



Bellbrook Music Boosters

Feb 2, 2026

6:30 pm

HS Band Room

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:37

Attendance:

Band Staff

- Mr. Kyle Buflod - Assistant Director

'25/26 Boosters Officers::

- Greg Schindler - President
- Jeryle Ball - Treasurer
 - Treasury Committee → Valerie Hiester - Money Depositor, Kristi Magee - Check Writer
- Amy Rodenroth - Vice President
- Melinda Ruff - Secretary

Trustees:

- Kristi Magee - Finance Trustee ('27)
- Alicia Miller - Fundraising Trustee ('27)
- Jennifer Powell - Communication Trustee ('27)
- Amy Silance - Membership Trustee ('26)
- Eli Alban - Sponsorship Trustee ('26)

General Members: Hyacinth Schumaker, Mary Panstingel, Brian Reed, Beth Christensen, Larissa Scott, Lindsey Wolf, Brett Woeste, Dina Vincent, Patty Ball

Approval of Minutes: General Meeting Jan 5, 2025 - **Appendix A - Approved by consensus**

Old Business:

- Upcoming Booster position openings for 26/27 season - Position descriptions have been created and information was made available at Chamber music. Nominations are currently being encouraged and accepted. By-Laws state nominations for officers and trustees should be occurring Jan-Mar with election of trustees in March and election of officers in April.
- Discussion surrounding how to message differently, how to reach more parents. Discussed presenting at Middle School concerts, sending fliers home with kids, adding link to position descriptions in a Parent Square message, posting on all parent pages on social media.
 - Uniform parents - marching band (2) and concert attire (1)
 - Dayton Dragons fundraiser lead
 - Officers hold 1 year terms. Can accept nominations for all positions. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. **Greg Schindler has been nominated to continue as president and accepted nomination, Lindsey Wolf nominated for secretary and accepted nomination.**
 - Trustees: Finance, Membership, Sponsorship, Fundraising. **Beth Christensen nominated for Membership Trustee and accepted nomination**
- Chamber music update - Only 3 parents provided contact info, a few others showed interest. \$100 in donations raised from the event for refreshments. Not a great use of time. All 3 parents were contacted and personally invited to Booster meeting.

- Winter Invitational Updates - Feb 7. Performances roughly 2pm-8pm. 36 groups are signed up including our groups. Everything is on schedule and Brett and Amy S have it all under control. Still lots of open spots for volunteers available.
- WG2026 and IPE2026 contracts - should be updated with background check requirements going forward. Compliance confirmation responsibilities will be with the directors. Still need some contracts and W-9s. Payment is being withheld for incomplete contracts. Concern was raised about missing background checks. Those individuals are not supposed to be left unsupervised with the students.
- By-Laws review is ongoing. Plan for approval by general membership in Mar. Will be sure that tech contracts/compliance responsibilities are well explained.
- Booster Insurance vs. School Insurance. Amit from the district states that the Boosters do not need their own policy and they are covered by the school policy. If we don't have to carry insurance, it saves \$1,500 annually. Questions were raised about appropriate coverage.

Reports/Updates:

- Board of Trustees:
 - Sponsorship - we have about 10 sponsors
 - Membership and Volunteer Coordinator- none
 - Communications- would like to have concert band schedule added to Music Google calendar and be sure that all parents have access to this.
 - Finance/Audit
 - January audit completed 13Jan26 - found that one contract was not fully signed (missing the signature page). Going forward, the treasurer and check writer will double check that all pages are received.
 - Raise Right is fully concluded and all cards have been sold and all money has been transferred to the regular account.
 - Fundraiser
 - Fundraising meeting was held Jan 21. Alicia will no longer serve as trustee after March and we are looking for nominations. She will share all fundraising information with Mr. Page in an electronic format.
 - Music and Meatballs - at Winter Friends and Family Performance Friday March 20. JJ and Megan will be planning the family performance. Will feed students at 5 and paying adults after. Will need volunteers.
 - Feb 20 - will have a small concession stand for concert band festival that starts at 4:30. Set up will be earlier. Volunteers needed.
 - March Madness 50/50 brackets will happen again
 - Mattress Sale will be April 18
- Officer report:
 - /VP/Secretary - none
 - Treasurer's Report - see separate report
- Director's Report
 - Upcoming band informational meeting for 8th graders on Feb 12 at 6:30 after curriculum night at HS
 - Concert Band Festival - 16 bands are coming, this is many more than previously

- Middle School Pep Band has been started with 7th and 8th graders. Huge success! 8th graders will also play with HS pep band Friday Feb 6th.
- There will be new Marching Band designers for fall, from Blue Devils.
- OMEA large group will include both Symphony and Wind Ensemble. Can qualify for state contest depending on scores.
- Mr. Buford will be taking over Disney trip planning. Will be using Music Travel Consultants to plan trip. Formal dates and information will be coming soon once there is confirmation from the firm. Trip expected to be the weekend before Thanksgiving and return before the holiday.
- Away band camp will likely occur this fall. Mr. Frederico will head this up. Looking at Wright State or Miami or other places. It will be an immersive experience and it improves retention of students. Consideration for asking for donation from Bellbrook Lions to subsidize cost. This will likely be one of the last weeks of July.
- There may be consideration for going to Columbus Regional instead of Super Regional due to schedule and Disney trip

Dates:

Upcoming Band Dates:

- Saturday, February 7 - Winter Invitational
- Friday, February 20 - Bellbrook Concert Band Festival. Symphony Band will perform first, Wind Ensemble will perform last. Approx 4:30-10:30P
- Wednesday, March 4 - 6th Grade Band Concert
- Thursday, March 5 - High School Bands Concert
- Fri/Sat March 6/7 - OMEA Large Group, Location TBD. Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble both participate.
- Saturday March 7 - Mason Concert Band Festival. Time TBD (can be as early as 8A). Wind Ensemble only.
- Monday, March 9 - Middle School Bands Concert

Additional Choir Dates:

- Wednesday, March 4 at 7:45pm - 6th grade choir Mid-Seasons Concert
- Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm - 7-12 choirs Mid-Seasons Concert
- Wednesday, May 6 at 7pm - 7-12 choirs Spring Concert
- Monday, May 11 at 7pm - 6th grade choir Spring Concert

New Business:

- Discuss creating a manual or "how to/contacts" for each event that we work so we are not dependent on current members in the future. People agreed that is good idea.
- Snap Raise - fundraising opportunity per Mr. Buford. Like a virtual Tag Day. 80/20 split on proceeds with the company. Students provide email addresses and the company sends emails asking for donations. Kids would earn small prizes. Maybe do this in spring?
- Open Forum:
- Next Meeting: Mar 2

Adjourn: 7:50

Appendix A: Minutes from General Membership Meeting Jan 5, 2026

Call to Order: 6:32P

Attendance:

Band Staff:

- Mr. Jacob Page -Director
- Ms. Megan Guyett - Colorguard Director

'25/26 Boosters Officers::

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- Amy Rodenroth - Vice President
- Jeryle Ball - Treasurer
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Trustees:

- Alicia Miller - Fundraising Trustee ('27)
- Eli Alban - Sponsorship Trustee ('26)

General Members: Beth and James Christensen, Patty Ball, Lindsey Wolf, Lindsey Dean, Brian Reed

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: General Meeting Dec 1, 2025 - **Appendix A** - approved by unanimous vote

Old Business:

- Raise Right update: cards were sold at all winter concerts for 10% off face value. (3 cards remain, face value \$75). 2 gas cards, one other one
- Upcoming Booster position openings for 26/27 season - Descriptions of positions have been crafted and will discuss with Mr. Page before disseminating widely. Will try to get the word out at upcoming performances. Mr. Page will make a sign-up for manning a table at Chamber Music and will have a TV to loop an informational video. Per By-Laws, nominations for officers and trustees should be occurring Jan-Mar with election of trustees in March and election of officers in April
 - Uniform parents - marching band (2) and concert attire (1)
 - Dayton Dragons fundraiser lead
 - Treasurer (senior graduating), Vice President (senior graduating) and Secretary positions
 - Trustee (Finance - senior graduating), Membership (A. Silance will be switching to Pit Crew)
- Winter Invitational Updates - Feb 7. A planning meeting will be needed, not scheduled yet. Performances roughly 2pm-8pm. 40 groups are signed up.
- WG2026 and IPE2026 contracts - almost all are signed and received. Still need some I9s.
 - Cannot work or be paid until the background checks are done.
 - Will need to update contract language to state that FBI and BCBI background checks are required before working.
 - Directors will consider making a spreadsheet tracker - for all staff shared through the directors. Directors will provide a list to Boosters

Reports/Updates:

- Board of Trustees:
 - Sponsorship - trophy expectations for winter invitational - framed certificates. These will be family sponsored
 - Finance/Audit

- Audit on 13Jan26 with Kristi, Jeryl, Amy R, Valerie and Beth C
 - Fundraiser
 - Music and Meatballs - at Winter Friends and Family Performance Friday March 20. Will feed students as well. Cafeteria and Gym already reserved. Will need Home Ec room too.
 - **Fundraising Meeting- 6:30 Wednesday Jan 21** Tentatively in band room or choir room based on availability
- Officers:
 - Treasurer's Report - see separate report
 - 2025 - up \$28,000. Raise right account mostly \$26,000, Selling Props ~\$3,000, Deposits, Sold IPE Props
 - Projected to end 2026 \$359.73 under goal
 - Explanations on Page 2 and 3 of standard operating for the next calendar year.
- Director's Report
 - Recently completed Winter Concerts for 6th, 7th, 8th and HS Bands
 - Upcoming events (see info below)
 - Information about marching band will be presented soon (maybe February)
 - Disney trip information will be coming out soon (trip in late fall 2026).
 - Away band camp at a local college is being considered. Will incur additional cost but is well worth it in the directors' experience.

Dates:

Upcoming Band Dates:

- Saturday, Jan 17 7:30A-5:30P - Chamber Music Showcase (Middle school 5 minute intervals, HS 10 min intervals). Times will come out soon. Concert attire.
- Saturday, Jan 24 - Solo and Ensemble (at Vandalia Butler HS), individual student performance times throughout the day, parents provide transportation, professional attire
- Saturday, February 7 - Winter Invitational
- Friday, February 20 - Bellbrook Concert Band Festival. 13 ensembles signed up. 25 minute increments. Symphony Band will perform first, Wind Ensemble will perform last. Approx 4:30-10:30P
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- Thursday, March 5 - High School Bands Concert
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New Business:

- Consideration for planning to pay contractors for building props and driving truck next fall
 - To be successful, we need to invest money in prop design and Brett may give us a discount. May be less expensive if we build to Brett's specs instead of having him build.
 - Have one volunteer with CDL for driving the truck. Discussed casting a wider net to see if others are also interested in helping out, so that we are more than one deep. Some schools have to curtail their total number of performances simply due to truck driver expenses.

- By-Laws review (on schedule for Jan each year with approval by Exec Board in Feb and general membership in Mar)

- Open Forum:
 - Consider Jazz Band performance at the Sugar Maple Festival, will discuss with Mr. Buflod
 - Band Merch - Name given for Threadin' it up
 - Wind Ensemble changes to uniforms need to be to Mrs. Ball before March 4.
 - Money for a new box truck and cab of the semi. Want to leave it better than we found it. Eventually it will come time to replace. Brett believes the cab is fine for now.
 - Mattress Sale will be held April 18. With concerted effort, more fundraising at event should be possible. Will need better communication and more volunteers.

- Next Meeting: Feb 2

Adjourn: 8:02P