

WAXAHACHIE BAND BOOSTER MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Lisa Popp.

Directors present: Rich Armstrong, Reggie Cook, Dan Francis, Donnie Owens, Margie Owens, Kendra Ray. Executive Committee members present: Tina Autry, Paige Gordon, Carol Kimberlin, Ronnie McMahan, Tricia Peyrot, Lisa Popp, Perry Popp, Edward Quintana, Lisa Richardson, Joyce Shepherd. Boosters present: Aaron Clayton, Patti Collier, Virginia Tipton, Jennifer Dacy, Tommy Huff.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 7, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Kathy Louque to approve minutes as presented; seconded by Lisa Richardson; unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Edward Quintana distributed the financial reports for November and December 2009 with the following highlights:

November Revenues	\$ 3,925.24
November Expenditures	4,015.70
Bank Balance as of November 30, 2009	22,134.28
Money Market Balance as of November 30, 2009	102,876.77
Clift Bank Balance as of November 30, 2009	3,491.67
December Revenues	\$ 2,067.14
December Expenditures	6,920.11
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2009	17,151.88
Money Market Balance as of December 31, 2009	103,007.83
Clift Bank Balance as of December 31, 2009	3,491.67

No questions on financial reports.

Bank Balance as of February 1, 2010	16,807.40
Money Market Balance as of February 1, 2010	103,139.06
Clift Bank Balance as of February 1, 2010	3,616.15

Motion made by Tina Autry to approve the financial reports as presented; seconded by Virginia Tipton; unanimously approved.

CAMPUS REPORTS

- CLIFT

Mr. and Mrs. Owens expressed appreciation to the Band Boosters for the generous Christmas gift. Mr. Owens also thanked Joyce Shepherd for assisting during Mrs. Owens' absence and announced that Mrs. Owens would be returning on a part-time basis. Mrs. Sutton is also sending administrative assistance to the band classes during this time.

Since the Holiday Concert, the CMS band schedule has been changed so that approximately ninety students are enrolled in the performance band and meet in periods one through five while about thirty students attend band class during sixth period. The sixth period students are reviewing some of the basics and taking a somewhat slower pace. The change appears to be working favorably, giving everyone an opportunity to improve their skills at various levels.

The students are currently selling World's Finest Chocolate and have sold approximately \$12,000 to date. Other activities include working on solo and ensembles in preparation for their lock-in, and they have 25 chaperones signed-up for the night of "fun". Mr. Owens reported that they anticipate 140 entries and may need additional clinicians/ judges.

Upcoming events also include Sandy Lake and Beach Within Reach competitions.

- FINLEY/HOWARD

Ms. Ray and Mr. Francis both expressed their appreciation to the Band Boosters for the Christmas gifts as well as the lunch provided for students at All Region contest.

Both bands are working on UIL music and preparing for Solo/Ensemble competition. Ensemble contest is scheduled for February 27 with the solo portion being held in May this year. Plans are underway about a lock-in with details to come at a later date. On March 28, Howard band students will be attending the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

- WHS

Mr. Armstrong expressed appreciation to the Boosters for the Christmas gifts, and offered a special "Thank You" to Kathy Louque for the catered lunch at All Region.

Following the Area UIL competition, WHS has four students achieving All State: Taylor Wright, David Hale, Nick Lopez, and Victoria Guajardo. This year saw 52 students make Region, with seventeen traveling to Area. Next year's goals are: sixty for Region; 25 for Area, and ten for All State.

Mr. Armstrong is currently working on the 2010 Marching Show, and has met with Mr. Nix regarding the possibility of having someone on the WHS staff serve as Color Guard Instructor.

The Wind Ensemble is preparing to record for entry into the Midwest Competition in March. The results will be announced in June, and there is a possibility that if that band qualifies, they would travel to Chicago in December to be part of the world's largest music convention. There are 150 bands entering the competition with the committee selecting five to perform for the convention. Travel costs would be approximately \$800/student which would necessitate additional fundraisers over the summer to assure funds are in place if the band is selected in the top five. This would be in addition to the planned spring trip to Disney. Mr. Armstrong will review the information and make a final determination as to whether the band will actually enter the competition.

Various scholarship opportunities are available including the Boosters' scholarships, the Waxahachie Symphony Association, and Bloomfield's. Mr. Armstrong will continue to communicate with Senior parents regarding application processes for each of these scholarships.

The bands are also preparing for UIL competition as well as solo and ensemble. Winter Drumline and Winter Guard are continuing to practice with the first competitions scheduled for Saturday, February 6. Lisa Popp requested that the Guard perform for the March Band Booster Meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Vice President, Ronnie McMahan
 - Ronnie requested volunteer hours as soon as possible.
- Assistant Vice President, Concessions, Perry Popp
 - Discussion/update to come later in the meeting regarding future concession stand operation.

- Assistant Vice President, Special Projects, Kathy Louque
 - Kathy reported that she is beginning work on the Band Banquet and also expressed appreciation to everyone who assisted with the meals for All Region.
 - The WHS Band Social Committee has requested a Mardi Gras party on possibly February 19 or February 20.

- Assistant Vice President, Communications, Paige Gordon
 - Paige is working on the February newsletter which should be ready for e-mail on February 2.

- Assistant Vice President, Fundraising, Lisa Richardson
 - Lisa reported that the spring car wash will probably be geared more toward students raising money for their Disney trip fund.
 - Additional fundraisers were discussed which included popcorn.
 - Summer fundraising possibilities were also a topic; however, these will fall under the direction of the new Fundraising AVP, which will take office in June.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation of Proposed Amended 2009-2010 Budget: Fall 2009 concessions were down approximately \$8,000 from 2008, which, along with other fundraising shortfalls, placed us basically \$15,000 over budget. Since marching show expenses begin in June of each year and the first fundraiser not scheduled until the August car wash, it is important to begin the year with \$30,000 to cover show/summer camp expenses. To be certain that the incoming Board has this amount with which to begin the year, the following budget amendments are proposed:

Revenue/ Expense	Line Item	Budget	Proposed Amended Budget
Revenue	Car Wash	7,500.00	6,000.00
Revenue	Magazine Fundraiser	4,000.00	1,250.00
Revenue	Southwest Airline Raffle	-0-	1,500.00
Revenue	Patron Donations	7,000.00	3,000.00
Revenue	General Donations	-0-	150.00
Revenue	Band Fees	7,500.00	2,000.00
Revenue	Interest	2,000.00	1,600.00
Revenue	Concessions	41,500.00	40,000.00
Revenues	Other Items	2,500.00	1,500
	TOTAL	77,000.00	62,000.00

Revenue/ Expense	Line Item	Budget	Proposed Amended Budget
Expense	Master Class Clinician	10,000.00	6,000.00
Expense	HS Marching Band	28,900.00	27,785.00
Expense	HS Concert Band	1,100.00	955.00
Expense	HS Other Items	7,350.00	5,100.00
Expense	Booster Expenditures	21,150.00	18,825.00
	TOTAL	77,000.00	67,165.00

A vote will be conducted at the March Band Booster meeting to approve these changes.

- Proposed Stadium Concession Renovations: The WISD School Board is currently considering the option of proposing a referendum in May on a bond package to renovate Lumpkins Stadium as well as other WISD athletic facilities. The new stadium would be based on Waco Midway Stadium and include additional seating (7,000+ on the home side and approximately 3,000 on the visitor's side), new press box, and new concession stands. The proposed concession stand would be located on a concourse on the home side with serving windows open on the north and south sides enclosing a central food prep area. The size of a stand with this design would basically be from 30 yard line to 30 yard line. Also under consideration is some type of freight elevator which would be available to the band for inventory movement.

With the construction of a new concession stand, the existing one would be renovated, with part of it allocated to a visitors' meeting room and part of it to a visitors' concession stand.

Lisa Popp reported that she had asked for a commitment from the school district for the Band to have all football concessions. The District's hesitancy to an agreement of this type is the basis for the discussion regarding the necessity of the Booster's commitment to fund the concession equipment. A committee has been formed and are looking a preliminary estimated budget of \$15,000 to \$20,000. It was noted that concessions from one 4A or 5A playoff game could possibly pay for this expenditure.

Staffing will also be a concern since additional volunteers will be needed to adequately service a larger crowd and additional facilities. Suggestions included parents working concessions in exchange for trip money or selecting one game and putting all money toward trip expenses.

The attendees then discussed the Executive Committee proposal to request the District to fund a double entry, walk-in cooler, with the Boosters prepared to purchase the additional equipment needed. We will also ask the District to include in the plans an accounting office and additional storage.

The decision will affect the future of the WISD Band Booster program since the majority of our funds are earned through concessions. Funds to cover the expenditures would be taken out of the uniform account.

The School District and Board are currently focusing on the big picture, so, it is important that the Band Boosters ensure that all details are covered in our portion of the proposal.

Kathy Louque made a motion to approve the Executive Committee's proposal that the Boosters request the District to fund large refrigeration needs and storage cages with the Boosters funding the remaining items needed to furnish the main concession stand.; Paige Gordon seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- Spring Trip 2011: Current plans are for the WHS bands to travel to Disney to participate in the Disney Youth Programs. Students will experience "behind the scenes" creation of music for some of Disney's many adventures. Conductors/Clinicians work with students in rehearsal and then produce an actual soundtrack. This is not a competition, but Mr. Armstrong believes it will prove beneficial to the students in a variety of ways. Costs for a three night bus trip (four to a room) would be approximately \$800. including a four-day "hopper pass" (excluding the water park). Food plans and coupons are also available to assist with meal cost. If the band stays at a Disney hotel, Disney provides transportation throughout the parks. Hotel rates are \$108/night with four to a room, but increase to \$145/night with four to a room over Spring Break. One of the positive aspects of traveling over Spring Break is that ineligible students are automatically eligible during that week to participate in school activities. Information will be distributed to parents and students in 8th through 11th grade bands.

- Band Uniforms: Mr. Armstrong displayed the new hat and plume and informed the Boosters that he expects to have a sample of the uniform within the next couple of weeks. The hat is white fabric which will necessitate students wearing gloves at all times. Fittings will be scheduled once the sample has received final approval.
- Jazz Café Update: Jennifer Dacy reported that everything was on target. She expressed appreciation to Kathy Louque, Lisa Richardson and Tracy Engle for the terrific silent auction items. Lisa Popp reported that the most recent ticket count was 261.

UPCOMING DATES

February 6	Jazz Café Winter Drumline – Bowie High School Winter Guard - Bowie High School
February 10-13	TMEA/All State
February 18	Executive Committee Budget Planning Meeting
February 20	Winter Drumline at Birdville
February 22	Executive Committee Meeting Executive Committee Budget Planning Meeting
February 25	Essay and Music Scholarship Deadline
February 26	CMS Lock-In/Solo and Ensemble
February 27	Winter Guard at Aledo High School

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9 pm made by Lisa Richardson; seconded by Virginia Tipton; unanimously approved.