

Bartlett High School

Booster Club

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Mar 16, 2026

Meeting Location: BHS Library

Start Time: 7:00 pm

Presiding: Dawn Engels (President)

Officers Present: Kelly Ryan (Vice President), Theresa Freidman (Treasurer), Penny Walter (Secretary)

Directors Present: Debra Capaccio (Boys Cross Country, Boys Track), Julie Netzel (Girl's Track), Nazira Collins (Girl's Swimming), Cindy Johnson (Fine Arts), Dawn Engels (Wrestling), Karen Skoric, Jaclyn Hearn, Abby Thorner (Football), Tracy Rodriguez (Boy's Swimming), Beth Keen (Cheerleading), Sassan Ashouri, Joy Pelz (Boy's Baseball), Megan McBrearty (Dance), Jen Kettinger (Girl's Basketball)

BHS STAFF/Parents/Visitors: Tracy Caputo, Jamie Boccuzzi

Called to Order at 7:05 pm by Dawn Engels (President)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING (February):

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Volunteers Still Needed
- Scholarship Review Committee Established
- Board positions needed. Election will be in May

MOTION by Debra Cappacio

Move to approve February meeting minutes

Seconded by Jackie, passed without descent

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dawn Engels:

- Open executive board positions for 2026-2027 school year: Vice President, Treasurer, and Asst. Treasurer are needed. Please submit names if interested.
- Scam emails- do not click on emails that are not directly from Board members.
- Volunteers for the scholarship committee were noted. Thank you to Cindy Johnson, Megan McBrearty and Nazira Collins for volunteering to review applications and to choose the winners for the 2025-2026 academic year booster's scholarship.

TREASURER'S REPORT - (to be included in minutes)

- All deposits have been claimed.

Main \$181,195.67 (less than \$20,000 is in the Main Boosters discretionary money and the rest is split across 42 club/activity subaccounts)

Concession \$9500.22

Complex \$36,305.96 money market account, \$72,221.49 in 13 month CD

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Provided by Dawn Engels

Mr. Bral was at State Athletic Conference

- Lilly White took 2nd in state wrestlers
- Cameron Engels and Norah Cwik qualified for state in wrestling
- Szymon Kurdziel was in top 20 for Boy's swimming at state

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Penny Walter

- Volunteer's still needed for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Decorating after school, Monday, May 4th. Set up, clean up and serve Tuesday, May 5th. 10:00-2:30

CLUB REPORTS-

Fine Arts-

The choir concert is this week, and the band had a concert last week. The orchestra concert had to be cancelled due to illness. HadesTown musical on April 23, 24, and 25. Candy and flowers will be sold during the performance. ATP guided interpretation competed in sectional, music theater presented Phantom of the Opera in video submission.

Honors Fest 4/11, all top band, choir and orchestra students will perform together with other area top HS students

Craft Fair application is up and running, currently accepting table reservations.

Banners and buttons- 25 banners and over 50 buttons, hopefully banners can be hung in auditorium

Girl's/Boy's Track-

Senior Yard signs are in and were available for pickup just inside the school entrance
Mar 24, 2026 , 2-6. Signs were then available to be picked up at Julie Netzel's house. All remaining signs are in the school office.

CLUB CONCERNS- The following questions were raised at our last meeting. The Board President brought these concerns to the Athletic Director, Jeff Bral. His answers are in italics copied and pasted from his email.

- **One pizza warmer is broken, can it be disposed of? Sink needs to be available for servers to wash hands. Need clarification about freezers.**

"The indoor concessions...if it's boosters equipment, you can dispose of. If it's the schools, then let me know. I only know of the big freezer that supposedly can't be removed. The sign about using the sink...I have no idea! I did clean the sink out one night after a sectional. There was what looked like nacho cheese. Judy, the kitchen manager, has said nothing to me so this is new news."

- **Some club directors feel student athletes are not supported nor celebrated by the school. Feel we need to do better acknowledging student athletes' success on the school level.**

"The students along with my activities sponsor are supposed to be updating these events when I am unavailable. I recognize this and understand we need to be better...AND CONSISTENT! This is something I have talked to my office about, and we are trying to rectify. All I can say is that I am sorry! I was unable to be at the girls state meet because I needed to support my wife as she is in a new role and had a charity event on both Friday and Saturday. I watched the matches, but that wasn't good enough.

The boosters have instagram. I am fine with it. I just hate the "in the absence of the school's account on this end wording". South Elgin has the Beacon and dedicated people to this. Elgin also is able to have a person. We just need to find a way to do this with our limitations."

- **Access to school during concessions and meetings, referee's stuck outside.**
- **Possible night custodian contact to access building for concessions, meetings and clubs?**

"Getting into the building. Concessions. Let me know when someone needs to come in and I will get someone there. I can't do last second things a lot of the time because I am setting up with our staff. Ticket workers are typically 45 min early for regular games, and 1 hour early for post-season. I am not allowed to leave doors open due to security. Boosters, it's typically me, and last night should have been Calvin, our new night guy. I will see what happened."

MOTION by Tracy Rodriguez

Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion seconded by Joy passed without dissent.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Next Meeting - March 16th 2026

Respectfully Submitted by Penny Walter - Secretary, 2025-2026 BHS Booster Club Executive Board.

MAIN BOOSTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD: Dawn Engels (vicepresident@bhsboosters.org), Kelly Ryan (vicepresident@bhsboosters.org), Theresa Friedman (treasurer@bhsboosters.org), Penny Walter (secretary@bhsboosters.org)

