

Bartlett High School

Booster Club

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026

Meeting Location: BHS Library

Start Time: 7:00 pm

Presiding: Dawn Engels (President)

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

Directors Present: Joy Pelz (Baseball, Boys Basketball), Debra Capaccio (Boys Cross Country, Boys Track), Megan McBrearty (Dance), Cindy Johnson (Fine Arts), Dawn Engels (Wrestling), Dana Ashouri (Boy's Bowling), Owen Burritt (Flag Football), Abby Thorner (Football), Tracy Rodriguez (Boy's Swimming), Nazira Collins (Girl's Swimming), Geraldine Ackley (Cheerleading)

BHS STAFF/Parents/Visitors: Tracy Caputo, Jaclyn Hearn (Football), Ramona Torres (Dance), Scott Ashouri, Jill Kowalski (Baseball), Brad Grahl, Motoka Grahl (Boy's Swimming), Svitlana Sekkat (Girl's Swimming)

Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Dawn Engels (President)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING (November):

- Senior banners, making them uniform to display in school during their season
- Starting committee for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon first week in May
- Discussion started about a possible end of the year award banquet

MOTION by Rodriguez

Move to approve November Meeting Minutes
Seconded by Sekkat and passed without dissent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dawn Engels:

- Omella card readers are available. Tap to pay on the phone does work but has a 10% fail rate. Card readers are a good backup.
- End of the Season Award Banquets: Cannot require athletes to pay to attend
- Expenses over \$1500 need Exec board approval, if amount is unknown, request approval for "up to" the max amount
- For Booster credit card, work directly with treasurer once approval is received

- Teacher Appreciation coming up- Tuesday, May 5th Luncheon Date- looking for people to join the committee. Need to set up an Omella page to collect donations, decorate the lounge Monday, May 4th, and pick up food, set up, serve- two lunches and clean up the day of luncheon. Contact BHS Secretary, Penny Walter or VP Kelly Ryan if you would like to join the committee.
- Banners: Working on senior banners. We would like to have a collaboration with all booster clubs to order the same size banners (2"x3") through VIP to have them hung for the students senior season. The cost of banners and dates for upcoming pictures will be shared at the upcoming meeting. Logistics on where and how to hang need to be worked out. Looking into possibly a fundraiser, sponsor etc. to raise money for banners.
- Inflatable Hawk- needs to be replaced, current hawk was purchased in 1997. Replacement cost: \$8,095. Working with Mr. Bral to possibly split cost with school.

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

Main \$191,229.31 (less than \$20,000 is in the Main Boosters discretionary money and the rest is split across 42 club/activity subaccounts)

Concession \$9402.42

Complex \$36,253.41 money market account, \$71,995.75 in 13 month CD

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jeff Bral

- The district allocates \$70,000 a year to school for BHS sports, increased to \$99,000 this year but with inflation not much of an increase, gives an extra \$50,000 for A & O, which replaces equipment and uniforms on a rotational basis. The district is covering more state events and extra things like transportation. Lost funding when federal funding was cut. Have a \$145,000 revolving fund for officials.
- Coop IHSA legislation proposal: Schools with over 3500 students can no longer combine with other district schools to create teams that can compete at conference tournaments and beyond. This will not impact sports that have individual qualifiers like golf, swimming etc, but will affect Lacrosse and other combined team sports.
- Boy's and girl's basketball moving forward
- Boy's and girl's bowling has full roster, girl's are still bowling
- Boy's bowling had two bowlers qualify for sectionals, the team missed qualifying by 17 pins.

- Girl's Cheerleading JV and Varsity took 2nd at Conference, missed beating SE by less than 2 points
- Boy's Swimming Conference 2/7
- Dance was beaten by only 3 teams in Illinois, sectionals took place at the end of January.
- New AD Secretary: Nicole Alm, nicolealm@u-46.org
- 2nd week of track and field for boy's and girl's
- Spring sports open up the next week or two, less than a month away for girl's softball

ACTION ITEM:- Main Board

- Purchase inflatable \$8095
- Discussion and vote

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Penny Walter

- Card readers are available. Email me if you need one.
- Contact me, secretary@bhsboosters.org or Kelly Ryan, vicepresident@bhsboosters.org if you are interested in joining the teacher appreciation committee.

CLUB REPORTS-

Fine Arts- Orchestra concert Feb. 21st, Speech is entering conference, sectional and state competitions, Feb. 10th Jazz Concert, Feb. 12th Cupids Concert Chamber Orchestra, Feb. 21st Orchestra, Feb. 24, 26 Band, April 23-25 Hadestown, Cast has been selected. Musical Theatre review Phantom of the Opera, GI guided Mean Girls, cast picked. Date set for 2026 Fall Craft Fair: October 17th, 2026. Fine Arts t-shirt fundraiser, choir coffee fundraiser, doing banners this year with multiple listings.

Boys Track/Girls Track- Started two weeks ago, senior grad yard signs are still available until Feb. 27th

Dance- Varsity earned the highest score ever. Both JV and Varsity took 1st place at the conference tournament at South Elgin H.S.

Boys Bowling- Took 5th in Regionals, best finish in BHS history

Girls Swimming- Varsity finished 5th in conference, one state qualifier, Stephanie Adamson, senior

Next meeting February 23.

MOTION by Thorner

Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion seconded by Svitlana, passed without dissent.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12.

Next Meeting - Feb 23, 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)

