

Laingsburg High School Band Boosters  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2026  
LHS Conference Room

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

Motion to Call to Order: Call to order at 6:39 pm by Mike

Director's Comments: Presented by Tom Cousineau

- Dino Dance - March 11 - fliers are going out to elementary school. Tom will set up student helpers and student DJs. Mike will provide lighting, etc. We need adults to man the boys bathroom since damage has been done in previous years.
- MSBOA - March 13 - 4:25 for MS, 7:50 for HS at St Johns High School. Tom has buses arranged. It is during a half day of school, so bussing staffing isn't an issue. Jessica will send out an email to parents for chaperones. Include the updated IChat form with copies of their drivers license. Have them send it to Tom directly.
- State HS Jazz Festival - March 18 - in Meridian, performance at 5:30. Tom will be working there, so we need an adult on the bus (Mike volunteered). Tom will provide the details.
- Dueling Pianos Fundraiser - March 20th. Details to come.
- We had the retired band director from Schwartz Creek come to work with the 7th & 8th Grade to help prep for MSBOA.
- Dr Thornton from MSU will come work with the HS band to prep for MSBOA Competition.
  - Kristen Blanchard will be working with them as well.
- CMU Jazz Fest went well. Shawn Mills won first place for best performer. The band did better than other years, in Tom's opinion. Nate went with the band.
- Shout outs to Mike for the MS storage for the harnesses and the workstation for Tom's podium at the MS.
- Honors Band with MSBOA - April 18 - in Owosso. Several MS and HS students were nominated by Tom.
- Vertical Raise info is ready and we will start it on February 27th with a kickoff session during the school day.
- Tom introduced the adapted Florida trip schedule/proposals. Questions about the possible late day for the first day and the reason/logistics of Universal as the first day. Pricing is still based on this years' cost. There will be a push to get some

student commitments so that we can get a better cost idea. We may want to do a physical meeting to push for that commitment from the parents.

January Minutes - Mike/Dave

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Fundraising Report

- Vertical Raise will be starting soon. Dave will do an introduction email this year to give the parents and kids a heads up since we ask the kids to have 20 contacts on the 27th. It was suggested that we push the events (Band Camp, Cedar Point, Florida Trip) that will be costs that they will see in the near future.
- Cedar Point check has been sent out. We are ahead timewise for student payments and deposit.
- Dave sat down with the Band Camp proposal and the original idea of four payments of \$125 per student may only need to be three payments. A big cost break will be the snacks (since we will be providing via parents/donors). There will be a signup genius for those snacks. The question was brought up on whether or not we include Emma Heyd's services and housing. General consensus was that we need to include that in the budget for sure, she will be billed as an Instructor.
- Dino Dance - Emma will be doing the photos for that night. The photos will be available online only again. We will get a dinosaur background (Dave).

Communications Report: No Report

Uniform Report: No Report. Ashley's requests via email have been taken care of.

Other Business

- Band Awards - Jessica and Tom have been working on the lists of awards. Letters and Chevrons are in the house. Tom suggested that we send out an email to the Senior Parents to encourage them to start thinking about their Shadow Boxes and what they may be missing so that we can order those extras.
- Cedar Point payments - Tom has been asked by parents for an "other" option online for payments. Mike will look into that.
- Dueling Pianos Fundraiser - March 20 at Lakeview Banquet Hall. Mike and Jessica will cover everything up front. They will take the cost of the event (hall rental, alcohol, snacks, etc). Boosters will be the beneficiaries, but have none of the risk. It will be mostly advertised word of mouth and via Facebook.

- Jazz Stands - Mike reported that they are painted, assembly is underway. The road case is mostly done. The last decision on the logo needs to happen. We can go several ways - Laingsburg logo? Make a new jazz band logo? It would be nice if the logo could be merchandized. The goal is to have them done by February 28th for the LEAF event.
- High School Upright has had an upgrade. Mike delivered it tonight.
- The shed by the band area has been approved. A student is doing the design as their Senior Project, so some parameters will be coming.
- Tom let us know that there is still some flour, sugar, and lemon juice that can be returned to Sam's Club that was leftover from the pie making.

Adjourn at 7:38 by Tom/Dave

*Next Meeting - March 12, 2026*