

Bartlett High School Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 23, 2021
Meeting Time: 7:00pm – BHS Library

Presiding: Nathan Gac (President)

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

Directors Present: Alyson Kline/ Elizabeth Desarden (Girl's Basketball), Brian Sanders (Band), Beth Keen/Christa Bakos (Baseball), Dawn Martin (Boy's Swimming), Jennifer Dryden (Cheer), Terea Eid (Boy's Cross Country and Boy's Track), Barbara Corrigan (Choir), Rachel Richardson (Dance), Mike Grzywinski (Fine Arts), Stephanie Hubbard (Football), Tammy Kotsovetis (Girls Lacrosse), Lisa Medendorp (Boys/Girls Soccer and Boys/Girls Volleyball), Pam Murdoch (Girls Track)

BHS STAFF/Parents/Visitors: Jeff Bral, Athletic Director, Matt Balgeman (Band)

Called to Order at 7:05PM by Nathan Gac (President)
Welcome

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve May Minutes- Mike Grzywinski, Second Matt Balgeman; Motion passed

President's Report – Nathan Gac

- Club Boards are in charge of the clubs; Executive Board is here to support you
 - Introductions of the Main Board
 - We handle the finances, taxes, audits, Certificates of Insurance, act as liaison with BHS Staff
 - We assist if you have issues; don't gang up on staff, try to resolve calmly, we can help if needed
 - We hold 1-2 fundraisers to support our Senior Scholarship, Global BHS support but Club support is #1
 - Keep us in the loop for your Fundraisers so we can help support them and avoid conflicts with clubs
 - We are a separate entity than the District and the school- we don't report to the District but we DO partnership with them
 - We are a 501c3 tax exempt organization
 - We are a small Executive Board of 5 volunteers. If we miss a communication, it is not on purpose
Reach out to us again please.

- I am on the current Facility Master Plan Steering Committee as a Booster President. Before that I served on the CAC E&F committee that reviewed facility use and boundaries for schools. The District forms a committee for opinion but the bottom line is they will do what they want.
 - Steering Committee Update- the District is looking to plan for 5-25yrs. and beyond. Specifically classrooms and learning environments. The Committee is made up of members in various positions throughout the District including architects and psychologists. Meet on Thursdays for 3-4 hours. Designs for schools that have been explored look very different- moving walls, glass everywhere. The Committee has been touring schools. Some of our schools (particularly to the west side of the District) need so much help with the facility.
 - What does the group think of moving 6th grade to middle school? 50/50 response on it
 - Cheer parent says her Husband's District did that- lasted two years and then changed it back

Treasurer's Report –Adena Hedeem

Currently, our accounts are as follows:

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

Main Checking (Clubs): \$138,877.36

- You must be a current member of Main Boosters to collect/spend money in Club accounts
- Make sure you are voting on your spending at the Club level (and recording the vote)
- Monthly financial reports have been emailed out to the Director/President or the Treasurer of the Club. If you have not gotten them, let Adena know.
- Make sure you are labeling your deposits for your club. We will give you several weeks, with email notifications, to claim a deposit that is not specified to a club, after that it is claimed by Main Boosters. Last year \$1400 went unclaimed by clubs after months of notice!
- We have a Mastercard that can be used for Club purchases- see the Booster Financial Guide for Clubs. The daily limit on it is \$5,000.
- We have a SAM'S CLUB account with 2 cards. It is for SCHOOL-RELATED USE ONLY. It is tax-exempt.
- We have stands for Student banners for activities- see the Board to use them
- We have an iPad to stream/record games- see the Board to use it
- Adena checks the Treasurer email every 3 days or so. Copy her personal email address on communications sent to the Treasurer email (treasurer@BHSboosters.org), Adena@invisiblestreams.com
- If you have things to post on our Facebook or Twitter accounts, email Adena
- The Main Boosters handles clubs finances to act as a checks/balances for the clubs to avoid any financial issues.
- We purchase the insurance, pay to be registered as a 501c3, do the Senior Scholarship, licenses for the Wall of Fame at school, host the Hawkfest Fireworks, support the clubs and much more.
- Motion requested by Nathan to accept the Treasurer's report: Rachel Richardson, 2nd Stephanie Hubbard. Motion passes unanimously
- Ideally, we do not want to directly reimburse a BHS staff member. We can reimburse their school account, so the Coach would submit the receipts, we would cut a check to the school for

their activity account and then the school would directly reimburse the expense. Last year we let some things slide due to COVID, not this year.

Athletic Director's or Principal's Report – Jeff Bral

- I am now in charge of Drivers Ed and Student Activities only. PE and Health have been removed from Athletic Director's duties.
- Reach out to Bral any time, for any reason. 99% of the time we can work it out. #1 priority is we are all here for the kids. If you don't share that thought, you are in the wrong business. Thank you for being stakeholders in your student's lives.
- My budget from U-46 is only \$60,000 a year to cover all equipment, repairs and support for all of the activities. Everything is expensive, ex. a football costs \$100. The Boosters are vital to our success. They help us give the students the best possible opportunities with the best equipment possible. We are the best Boosters organization in the district, other schools wish theirs was similar.
- Thank you for your support and consideration of our recent event being moved to Thurs. due to the tragic car accident that involved BHS students. It has been a very emotional time for all involved- students, staff, coaches.
- You aren't always going to agree with your coaches, teacher, or sponsor. Please talk to them. If you don't get resolution, let me know. I am a liaison for you all.
- Requesting support now- 8/24 and 8/25- need adult helpers for student photos. Email Bral if you can help. 7:30-3pm and shifts can be arranged.
- Nathan- the Wall of Fame, Boosters funded it (started by Ken Pavell), it needs to be updated.
 - Bral- yes, I don't have the time/manpower to do it now. District Techs fixed the firewall update. The video is from 2017, on the wall the pics need to be updated. Would like to have a Professional wall & an All-State wall and current great athletes on the other wall. We have rights to use V.I.P photos too.
 - Adena- renewal of the software license for the video is \$2300 for 2 years.
- Nathan- are we back to normal for activities? are we paying at the gate?
 - Bral- Yes, last I heard we are paying again at the gate.
 - Nathan- the money collected at the event gate goes to the District. If you buy a Booster membership, you can get into the games for free and the money comes to the Boosters (so it stays at BHS).
 - We have two levels of Membership- \$35 with limited entrance to events or \$100 for unlimited entrance to events.
 - Bral- students are free entrance to events. Have your I.D.
- Current mandate as of today- masks are worn inside for all events, not at outside events- at this time.
 - COVID changes constantly, watch for updates to COVID policy
- Stephanie Hubbard- is the current members listed online updated? Adena- working on it. See her after the meeting for a current list for your club.
- This is not a "Bash U46" fest. They provide lots of help and support to us. We have gotten LOTS of new things in the last year. To name a few: new signage, a press box, ISHA activity screen around the complex, pole banners, covered soccer benches, baseball & softball scoreboards, LED

scorer table for the gym, softball batting cages, huddl camera for the gym and activity complex field to log on and watch games. Turf is supposed to be coming though we don't know when- the time-frame keeps getting changed. Outbuilding structures in process too.

- Lots of hiring still- new coaches, still filling Girls Basketball head coach, 5x it was filled and then changed happened. It's tough, if it's a union position, you have to use a union person, even if there is a better, non-union option.
 - Lisa Medendorp- are you hiring only females for the position?
 - Bral- no. I am open to the best candidate- male or female. Though there is something to be said for the coach being the same gender to supervise locker rooms, be a good gender role model for the students, etc.
 - I do have a plan C for the position. (Sped needs teachers too if you are interested)

Committee Updates:

Membership: Memberships purchased from April 2021 on will count for 2021-22 school year. We will go back to pre-covid policy, sending out Membership cards and posting membership. (EVMS posts members)

Donations/Sponsorships- No report

Bylaws – We need to look into a formal review of By-laws in 21-22 as they should have been done in 19-20 but weren't due to COVID. It needs to be reviewed every 4 years. We will need a committee to do this of at least 3 additional people, Nathan will head it up. Motion made to extend the current by-laws to January of 2022 so this committee can be formed. Motion made by Pam Murdoch, seconded by Matt Bagleman. Motion passes unanimously.

Nominating Committee – No report.

Scholarship This committee starts about January and runs in the Spring We had 3 applications last year. No Senior parents allowed on the Committee.

Apparel – currently using A&A, time for a change to freshen the look. Seeking recommendations. Bral has one he will send us. Kerhofer in Aurora is recommended. Looking for gear that is not club specific that can be bought to support your students in all of their activities.

Activity Complex- Nathan- District must now invest money into our complex before we continue to invest. In the spirit of the complex we have purchased a concessions tent to use and cameras to film games in the complex. It's been 4 years of waiting now for the District to invest more in the complex.

Elections/Nominations: -No report.

Varsity Dinner/ Awards Night – No report.

Wall of Fame –See Jeff Bral to post stuff. Jeff- looking to update the Wall- see the A.D's report above. Planned Pro-athlete and All Conference framed photos. Nathan- Boosters will fund the change. Just need volunteers to help with manpower for it.

Concessions – Bral- the District says no indoor concessions at this point. Outdoor only. The point is made that students are packed into the cafeterias to eat lunches- Nathan will look into the Indoor Concessions policy. We have the permit for indoor concessions. Erika applied for the band concessions permit for outdoors-should be here before the first home game. Terea from Track asks to be added to the permit for two events (meet with Erika after to discuss).

Communications -No Report

Fundraising – We cannot do a Joe Cotton Ford Test Drive fundraiser this year- Ford has stopped fundraisers for this year with production stopped due to COVID.

We have the open spots on the scoreboard for advertising opportunities. Erika will send out the flyer for it. Any clubs that bring in sponsors, Main Boosters will split the money with them- the club will receive \$250 that you can divide as you want between clubs you support.

- Booster club accounts the parents have a say in how the money is spent for the students. The BHS school accounts, parents have no say- the Coaches spend that money.

Club Reports:

Band- No Report

Baseball- No report

Basketball (Boys)- No report

Basketball (Girls)- No report

BPAC – No report

Cheer- No Report

Choir – No Report

Cross Country Boys- No Report

Cross Country Girls-No Report

Dance- No Report

Fine Arts – Mike Grzywinski- We are moving our Fall Craft show event off campus. Looking for a venue. Nathan suggests contacting the BAPS temple- fantastic, beautiful property. Erika will look for a contact number/name.

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 – Pam Murdoch- we had a nice banquet for our club. It was nice to be normal. Gabby S. and Camille B. had fantastic showings at State. If you plan to be on track, please say so now when you join Boosters and list the clubs you belong to. We can always change it and remove your name later if needed.

Track Boys- No Report

Volleyball Boys –No Report

Volleyball Girls – No Report

Wrestling – No Report

Old & New Business-

- Lisa Medendorp asks if a Shoe Recycling event can be held with a box on campus. Email Bral and he'll look into it
- Cross Country asks- can we have student dinners on campus? Bral- no dinners of any kind on campus and be careful hosting events privately- follow COVID protocols to avoid getting an entire team or group sick and shutting things down.
- Hawkfest is on Sept. 20th. Parade is the 19th.

The Next General Booster Board Meeting - 7pm on Sept. 20th. We might move it due to Hawkfest, stay tuned!

Meeting Adjourned 8:14 pm – Motion to adjourn by Mike Grzywinski, Second by Pam Murdoch

Respectfully Submitted, Erika Nelson, 2020-21 Secretary, BHS Booster Club.