

Music Boosters' Minutes
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
7:00 pm, High School

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Attendance: Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh, Superintendent; Mark Borden; Ken Goold; Suzanne Marcellus; Dan McCarthy; Barb Mueller; Betsy O'Flynn; Steven Lau; Kim Brienzi; April Mounts; Carol Forstrom and Wally Forstrom

1. **Corrections/Questions for the Minutes from the May 2009 Meeting**
 No minutes were taken or distributed for this meeting.
 2. **Capital Planning Update – Dr. Kavanaugh**
 - Design drawings for Long Range Facilities Plan are available for community viewing; a video is also available upon request; a two phase long range plan with District voting planned on December 8, 2009 and phase 2 sometime in 2014. Focus in 2009 will be in mainly in Middle School although improvements and changes are scheduled for all schools. No tax impact as a result of Phase 1 or 2 due to our favorable status as a merger school district with a very high NY State aid ratio of over 95%.
 - Please vote on December 8, 2009!
 3. **Additions to Agenda**
 No additions noted
 4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Checking account; \$6,296.47, but \$1,999.50 has not cleared so actual is \$4,296.77
 - b. Savings account - \$7,860.99
 - c. Expenses/Music Booster Support paid since last meeting
 5. **QED / Budget Update – already starting with a kick-off meeting on October 7 at 3:30 at Manor School; Community presentation on October 8 at 7 PM in the BOE room with Mr. Philip Burrows. Please contact Philip Burrows at 624-7017 if you would like to attend and learn about our program and budget development process.**
 6. **Thanks you notes have been received from our 2009 scholarship recipients. \$400 each had been given to Nick Basch and Thomas Markham.**
- Boosters Webpage! <http://www.hflmusic.info/>**
7. **Suzanne Marcellus developed it for us with input from a number of people and reviewing music booster websites all over the country. She's looking for more input, so please give her ideas for changes!!!! Dan will provide Suzanne the Mission statement we developed two years ago with Chris Carosa's assistance. Do we have a parking lot map of Middle School for events in the District Auditorium? It would be a great addition to our website. Many thanks to Suzanne for developing this superior site!**
 8. **Poinsettia/Cyclamen Sale – Who is running it? Kim Brienzi will check with both Ann Reifstek and Emily Brinka, last year's chairpeople. Dates are on the Music Booster Google Calendar, but not on the District calendar. (Post meeting note: both Ann and Emily have agreed to do it again! Thanks to both of them!!)**

9. In-House Solo Festival- Thurs. June 3, 2010. (Kim Brienzi says: "Thanks for everyone's help last year.")
10. Requests – Milton Mashner requests a piece of equipment for videotaping, and posting of choreography. It can be used for visual modeling during lessons, especially important for needy children. Total costs will be \$385 for a Canon FS 200 video camera and related equipment – 4G memory card. A camera case? A camera case should be included in our donation. Unanimously approved by those present. One of our Booster members is a music therapist, and explained that this technique is an excellent motivational tool for some children. Music Boosters officially approved this request.

"Rockin' with Bach and the Gang" is gaming system locally designed and produced by the Three of Hearts, a local company of HF-L students (Gabe and Jacob Blumenstock.) The brothers are trying to get marketing for the funding of their gaming system. Are there people interested in entertaining a proposal for private funding of their proposal? Music Boosters cannot give monies raised for such an endeavor, but we could host a presentation before or after our meeting. Mark will be in touch with the family to schedule the presentation either before or after a regularly scheduled meeting for those of us interested in attending..

Ken and Milt proposed to move a piano to the high school. Cost of move and tuning up will be \$200-\$250. Music Boosters is in favor of the donation. Approved.

Betsy O'Flynn shared with Music Boosters that Barb Salter is looking to Music Boosters for volunteer help with the Middle School Musical in November. Suzanne Marcellus will put this on the Booster webpage. Volunteers Needed – volunteers for making costumes as well as chaperones for rehearsals and shows. Music teachers will assist Barb in getting volunteers as well through their own contact lists. Music Boosters will ask Shawn Williams to advertise this request in his Middle School Messages.

Senior High All-County Friday, March 12, 2010
Hospitality Room and Snack Shop for the students- need some volunteers!
Rehearsal from 1:30 to 5:30 PM in HF-L High School; Saturday's performance is at the Eastman Theater.

Open Forum Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

11. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM at HS Chorus Room.