

Minutes – October 6, 2008
Waxahachie Band Boosters

Ronnie McMahan called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes – Booster Meeting of September 8, 2008

Minutes were distributed by Virginia Tipton and reviewed by boosters. Edward Quintana moved to accept the minutes, Kathy Louque seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Financial Report

As of August 31, 2008, there was \$20,684.24 in the checking account; with \$109,161.54 in the money market account. As of today, October 6, 2008, the checkbook had a balance of \$38,129.25. Kathy Louque made a motion to accept the financial report, Robin Louque seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Director's Reports

Clift

Mr. Owens extended congratulations to high school band and staff for their excellent performance this marching/contest season. He noted high school band received the only standing ovation at Midlothian contest – entire stadium on its feet following band's show. Noted band is performing extremely well against stiff competition from strong 5A schools. Mr. Owens reported the 6th grade band is settling into its new facilities. Students learning how to care for instruments and put them together correctly – in "squeak and squawk" stage and making excellent progress. Clift will be holding annual garage sale on October 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Howard

Mr. Francis reported that presence of fumes from construction is preventing use of new bandhall – waiting on progress report from superintendent's office. Students currently meeting (not playing) in cafeteria. Instruments still in storage at high school, awaiting completion of bandhall. In addition to fumes; the walls, ceiling and floor are still being completed. Edward noted that athletic students were being bused to campus for practice, this might be possible for 8th grade band students. Mr. Francis said this would be helpful, especially as Region competition approaches. Mr. Armstrong said would investigate this possibility. Ronnie asked if there was anything boosters could do to assist – Mr. Francis thanked boosters for their support.

High School

Ronnie noted kids gave standing ovation to the band that beat them for first-place (Waxahachie receiving second place overall) at Midlothian contest. Students' work ethic

and attitude of sportsmanship is reflection of teaching and leadership provided by Mr. Armstrong, general agreement and appreciation from boosters. Mr. Armstrong thanked boosters for their help and support during marching/contest season. Reported students are continuing to refine show. Show is tribute to “Greatest Generation” and band is striving to reflect this in all aspects of its performance. Mr. Armstrong thanked boosters for relaxing meal in middle of the competition day – was wonderful way for kids to reflect and recharge. Grade eligibility check approaches – hopeful not many students will be affected. Use of shadowing this year proving to be helpful strategy. Band will travel to Waco game on four chartered buses. Band to perform prelims at 12:15 p.m. at DeSoto contest this Saturday – all boosters welcomed and encouraged to come cheer the band on. Homecoming Bonfire to be held October 23. Band to perform prior to Homecoming Game due to activities at half-time. October 24 to be an early release day, with the band marching in the Homecoming Parade (parade to begin at 3:00 that afternoon). Spring trip is currently overbooked – travel requirement of two previous events with band will be enforced for chaperones and accounts must be kept up to date with payments to retain spots on trip. Mr. Armstrong thanked Mr. Cook and the boosters for the help in coordinating the complex pit equipment with this year’s show. Lisa Popp said 10 adults are scheduled to help with pit at DeSoto.

Campus Reports

Finley - 7th Grade

Tricia Peyrot reported preparations are underway for fall festival, with sixteen parents volunteering to help.

Howard - 8th Grade

Edward Quintana said everything progressing well.

New Business

Bylaw Amendments

Ronnie distributed copies of proposed changes to bylaws. These amendments reflect changes in campus names; and change in the name of the officer to take over should the position of President be vacated mid-term (name change had been omitted previous year). Ronnie noted the changes will be presented to boosters tonight, discussed at next month’s meeting, and then voted on the following month. He asked boosters to review the proposed changes and communicate with him (or any officer) any questions they may have.

VP Report

Lisa Popp thanked all who helped with concessions for Ennis game. She reported over 70 parents helped, with proceeds over \$15K being received for that game. Band met its

targeted amount for this game – will be tremendous help in meeting our budget goals this year. Lisa thanked all chaperones for their continuing help and support during marching/contest season.

Asst VP Reports

Concessions

Lisa reported that the coolers are out again (on the refrigerator side), with minimal loss of inventory (couple boxes of hot dogs). Freezer is hovering at 20 degrees – not good, it should be between -10 degrees to 0 degrees. Work is underway to get these issues fixed. We are at mid-way point through concession season, with two home games (Homecoming and Senior Night) remaining. Sales on target, season going well. Lisa thanked all who have helped in concession stand – budget could not be met without their efforts.

Special Projects

Kathy Louque reported that goody bags will be passed out to kids for upcoming Parent Night - parents can drop off cookies at 6:15. Heidi Perkins will be preparing pigs-in-the-blankets for UIL. Double Dave's will be providing lunch (back at bandhall following UIL contest) at \$6/pizza. Kathy asked if Charmers will be eating with band, since they will be sharing buses for Waco game – Lisa P. said she would email Charmers to see if they would like to eat with band. Meals for upcoming marching contests have been planned – all progressing well. Preparations for Band Banquet to begin soon.

Communications

Carol Kimberlin said all is progressing well.

Fundraising

Ronnie noted that Indian Warpath has been moved to November 8, having previously been rescheduled due to Hurricane Ike.

Upcoming Important Dates

October 11 – DeSoto Marching Contest

October 18 - HEB Marching Contest

November 1 – Duncanville Marching Contest

November 8 – Indian Warpath

Old Business

Ronnie asked for any other business – Mr. Cook thanked the boosters for the cards and flowers following death of his grandmother. Kathy Louque noted that today is Mr. Cook's birthday – boosters joined in wishing Mr. Cook a Happy Birthday.

Next executive committee meeting to be October 27, next booster meeting to be November 3. Both meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the bandhall.

Pam Maass moved to adjourn meeting, Donna Ritchie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.