

# **Bartlett High School Booster Club November Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Monday, November 15th, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:00pm, BHS Library

**Presiding:** Nathan Gac ( President)

**Officers Present:** Brian Sanders (Vice President), Adena Hedeem (Treasurer), Erika Nelson (Secretary),  
Lisa Medendorp (Asst. Treasurer)

**Directors Present:** Alyson Kline (Girl's Basketball), Brian Sanders (Band), Dan McCarthy (Boy's Basketball), Jennifer Dryden (Cheer), Terea Eid (Boy's Cross Country and Boy's Track), Barbara Corrigan (Choir), Rachel Richardson (Dance), Stephanie Hubbard (Football), Lisa Medendorp (Boys/Girls Soccer and Boys/Girls Volleyball), Pam Murdoch (Girls Track), Dawn Engels (Wrestling)

**BHS STAFF/Parents/Visitors:** Jeff Bral (Athletic Director), Matt Balgeman (Band), Laura Wilkens (Softball), Denise Davis (Cheer), Jesus Bivian (Boy's Soccer)

Called to Order at 7:02PM Nathan Gac (President)

Welcome All especially the new attendees and the Winter Clubs

## **Meeting Minutes:**

- Nathan raises issue with side comment at end of minutes by Adena Hedeem concerning Indoor Concessions.
  - Erika has removed Adena's comment already- failed to send out corrected minutes with the comment removed.
- Nathan requests a motion to approve October Minutes with correction. Motion by Pam Murdoch, Seconded by Lisa Medendorp. Motion passed

## **President's Report- Nathan Gac**

- Student Council is currently collecting money for the Food for Greater Elgin campaign. Students are encouraged to bring \$1 to their 3rd period class this week. Class that raises the most money will earn donuts.
- Student Council is also collecting for the Annual BHS Giving Tree. This fundraiser supports families at BHS that need support at the holidays. We don't know the families that are receiving the gifts on the tree. The Guidance Counselors know the families. There is a SignUp Genius link to contribute to the Giving Tree. Erika will send it out to the Directors to pass on to the Clubs in an email. Principal Demovsky also includes it in his weekly message.

## **Treasurer's Report- Adena Hedeem**

Currently, our account balances are as follows:

Activity Complex: \$97, 809.58 (money market)

Main Checking (Clubs): \$163,475.14

- **LAST CALL! Unclaimed deposits from September** - \$664.00 and \$1331.00 *Going, going ... claim it now! Disappears to Main Boosters general funds after November! Check your Club Deposits and notify Adena immediately!*

- Adena- the new Wrestling club board caught an error in their checking account and claimed a deposit recently.
- Nathan explains the accounts: The Money Market account is the account for the Activity Complex. We are going to refrain from spending any more funds on the Activity Complex until the District is clear with their plans for the complex. The Checking account included all of the Club's individual accounts. Adena keeps separate records for each account to track their deposits/expenses. The money in that account is not all of the Main Boosters.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion made by Matt Balgeman, seconded by Lisa Medendorp

### **Athletic Director's or Principal's Report- Jeff Bral**

- Tracking student enrollment and student participation in activities, both Pre-Covid vs Covid, taking into account an average drop in student enrollment at BHS of 1.5-2.5% every year (houses not turning over as much as families stay in their homes)
  - STUDENT PARTICIPATION BY SPORT (If student athlete is in more than one sport, they are counted per sport. Unable to track other activities at this point. Working to include all activities in future)
 

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS</u>
■ 2015	1497
■ 2016	1494
■ 2017	1499
■ 2018	1522
■ 2019	1373 (Seasons-had Fall Sports, Winter Sports, Spring edited)
■ 2020	992 (Very edited Seasons)
■ 2021	795 at this point
  - Takes 3 weeks tracking an excel sheet of entire student population marking off activities by hand
    - Looking for more efficient process going forward
  - Currently 58 Activity Clubs running that are Non-IHSA
- Principal Demovsky received a second anonymous letter requesting that Jeff Bral be fired. Jeff has devoted 23 years to Bartlett High School and is here for the students. Of course there are challenges in any position. If you have issues, reach out to Jeff directly so he can help. He will not hold it against your students!

### Just of a few of the ongoing challenges at BHS:

- Finding coaches- Bral is looking for the best coaches for the kids w/in the parameters set by the district. Just filled the girls bb head coaching position and it did not work out. Hiring for Girl's Basketball again.
- Need a coach for Lacrosse Boys/Girls, Girls Track, Boys Track, Boys JV tennis, Volleyball needs a Coach too
  - JV gymnastics cut (1) Coach
- SERIOUS Official Shortage! Lost soccer games because of it, wrestling tournament issues (local, not us)
  - Affecting soccer, wrestling, a bit of volleyball
- Transportation: Hiring shortage this year! If you want to be a driver, apply! Increased hourly wage
  - Moved games to a 5pm start to accommodate the shortage, drivers are driving all day
  - Adena asks if Coaches can drive the District's little white activity buses. Bral says no, Union position issue still
- Scheduling issues for activities, events
- Things outside of BHS control (shortage of workers)

### Other News

- Track- Congratulations to Jenna Buchanan and Carter Eid for their showings in State
- Girls Tennis- congratulations to Jessie Popiol- All State for Tennis
- Band- They performed as the Pep Band at the State Volleyball Championships
- Cheer - Safety helmets were ordered. Tryouts for competition season is soon

- Winter pics on 11/16 for some of the sports
- There will be a JV team for Dance this year
- Upstate 8 hosting Cheer Conference this year
- Boy's Lacrosse- looking to do a Co-Op team in U46 as numbers dropped from 40 to 10-12 this year. Only BHS and SEHS currently have interested students. Needed 7 letters from opponents to approve, got 9. IHSA and BOE approval needed now to form the Co-Op. Currently there is NO Lacrosse Coach.
- Question asked- is Shield testing from another District allowed? Email it to Bral and he will ask.
- Boys Basketball hosting Sectionals: March 1st, 2nd and 4th
- Fall play was the Taming of the Shrew; Spring play will be Legally Blonde- tryouts are now
- Currently COVID masks all the time including playing the sports; IHSA meeting last week, maybe not on the floor.
- NO team dinners on District/School property. Nathan reiterates that the Boosters do not report to U46 but we must follow the policy on their property

#### Friendly reminders

- Currently NO indoor volunteers allowed in the High School that are not currently processed in the District's system. Must be vaccinated or provide Shield testing. Must be approved through the school.
- Currently NO indoor concession stand
  - Nathan says this is not following CDC and IDPH guidelines like they say they do. Other Districts (St. Charles East for one) holding indoor concessions with no issues. He will reach out to Tony [Sanders] directly now on Boosters behalf
    - Nathan points out this is not making parents feel welcome
    - Nathan says the Boosters funds the shortcoming of the District for our students
    - Booster Clubs make their money from Concessions, especially for Sectional/Regionals
      - At the Door, IHSA makes 80%, U46 20% and typically A.D. loses money as he has to pay employees that work the event.
    - IHSA asks schools if they want to host the events, schools don't volunteer
    - IMSA and Yorkville may be only other area schools NOT holding Concessions indoors
- Currently NO team (pasta) dinners to be held at the HS
- EOY award banquets can not be held at BHS
- BHS will be shut this winter thru the Holiday for CoGen project completion
- Currently, no attendance restrictions for indoor games

#### Things to look out for from the District:

Almost every sport will end up receiving something

- Hudl cameras for gym & stadium are here. Currently not for the Auditorium (feedback sound issues)
  - Bral requests to use the Boosters Youtube channel. Approval given
  - Cameras will be automated for this system
  - Working on similar for Softball/Baseball fields
  - Need District Information Services dept to do the wiring for these now
  - Looked at similar Pixelot system- it's free but you must be vendor for system.
    - All the high schools ordered them
    - Pixelot is part of the National Federation of High Schools
      - You must subscribe to this
  - We are not live streaming until this is installed
- 100 new hurdles for track
- Purchased a new Scoring table for gym
- Softball/baseball backstop padding
- Crown will be reconditioning or replacing gymnastic and wrestling mats, gym wall mats too
- Cheer mat system that is one holder for all three mats
- Stadium signs and driveway banners (they are in the wrong order currently)

- Soccer wind tunnel (must figure out how to secure it so it doesn't fly in the wind)
- Working on Softball batting cage, softball & baseball scoreboards and soccer shelter bench, pixalot camera

Terea Eid asks: What do participation athletic fees paid by students cover?

- Bral: transportation for the activity, entry fees for the sports events, officials for the sport. The District does not charge the full cost of the activity to the students, it covers millions of dollars in costs each year) Otherwise it would cost an athlete \$500 to participate in a sport. Tournaments can run \$500-700 each.
- Bral gets a budget of \$70,000 for all of the equipment and things that every sport needs. It costs \$20,000 for cleaning, balls and small gear alone
- Business Services is now working on an Age and Obsolescence process with all of the Athletic Directors for the equipment which will be a huge help moving forward
- Thank you Boosters for purchasing uniforms, it's a HUGE help for the teams. Hoping there are increases to budgets soon
- Bral has a Convenience fund with about \$300 in it that he uses for ads or purchases that are needed in real time (like paint for the track field)

Steph Hubbard asks: The "No Re-entry to Events" policy was an issue for Football. Gives example of parents walking out Grandparents between games, Parent volunteers putting away cameras and not being let back in. How do we fix this.

- Bral says to get ahold of him. Tell the gate to get him. The gate is doing their job. Adults using alcohol between games is causing issues at events. This policy is to cut down and prevent the issue.
- Inside the fence, Bral has authority. Outside the fence is the Dean's office but Bral can still help.

Question asked about Target Meetings. Bral- didn't have them before because they are not allowed. Now there is a 15 minute time limit. Doesn't want to send out a video as it's not personal. Hoping to have them again soon.

Nathan reminds the Clubs that are being financially impacted by all that is going on to reach out to the Main Boosters for support. We don't want students to have a season where they miss out on things that we can support.

\*\*\*\*Send any disgruntled parents Jeff's way\*\*\*\*

### **Committee Updates:**

**Membership:** 96 members to date, 65 Blue level/31 Green level. Band has done a great job getting members!

**Donations/Sponsorships-** No report

**Bylaw-** By-Law Committee will start to review bi-laws in January 2022, those interested in being a part of the committee please let Brian know. *Committee Volunteers:* Terea Eid (Cross Country), Pam Murdoch (Track), Brian Sanders (Band) Nathan sent a By-Law email on 11/15 to Committee members, open it to see if you can see his notes/suggestions

**Scholarship** -Pam Murdoch and Lisa Mendendorp bring up the criteria of a 3.0 GPA for the scholarship. They believe it is not realistic as this is not a grade-based scholarship. Asking for the GPA criteria to be lowered or removed altogether. Pam serves on the committee. There is low participation possibly due to the GPA. Currently applicants need 2 letters of recommendation and an impact of sports on the student essay and must be a current Booster Member. If there is not a Community service requirement already, that could be added to round out the requirements for the students applying. General agreement by those attending the meeting.

Nathan says it will be reviewed by the Executive Board. There is time to make a decision as this isn't worked on til Feb/March.

**Apparel** – No report

**Activity Complex-** No report- See President's report

**Elections/Nominations** -Nathan reminds the Clubs that they can pick a time of the School year that works best for their sport to hold elections but you must maintain that timeframe. You cannot move your voting around. Main Boosters is currently held in May. This will be looked at in the By-Law review.

**Varsity Dinner/ Awards Night** – No report- Cannot be held this year

**Wall of Fame**- No report

**Concessions**- Bral- the District says currently NO indoor concessions at this point.

**Communications** -No Report

**Fundraising**- No report

### **Club Reports:**

**Band**- No Report

**Baseball**- No report

**Basketball (Boys)**- Dan McCarthy makes a motion to spend up to \$2750 on shooting shirts, a flow through expense. Lisa Mendendorp seconds the motion. Motion passes

Fundraisers currently running: 50/50 online and a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser until January or February

**Basketball (Girls)**- No report

**BPAC**- No report

**Cheer**- Jennifer Dryden makes a motion to spend an amount not to exceed \$20,000, flow through, for the Gift Card fundraiser. Pam Murdoch seconds the motion. Motion passes. Nathan abstains from voting.

**Choir**- No Report

**Cross Country Boys**- No Report

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**Dance**- No Report

**Fine Arts**- No Report

**Football**- No Report

**Golf Boys**- No Report

**Gymnastics**- No Report

**HOSA**- No Report

**Lacrosse (Boys)**- No Report

**Lacrosse (Girls)**- No report

**Mock Trial**- No Report

**Orchestra**- No Report.

**Soccer (Boys)**- No Report

**Soccer (Girls)**- No Report

**Softball**-No report

**Student Council**- No Report

**Boys Swimming**- No Report

**Girls Swimming**- No report

**Track Girls**- No Report

**Track Boys**- No Report

**Volleyball Boys**- No Report

**Volleyball Girls**- No Report

**Wrestling**- No Report

### **Old & New Business-**

-Terea Eid asks about Paypal for Club use

Adena can place a paypal button on your Club's webpage. Every club has a page on the Booster's website. You create it for the Fundraiser. SnapRaise is not as pretty, they collect 20%. Paypal fees are approximately \$1-2 per transaction based on past experiences of other Clubs. If you need help with your page, let Adena know.

Question about AMAZON smiles. Erika says we do have a working account, Nathan said that will be emailed out too.

**The Next General Booster Board Meeting-** There is **NO DECEMBER MEETING** due to the Winter Break in December/January. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 24th, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Dan McCarthy, Second by Matt Balgeman  
Respectfully Submitted, Erika Nelson, 2020-21 Secretary, BHS Booster Club