: No Report

Uniforms: No Report

Other Business:

- The group spoke about the fact that the LHS Football Team and some other athletes attended the Marching Band's performance at the MSBOA Marching Competition in Owosso.
- Mike offered to create and print a fancy program for the High School Winter Concert. It would be donated. That project was encouraged.

- Mike reported that the new website was used for recent Apple Pie Sales. It added a few and will continue to grow. He reported that the previous site - Weebly - will still be used and available to Tom to use as a student site. The new site will be designed more for the Public and Band Parents.
- Note was made that Band Awards will likely need to be ordered earlier this year based on last year. Hopefully there will not be any shipping issues like last year.

Motion made to adjourn by Dave at 7:50 pm.