

Laingsburg Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
LHS Conference Room
April 9, 2026

Present: Tom Cousineau; Nate Bartley; Steve Lapinski; Ben Stevens;
Catherine Heyd; Trisha Marquardt

Call to order 6:34

Director's Comments

- Dino Dance went really well. Lots of student volunteers and parents. The bathrooms were not trashed this time around. Some payments were recently picked up from the elementary school.
- MSBOA went really well. Both the MS and High School bands got straight 1s. Thanks to Nate for hauling the trailer and to the parents that assisted. The students were really well behaved. Nate gave a round of applause to the students for representing them so well.
- State Jazz Festival - Mike rode the bus with the students and chaperoned the crew. A couple of students stood out at the event, especially Grace Knoll. As usual, they represented us well. They got all 2s, which is still really good for the jazz band since they are up against a lot of groups that get private lessons and try out. We will keep up the tradition of going every 4 years. There was a lot of good feedback from the judges.
- Dueling Pianos Fundraiser - it was a great time.
- HS Concert will be May 11. Sports schedules are constantly changing, so hopefully there won't be any conflicts. Concert will start at 7 pm.
- MS Concert will be May 12 at 6:30 pm
- Awards - Tom sent the
- Dr David Thornton came and worked with the HS Jazz Band prior to the State Jazz Concert. Kristen Blanchard came and worked with the whole band to do some more prep.

- Some discretionary funds were used to feed the Jazz Band.
- Tom presented the newest version of the Disney trip. There needs to be a meeting with all of the parents in one room to get a number of participants locked down. In order to do a parade at Disney, we have to have 50 wind players (not including percussion). Jabe is getting us a calendar so that we can avoid as many events as possible because ideally a representative from every family should be there. Tom inquired about the possibility of flying since Corunna just went and flew. It would add a couple of hundred dollars for each student, but it is feasible. We need to set up a payment timeline. The non-refundable deposit is coming up. A rep from the tour guide will be present at the meeting and at least a few boosters would be helpful.
- Tom selected the students for the Honors Band. They will perform April 18th in Owosso. Samantha Lapinski, Shawn Mills, Cody Cataline, Reagan Cousineau, Levi Ijames. MS names are coming.

February Minutes - motion by Mike to approve, second by Catherine

Treasurer's Report: No report

Fundraising Report

- Dueling Pianos - Mike and Jessica gave a report. Attendance was not quite sold out, but everyone had a good time. For the most part, the event was successful, but the biggest change in the future will be to a venue that eliminates our need to purchase or provide alcohol. Anticipated boosters donation will be around \$2000. We will know more as we analyze all of the numbers.
- Vertical Raise - \$12,650 was brought in. 260 supporters and 96 students that participated. The students will get 75%, boosters 25%. It was just about the same as last year.

Communications Report

- Catherine reported that she is continuing to post the photos on Facebook, so share them if you take them.
- Awards Night and Concerts will be posted.

Uniform Report

- Marching uniforms are back from the cleaners

Other Business

- The HS has a new Keyhole Piano Shell and the older one went down to the MS. The Jazz Band stands are also in use.
- LEAF Award night went well, the students represented us well.
- Mike reported that the State Jazz bus ride was great. He would do it again, even if the Director can ride along. And he also would like to direct the Dueling Pianos funds toward uniforms.
- Tom reported that Marching Band Camp will be July 19-24 at Eagle Village.
- Ben gave his support for the flight to Disney.

Adjourn @ 7:10 pm by Mike/Catherine

Next Meeting - May 14, 2026