

WISD BAND BOOSTER MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Lisa Popp.

Directors present: Rich Armstrong, Reggie Cook, Dan Francis, Donnie Owens, Kendra Ray. Executive Committee members present: Paige Gordon, Carol Kimberlin, Kathy Louque, Ronnie McMahan, Tricia Peyrot, Lisa Popp, Perry Popp, Edward Quintana, Lisa Richardson. Lisa Popp expressed appreciation to the numerous band parents attending the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 2009 meeting were distributed, reviewed and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Edward Quintana distributed the financial reports for May 2009 with the following highlights:

May Revenues	-706.09
May Expenditures	13,218.94
Bank Balance as of May 31, 2009	7,575.93
Money Market Balance as of May 31, 2009	111,075.48
Clift Bank Balance as of May 31, 2009	408.87

No questions on May financial report.

June Revenues	13,438.31
June Expenditures	852.20
Bank Balance as of June 30, 2009	17,356.84
Money Market Balance as of June 30, 2009	111,212.42
Clift Bank Balance as of June 30, 2009	479.62

No questions on June financial report.

Bank Balance as of August 3, 2009	11,191.46
Clift Bank Balance as of August 3, 2009	147.56
Money Market Balance as of August 3, 2009	111,345.10

Motion to approve financial report made by Paige Gordon; seconded by Pam Maass; unanimously approved.

## CAMPUS REPORTS

- CLIFT  
Donnie Owens reported that work has continued through the summer on the sixth grade program. He anticipates a much smoother beginning this year and is very optimistic at the number of students enrolled in band for the 2009-2010 year: 135-140.
  
- FINLEY/HOWARD  
Ms. Ray offered congratulations to the WHS Wind Ensemble for achieving third place in the Honor Band competition. Today was the first official day in the office, and both bands are distributing All Region music.
  
- WHS  
Mr. Owens emphasized the importance of the WHS Wind Ensemble's achievement at the Honor Band competition. There are a total of 240 Class 4A bands in Texas, and Waxahachie is ranked third, or in the upper one percent in the State - quite an accomplishment!

Mr. Armstrong encouraged the Boosters to communicate their congratulations to the students in the Wind Ensemble for their hard work throughout the spring in order to be named behind only two other schools: Friendswood and Frisco. He also expressed appreciation to the Boosters for bringing Brian Merrill in as a clinician.

He reported that the first day of Band Camp 2009 was extremely positive and anticipates having an "honor" marching band this year. He plans to have the opener ready to perform at the Ice Cream Social on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 show is designed for competition, not necessarily entertainment. The marching, the music, and the special effects created by the flags will definitely place the band in excellent positions as we work to go to State.

There are several new private teachers now available for Waxahachie band students, and Mr. Armstrong encouraged parents to take advantage of the tremendous talent available.

We are still working on additional funding from the District; they have agreed to purchase new marching and color guard uniforms for 2010-2011.

New this year - a member of the band leadership team will be attending future Booster meetings.

Mr. Armstrong expressed appreciation to the WISD Band Staff and to the Boosters for their hard work and efforts in behalf of the band.

NEW BUSINESS

- The nomination of Tina Autry as 2009-2010 Clift Representative was approved unanimously.
- Requests for approval of expenditures to be made from fund balance:

Uniform racks for Howard 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band (includes shipping and handling)	\$1,594.00
Eight chair racks for WHS Band (includes shipping and handling)	\$2,387.00
Truck Awning	\$2,000.00
Drum Major Stand	\$1,500.00
Additional funds for marching band props/flags	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$8,981.00

Motion for approval made by Executive Committee; seconded by Pam Maass; unanimously approved.

- Contest food schedule is as follows:
  - Midlothian Contest, Saturday, October 3  
Junior Class; coordinated by Robin and Kathy Louque
  - UIL Contest, Wednesday, October 7  
Freshman Class; need coordinators. Anyone interested in helping or coordinating, please contact Kathy Louque.
  - DeSoto Contest, Saturday, October 10  
Senior Class; coordinated by Jackie and Scott Bailey
  - Area Contest, Saturday, October 24  
Sophomore Class; need coordinators. Anyone interested in helping or coordinating, please contact Kathy Louque.
- We are asking all students to bring a case of 15.9 oz. (.5L) bottles of bottled water to the Ice Cream Social. We need cases of 24 or 32; no individual bottles, please. The cases need to be stackable for storage and can be dropped off at the Concession Stand as parents arrive on Friday, August 14.

- All parents will also be asked to donate snacks and chips for away game sack lunches; homemade treats are encouraged. No candy or suckers - both make busses hard to clean. Parents interested in donating cash for bread or lunch meat, please contact Kathy Louque.
- Instrument Donation program - designed to have instruments for 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders unable to provide their own. The possibility of adding names of donors either to the patrons list and/or to concert programs. Instruments will be refurbished and made available on an as-needed basis.

At the suggestion of Tina Autry, Lisa Popp will contact Ray Porter regarding the correct method of appraising and assigning a tax value for the instruments.

The program will have its introduction at the Ice Cream Social with appraisals from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Tina Autry volunteered to serve on the committee which will be working on the details of the program. Pam Maass volunteered to contact the Flea Market radio program as a method of advertising the program.

- September Booster Meeting scheduled for September 8 (motion made by Kathy Louque; seconded by Lisa Richardson; unanimously approved).
- Lisa Popp encouraged the Boosters to attend the WISD Board meetings, with the next one scheduled for August 10. We are still concerned about the amount of money designated for the Band budget for this year and will continue to ensure that the Board is aware that the Waxahachie Band Program is seriously under-funded when compared with other Ellis County band programs.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

- Vice President, Ronnie McMahan
  - Getting started on Concessions; have approximately half the number of volunteers needed for the first game.
  - Still need volunteers at the Car Wash (contact Lisa Richardson) and the Ice Cream Social (contact Kathy Louque or Lauren Devore).

- Assistant Vice President, Concessions, Perry Popp
  - Lumpkins cleanup scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 at the same time as Registration; should only take about an hour.
  - Wilemon cleanup scheduled for Saturday, August 8.
  - Need Assistant JV Concessions Manager to assist Laurie Donelson. Games are played on Thursday nights, with one Wednesday game. Anyone interested in volunteering for this spot, please contact Lisa Popp.
  - Also need Friday night managers. Stu Stephenson agreed to manage stand sales. Anyone interested in managing the concession stand on Friday night home games, please contact Lisa Popp.
  
- Assistant Vice President, Special Projects, Kathy Louque
  - Collecting \$5 from Freshman parents for ice cream; deadline is August 13. Lauren DeVore coordinating event.
  - Spirit flags arrived in the wrong color, but are being re-shipped and should arrive in time for the Ice Cream Social.
  - Band photo posters - Tobie Nottingham coordinating.
  - Summer Band Luau scheduled for August 13, if possible; location to be determined.
  - Band banquet scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Midlothian Civic Center.
  
- Assistant Vice President, Communications, Paige Gordon
  - Article in Sunday's paper regarding WHS Wind Ensemble's placement in the Honor Band competition.
  - Request placed with Neal White for an article regarding the Car Wash
  - Paige Gordon will be working on an article for the instrument drive program.
  - Lisa Popp will add a Constant Contact link on the web site for anyone not receiving e-mails.
  
- Assistant Vice President, Fundraising, Lisa Richardson
  - Double Dave's will still be offering \$5 buffet after home games this year. They are also giving the band two tip nights: August 11 and September 11. Students will clean tables (nothing else) in exchange for tips. At the end of the evening, the money will be equally divided between the students working and placed in their student band account. Need approximately 30 kids per night. Sign-up sheets are on the Board. A student must have a fundraising form on file in order to participate.

- Patron Program - new corporate benefits available. Letters and brochures were mailed on Monday, including information regarding the Friends and Family program. Letter also offered recipients the opportunity to participate in our magazine subscription program.
- Spirit Roll Banners - We have received our order of 500 and will be selling them at the Ice Cream Social and Meet the Indians; 1 for \$12 and 2 or more at \$10 each.

UPCOMING DATES

August 4	Uniform Fitting and Registration Make-Up 6 pm to 9 pm
August 6	Jazz Café Meeting 6 pm
August 8	Car Wash 8 am to 2 pm
August 14	Ice Cream Social 8 pm
August 20	Meet the Indians 7:30 pm
August 28	WHS vs Everman at Lumpkins Stadium
August 31	Band Booster Executive Committee Meeting
September 2	JV game at Lumpkins
September 8	JHS game at Wilemon

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.