



October 7, 2026

Music Booster Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting

Currently have 17 paid memberships, and 18 total people approved to volunteer with BoE.

Director Reports

Mr. Haughwout - no update

Dr. Kregler - Broadway trip - 11/11 - deadline Friday 10/9; Chamber choir to elementary schools on 12/18, 12/21 - Chamber choir is small - 18 students - Dr. Kregler requested that we sponsor bagels for one of those days for Chamber Choir

Mrs. LiVecchi - Raymour & Flanagan (orchestra - date TBD)

First show with full props on 10/2

Managed with the sails at the 10/2 game - will put plan B together as a back up

Future Fundraising

- Canning - potential dates - Nov. 13 and Nov. 14
- Mr Subs Dine Out Nov 3 – will target poll workers for sandwiches (hours are 12-4pm)
- Looking into Red Robin Dine Out before Christmas

Finances (Scott)

Treasury report - not much change since September

Home Show report - brought in around \$12k (waiting to calculate some of the additional expenses); a few sponsorships came in.

- Food went well - looking to see about a way to extend it - Scott may be able to bring the smoker there.
- Nina made a suggestion to move the drinks/pre-packaged snacks to improve flow next year
- Scott - we could try something similar to the guard home show set up; a suggestion to invest in signage

- \$1k more in tickets, but air grams were flat – maybe worth investing in better signage (\$14 a sign for the bathroom signs) - perhaps separate from Oreo booth
Some newer bands were not familiar with the concept of airgrams/candy grams
- Perhaps a misunderstanding from the district of what our event requires
For the new athletic director - will write up a detailed explanation of our home show event
- A district person may have to be paid to be in the press box next year; they may also charge us for custodians next year
- In request to the town for the parking lots, we will ask about the lights
- We had a lot of parent volunteers - hopefully we can have similar turnout for the winter guard home show
- May look into bands being able to warm up at Kennedy (may be some logistical problems - especially for pit equipment)
- Can look at having a floater to watch that back gate
- Liz suggests a meeting during band camp for home show planning so we can organize so it is not all done last minute.
- Can try this for winter guard show - earlier planning meeting - maybe Feb

Upcoming Events

Competitions

- Feeding the band - sign ups ongoing (via email) - getting donations - successful also during 10/3 practice (allergies - nut, dairy, sesame)
- No info yet as to whether the building will be open for our two Sunday competitions (maybe grab and go breakfast)

Important Dates

- **Canning - Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14** (tentative)
- **Bandsgiving - Sunday, November 15** - at the American Legion (booked from 2-6pm)
- **Tuesday, December 8 – Winter Concert (6:30pm Start)** - we usually set up a table to sell shirts, cans for donations
- **Thursday, March 4, 2027 – District Festival** – requires more parents to help (line control, sales)
- **Thursday, April 29, 2027 – Spring Concert**

New Business

- The district is changing the bus policy. Initially we were told that buses for competitions would be cancelled. At the end of the day, all buses for comps will be covered this year

(2 buses, not 3) - but the bigger issue for Hershey Park - we will have to use coach buses.

- This is district wide - out of state trips are out; longer distances in NJ are also out.
- The superintendent will get us funding for the cost of school buses about \$2100 for Hershey park. We will have to pay the difference. Canning can raise that \$4000. Negotiated to have the buses paid for by the district and then we will reimburse after. They are working on a sort of "promissory note" for this from the district.
- For canning - Will need parents to "chaperone" locations (and be a point of contact) + kids to do this (2 hour time blocks)
 - Students will sign up for a time slot and be given a location
 - Will look into Wawa, also QuikCheck on the other side of town - Derrick White will contact Shaker family to look into possibly being allowed by ShopRite
 - Kids can bring instruments
 - Look for correspondence about canning
- Next year's buses for competitions could be dicey
- Marching band is funded as a supporter of football team but for competitions it is seen as a club
- Process to possibly re-classify marching band - and BOE may look at what our organization funds/our costs; clubs can set a fee for buses (maybe call it a transportation fee) - TBD
- Will be looking at some additional fundraisers (Somerset Patriots concession stand)

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 11

December 9

Attendance: Scott Miller, Liz Rapeleye, Lynn Patzwa, Tammy Winsmann, Nina Roman, Theresa Maistrow, Denise Bonin, Ravi Lakheeram, Trish LaVelle Pignatauro, Kristine Keefe-Hassan