



Bellbrook Music Boosters

July 7, 2025

6:30 pm

Band Room

General Membership Meeting

Call to Order: 6:34, Greg Schindler

Attendance: Mr. Page, Ms. Guyett, Mr. Frederico, Greg Schindler, Amy Rodenroth, Jeryle Ball, Melinda Ruff, Amy Silance, Eli Alban, Valerie Hiester, Brian Reed, Alicia Miller, Beth Christensen, Larissa Scott, Sophia Bailey, Annette King, Patty Ball, Brett Woeste, Dina?

Welcome and Introductions: Welcome to any new attendees (and thanks to all regular attendees!) Preferred email/phone number provided on sign up sheet for future contact.

Band Staff:

- Mr. Jacob Page -Director
- Mr. Kyle Buflod - Assistant Director
- Mr. JJ Frederico - Percussion Director
- Ms. Megan Guyett - Colorguard Director

'25/26 Boosters Executive Board:

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| • Greg Schindler - President | • Amy Silance - Membership Trustee |
| • Amy Rodenroth - Vice President | • Kristi Magee - Finance Trustee |
| • Jeryle Ball - Treasurer | • Jennifer Powell -Communication Trustee |
| • Melinda Ruff - Secretary | • Eli Alban - Sponsorship Trustee |
| | • Vacant - Fundraising Trustee |

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting May 4, 2025 - **Appendix A**, Executive Board Meeting June 23, 2025 - **Appendix B** - both approved

Old Business:

- Communications Platform: Charms was retired. Final Forms is an imperfect solution. The district has changed from Remind to Parent Square - **please sign up**. This is available to all students and parents. Currently only 106 users are signed up. Work is ongoing to get a Music Boosters Parent Square account to be able to disseminate information. Currently Amy R is disseminating information via Final Forms, but this is only available to school employees and will not be available next year.
- Fundraising Trustee still needed - please consider volunteering!

Reports/Updates:

- Officers:

- Pres/VP - confirmed that there will be a New York trip this year.
- Treasurer's Report - **See additional PDF**
 - Quickbooks subscription fees have increased. Decision was made to downgrade the level of subscription to the middle tier. Will save some \$, yet will still allow about 3 users
 - Check 'stop payment' fees - this year there have been 6 instances, each costs \$33. Bank will no longer waive fees. Discussion surrounding alternatives (paper checks, Zelle, writing clause in contracts stating that this is the responsibility of the staff member, etc). Tabled, to discuss at a future meeting.
 - \$264.10 overspend on IPE2025 props - this was offset by budgetary savings
 - Raise Right laptop computer (2022 or 2023) and large laser printer - will check to see if this has been depreciated, then will discuss ways to repurpose or sell or dispose of. 146 Remaining cards still available, will continue to work on selling these.
- Secretary - COI reviews needed - completed at exec mtg just prior to gen mtg
- Board of Trustees:
 - Sponsorship
 - Discussed sponsorship levels -Sponsor (\$250+) has name/ad/logo in all concert programs and gets shout out at all music events, Purple (\$500+) additionally has their information included on the show posters, Gold (\$1000+) additionally will have a sign in the stadium for the season and their logo placed on the semi and box truck. Ideas were discussed to include multi-year deals, logos on the Boosters Facebook banner, etc. Eli will be sending out letters to all potential businesses in town and will follow up with a contact by phone or in person by the end of band camp week. We will include an explanation that this will be sponsorship for the '25/'26 season and the advertising would be taken down at the end of the year unless sponsorship is renewed.
 - Membership, Communication and Finance Trustees - nothing to report
- Director's Report - Discussed staff hiring, upcoming schedule. Change in schedule, Oct 7 rehearsal changed to Oct 6 to accommodate the Spooktacular on Oct 7th. Discussed potential for not going to BOA Super Regional and instead going to an MSBA contest in Miamisburg to save \$1,500 just in registration and parking. It will also save all of the expenses that would have come from transportation and hotels in IN. Enrollment is lower (59 this year vs. 73 last year) and that significantly affects the budget (about \$10,000). The show will likely have 4 movements and students already have music for the first 2.
- Administrator's Report - no school admin present

New Business:

- Budget: Discussed at length

- Presentation of fall marching band/boosters budget. Significant amount of time spent in discussion of budget. Mr. Page made some cuts to the amount he is requesting from Boosters, effectively decreasing from about \$33K to about \$27K. Exec committee had voted to approve. This also passed by majority vote for general membership.
- Boosters showing about a \$10,000 deficit at this point of the year. Ideas to recoup this money were discussed. Possibly selling old uniforms, tarps, unnecessary equipment. Increasing participation in fundraising. See below.
- Fundraisers -
 - Dayton Dragons - upcoming games 8/6 (4), 8/10 (5), 8/24 (8), 9/2 (6). If we have all 10 volunteers/game = \$2,400! (was potential for \$6,000/yr, \$1,200 lost already due to lack of full participation, another \$1,380 will be lost if we don't fill slots.)
 - Alicia Miller will be sharing previous fundraising calendar of events.
- Strategies to increase membership/active participation/volunteerism
 - Much discussion surrounding communication, various avenues (Facebook, Parent Square, word of mouth, encouraging parents to reach out to others, consider minor incentives for student participation in fundraising (can't be monetary), making presentations at all music events. A Google questionnaire will be circulated asking for interest in various volunteer capacities
 - Upcoming needs - will need parents that are willing to learn these important roles by shadowing this year, then taking over next year.
 - Uniform parents - marching band (2) and concert attire (1)
 - Head chaperone
 - Treasurer position
- Sponsorship questions
 - Can we get posters from Nick Falzerano sooner? Artwork needs to be completed and sent to Nick and he will build the folder. Pictures will be taken August 19 during rehearsal at 5:30
 - Agreed on sponsorship levels, decided not to list on t-shirts (Mr. Page is reaching out to various t-shirt vendors both for show shirts and for parents etc to buy apparel/gear)

Signups will be sent out for the following events (Sign Up Genius in Final Forms/Parent Square)

- Cookout July 17 - an excellent opportunity to get parents involved, mingle, help set the tone and change the culture to be sure that band is fun and not just about the contests/scores. It will be low key, easy food, games, movie afterward.
- Scavenger hunt July 18 - need 15 background checked drivers. Again, to set the tone/culture for the season. This was a favorite at previous schools for Mr. Page's students.
- Band Camp July 21-25 - update, theme days, volunteer needs (food, decorations, cleanup, chaperones). 2 chaperones needed daily but Mr. Page welcomes any background checked parents to be present if interested. Firetruck Wed, buddy night Wed. Senior night will be Thursday. Potluck Friday "Friends and Family Night" Dinner around 4:30-6, then be in the stadium by 6 to kick off the season.

- Phantom Regiment information/Corps bags- they will be staying at the school Jul 27-30. There will be a sign up so that our students can give their members "love" in the form of Gatorade/fruit snacks, etc. Around 200 members in Phantom. Our students will likely get to see them perform for free at Soaring Sounds on the 29th, and maybe again in our stadium on 30th.
- DCI Beats in the Brook 7/22/25, doors open at 6:30. 12-14 Volunteers will be needed.
- Open Forum: Discussion surrounding the money that is being set aside for a new truck, whether it is time to look at purchasing a new truck, what we will do when our driver is no longer a band parent. Currently it is felt that the trucks are ok at the moment. We do have a volunteer (grandparent of a band member) that is willing to drive for free and has a current CDL. They will need to be trained in our truck by our driver but this has not been set up yet.
- Adjourn: 8:56



Appendix A: Minutes from Special Meeting May 4, 2025
Bellbrook Music Boosters

May 4, 2025

3:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Special Meeting Minutes

- Special Election of New Officers and Trustees
 - A Quorum was in Attendance

The following officers were elected for a one year term:

President - vacant
Vice President - Amy Rodenroth
Treasurer - Jeryle Ball
Secretary - Melinda Ruff

The following trustees were elected:

-Kristi Magee
-Eli Alban
-Jennifer Powell
-Amy Silance will continue her term

-One trustee position remains vacant

- Ice Breaker to be held on May 12th. Jeryle emailed Jacob for details -drum major and leadership announcements, volunteers, guard measurements, breakout into sections, band camp meeting, payments at ice Breaker, budget
- Euchre party to be cancelled due to lack of interest



Appendix B: Minutes from Executive Board Meeting June 23, 2025

Bellbrook Music Boosters

June 23, 2025

6:30 pm

**Trustee Kristi Magee's house
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

- **Call to Order and welcome:** Melinda, Kristi. Special thanks to Kristi for hosting the meeting.
- **Attendance:** Greg Schindler, Amy Rodenroth, Jeryle Ball, Melinda Ruff, Kristi Magee, Amy Silance, Jennifer Powell, Eli Alban, Mr. Page
- **Approval of the Special (virtual) Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2025 - Appendix A** - not performed
- **Old Business:** not discussed
- **New Business:**
- **Open position:** Fundraising Trustee - no nominations received
- **Facebook:** Admin status - Mr. Page will take out old names and will grant administrative access to Greg, Amy R, and Jennifer
- **Staffing updates:** New Guard director Megan Guyett. An Assistant Band Director and a Percussion Director have been hired but are not officially through the approval process so names cannot be released. There will be a short 'meet and greet' Wed Jun 25 at 5 (after the winds music rehearsal from 3-5)
- **Budget-** Fall marching band budget was discussed at length. See Excel Sheets attached to email from Jeryle dated June 22. Mr. Page formally presented the budget and discussion centered around how to keep costs contained, and being sure that the \$12,500 in Extra School Funding is fully utilized. The money does not carry over year over year. Last year it was used for speakers and electronic equipment and it was all utilized. Some ideas presented included trying to move Drum Major Camp expenses, or separately contracting with Brett for props and placing these expenses against the school funding. Ultimately it was decided that the choreography would be moved here. The Boosters decided to decrease uniform maintenance and components expenses each by \$250 to cut costs an additional \$500. Budget was accepted by majority vote. It will be presented to full Boosters at the next meeting July 7.
- **Funding/Fundraising** - Currently there are 72 band/guard members confirmed. Discussed possibility of increasing fees. Goal in the longer term is to grow the number of members in the band, and fees will offset many expenses. Ideas for increasing the number of families involved in Booster support were also discussed. Mr. Page was able to successfully grow

Booster involvement in his last school. Discussed having a parent meeting before school, maybe a carry-in or cookout. Information can be disseminated and Booster involvement can be encouraged. Date TBD. Maybe July 17

- **Dayton Dragons** - Projected income was \$6000 (\$60/person/game, 10 spots for 10 games), but likely will be less than half of that due to low participation. Must find a way to encourage involvement.

Additional topics:

- Athletics would like to donate \$2,500 as a sponsorship. Greg and Eli will discuss further.
 - Bellbrook will be hosting Phantom Regiment at the end of July. Amy S would like to coordinate the creation of Corps Love bags
- Rachele Alban will be working on the Band Camp Week menu and themes with Mr. Page