

**Bartlett High School  
Booster Club  
Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting Date: March 10, 2009  
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM  
Presiding: Len Hardy  
Officers Present: Len Hardy, Dan Kallenbach, Brad Dennison, Ruth Kay, Michelle Zelinsky  
Directors Present: Mark Rendall (Basketball), Rudy & Kim Abiera (Cheerleading), Patty Kelly (Dance), Rob Douglas (Fine Arts), Larry Marciniak (Golf), Jean McNelly (Soccer), Lynda Simon (Track), Mary Beth Hartford (Volleyball)  
Regular Members: none

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

- The minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rudy Abiera and seconded by Mary Beth Hartford. Motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report – Len Hardy**

- The Varsity Dinner will be held May 21.
- Len is still looking for teachers to participate on the Booster Scholarship Selection Committee. Len asked the Club Directors to think about teachers that they know and respect and provide their names to Len. Len has received a few recommendations already but still needs several more.
- Booster Board elections will be coming in the next couple months. Len asked Club Directors to let him know if they or anyone from their clubs are interested in participating on the Board.

**Athletic Director's Report – Dan Kallenbach**

- The Dance Team was at their State Competition the past weekend and performed extremely well. Congratulations to the Dance Team!
- The replacement for Dan as Athletic Director is now on hold due to the District's current hiring freeze. We are waiting to hear about the administrative restructuring to determine how the Athletic Department will be staffed.
- There is an open position for Boys Soccer. Dan has conducted most of the interviews but can not finalize until they determine future teaching cuts and how that impacts the coaching staffs.
- Dan has been working with the grounds department getting the outdoor facilities ready for spring sports. The bleachers will be available before the 1<sup>st</sup> softball and baseball games. The softball roof is still waiting to be replaced but will not hold up game play.
- Mark Rendall (Basketball) asked Dan to clarify the school rental policy going forward. Dan is not certain what the policy will be due to all the District budget issues. Sports may be fully charged for facilities rental vs. paying for overtime rental.

**Treasurer's Report – Ruth Kay**

- Ruth provided the financial statements for all the Clubs in their folders.
- The Club reports highlighted checks from 2008 that still need to provide documentation. The Club Directors need to get these in ASAP.

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## Club Reports

### **Soccer – Jean McNelly**

- Jean motioned to allow Girls Soccer to spend up to \$840 for their kick-off party at Pasta Mia on 3/11. Mark Rendall 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Cheerleading – Rudy Abiera**

- Cheerleading had their year-end party at Villagio's and everything went well.
- Cheerleading tryouts for the 2009 Football squad will be held the first week in April.

### **Dance – Patty Kelly**

- The Dance Team placed at State in both routines – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lyrical and 8<sup>th</sup> in Hip Hop. Way to go Dance Team!

### **Basketball – Mark Rendall**

- The Basketball seasons are over. The Boys did very well; however, they didn't progress as far as they had hoped in the playoffs. The Girls team did very well also and has a young team looking to a good future squad.

### **Track – Lynda Simon**

- The Girls team is doing pole vaulting for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. They will need poles & helmets.
- The Boys team is working with Joe Cotton Ford on a test drive fundraiser.

### **Baseball – Kent Erickson (not in attendance)**

- Kent sent an email motion to allow Baseball to pay \$842.08 to Salked Sports for mesh netting for Freshman Field backstop fence area, one collapsible field rake and field tamper. Rob Douglas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Kent sent an email motion to allow Baseball to pay \$850 to Americast for 25 concrete retaining wall footings to serve as the perimeter for new hitting cage" (joint project with softball. This work was previously approved by the District. Rudy Abiera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

- There were recommendations at previous Booster meetings to rename one of the Booster Scholarships in honor Army Private Leonard (Lenny) Gulczynski. Lenny was a 2007 graduate of Bartlett High School, who died in 2008 in Iraq while serving his country. While a student at BHS, Lenny was a member of the football and volleyball teams. Mark Rendall suggested this gesture as a tribute to Lenny who served their school and country with pride and honor. Mark recently discussed the recommendation with Lenny's parents and they were in favor of the proposal and indicated that they would be honored to have a BHS Booster Scholarship in Lenny's name. Mr. & Mrs. Gulczynski had separately discussed with BHS the possibility of implementing a Fallen Soldier Award for any Veteran of BHS (similar to what they have at Crystal Lake South). Mark motioned to rename one of the Booster Club Scholarships to be the "Veteran Award" and that the 2009 Award would be in honor of Len Gulczynski. Rob Douglas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The three Scholarships winners will be determined in the same manner as in previous years; however, once the three winners are selected, Len will decide which of the individuals receives the "Veteran Award" based on the best match of their qualifications with those of Lenny Gulczynski (i.e. volleyball player, football player, areas of interest etc). We will document the reasoning behind the selection for future considerations.

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**New Business**

- Len received an email question asking for clarification on what changes or additions made by the Boosters need District approval. Generally the District needs to approval any change to structure. The Clubs should bring their proposals to the Booster Board and the Board will get an answer on whether the changes need District approval.
- Several concerns were brought to the Boosters and Athletic Dept regarding the Baseball fundraiser. The issue is having a fundraiser before the team is selected. This is both a financial concern and a concern of the appearance of impropriety in team selection (selection based on the extent of participation in the fundraiser). The Baseball Club Director, Kent Erickson, was not in attendance at this meeting; therefore, further discussion will be delayed until the next Board Meeting.
- Dan mentioned that there were a couple calls to BHS regarding a fraudulent fundraiser. Individuals were claiming to represent BHS Athletics and collecting money. Dan directed the callers to file police reports.

Patty Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motioned was seconded by Kim Abiera and was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Announcements**

***The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Bartlett High School Library.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zelinsky  
Secretary, BHS Booster Club