

Laingsburg High School Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025
LHS Conference Room

Boosters Present: Thomas (Tom) Cousineau, Jessica Higgins, Nathan (Nate) Bartley, Michael (Mike) Dhaseleer, David (Dave)Sebenick, Cassondra Jones Via Zoom - Kim Mayhew

Motion to Call to Order: Call to Order at 6:38 pm by Nate

Directors Comments: Presented by Tom Cousineau

- Thank you to Nate for representing the band and boosters at the High School Open House.
- Tom spoke about the recent passing of the Laingsburg Elementary School Music Teacher, Mr Easterling. He stated that he has been helping to fill in the responsibilities needed as well as helping with the candidate search for the new music teacher.
- The Grand Ledge Marching Invitational will take place on October 8th. So far there are no sports conflicts. The performance will be at 6:51 pm with warm up at 6:16 pm and arrival at 5:15 pm. Nate will pull the marching trailer. We are in need of some additional parent chaperones for the bus and in the stands, as well as help with snacks/water.
- The MSBOA Marching Exhibition will be held in Owosso on October 13. Times have not been announced yet.
- Homecoming is on October 3. Parents are needed for the parade, which will start off at 4:45 pm.
- Senior Night - October 17
 - Will be held at Halftime
 - We will have the parents line up on the track in front of the band
 - Tom will order the medals
 - Jessica will handle the flowers and the medal engraving
- The Drum Major Mace needs to be replaced. Tom will order it. Dave acknowledged that there is a place for it in the budget.
- Jazz Band is meeting at 6:30 am now in order to allow Tom to get to the middle school on time.
- Varsity Letters and Pins are still in limbo. Jessica will check on the order statuses.
- Drum Cart wheels need to be replaced. Nate will be working on that project.
- Tom said thank you for the assistance on the MSU field trip.

- Senior Banner - Mary Lafevre is working on the banner graphics with Emma Heyd. It was suggested that she reach out to Mary to see what the Sports Boosters are doing and who they are working with.

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

Treasurer Report: Presented by Dave Sebenick

- Dave presented the proposed budget for the 25/26 school year. He stated that it is all based on the previous year's budget with some adjustment based on actual spending.
- The Senior Banner will be paid for out of the marketing budget line.
- The new website budget will be coming out of the Banquet budget line.
- General discussion was held

Fundraising Report: Presented by Dave Sebenick

- Concessions at MSU Home Games
 - It is now being run by a company that does this nation-wide. The contract was signed and they took over in a short window just before the season started, so some growing pains are being felt.
 - The good news is that we are working with the previous coordinator, so she knows our requests.
 - They are now requiring that volunteers be 16 or older and wear a "uniform" of black pants and shirt. They provide the rest.
 - Our old Upper Section stand has now been eliminated.
 - They have requested that Band Boosters hold their own insurance policy for the volunteers, but so far we are working under the school's policy. It is suggested that we see if the profits reflect enough to offset the cost of the insurance before it is purchased.
 - We are being moved around to busier stands to see how it goes.
 - General discussion was held
- Band on the Run will be held on September 28 from 3 to 5. It will be advertised via email and social media
- A discussion was held about hosting a can drive for the middle school students on October 5. This should be promoted on social media as well. Nate suggested that we put out the old trailer for people to drop additional cans off in a stationary place.
- Apple Pie Sale - Order forms will be sent home with students by the end of September. This year's prices are \$18 each or \$30 for two. General discussion was held.

- A new event was proposed by new booster member Cassandra Jones. She suggested that we host a Bingo Fundraiser. It could be a music bingo game with students playing the music. Nate suggested that it could be something fun to do some fundraising at the football games. A stand alone event was also discussed. General discussion was held. Cassandra will continue with more research and come back to the boosters with a more formal plan since she is willing to organize it.

Communications: No Report

Uniforms: Presented by Ashlie Helmer via email

- Ashlie recognized all of the hard work that has been put in by the Mom's that have been assisting her.

Other Business: No report

Motion made to adjourn by Dave at 7:58 pm.