

## Tallwood High School Band Booster General Meeting, 2/17/26, Tallwood Band Room

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM

- In attendance: Mr. Rossetini, Kim Thurber, Ashlee McCants, Amanda Bell, Elizabeth Sokol, (Megan Glomski-absent).

#### 2. Attendance

- 10% of membership required for quorum at a general meeting. Either the President or Vice-President needs to be present with an additional 3 officers for an executive board meeting to have a quorum.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report: *Current numbers as of 16 February 2026, 7:52pm*

- Financial Report (see additional documentation)
- Next steps to collect outstanding band fees:
  - Emails were sent out on January 12, 2026.
  - Mr. Ross sent personal emails to try and collect from every student that owed less than \$150.00. Close to \$185 was collected.
  - Next steps will be to email those students over \$150 in fees asking when we should expect payment.
  - Student band fees can not be refunded if raised through SnapRaise. As THSBB is a 501c3 non profit organization, money can not be refunded or passed to a separate band event since the money was raised for a specific reason.

#### 4. Volunteers

- What are our future needs for Volunteers?
  - Pre-Assessment Concert (President thank you from Boosters needed with Visa gift cards, \$100 x three). Ross needs these ASAP.

#### 5. Fundraising

- Valentine's Day Pop-up was Feb 12th and 13th during lunch block 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Ashlee McCants sold during lunches.
- \$257 collected before any Square fee being deducted. Thanks to our volunteers that made a little more money for the band program!
- Students really loved this pop up sale. Thinking into possibly doing another before summer. Easter?

#### 6. Tallwood Band Social Event

- We have offered a Bowling Event to the band program.

- As of 1:23pm, Feb 17, 21 students have signed up.
- A minimum of 32 students need to sign-up and pay in order for the event to happen this weekend.
- **Should there not be 32 students signed up by Wednesday at 5:00pm, Ross will have to cancel this event and try again next month.**

## 7. All-State Auditions

- Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, leave from Tallwood with Mr. Ross and Lindsey Eskins as the two driver/chaperones
- Head to Harrisonburg. Staying at the Residence Inn Marriott.
- Students audition on Saturday based on randomly assigned time slots.
- Boosters provide chaperones and students with per diem for 2 dinners and lunch. \*Breakfast provided by the hotel.
- Boosters financially responsible for 2 XL SUVs to bring all the equipment up.
- School to pay for the student's participation fee and hotels.

## 8. Concert Band Assessment

- Concert Band Assessment: volunteer needs. Parent volunteers needed Thursday, March 13 - Saturday, March 15
  - Lights for all three days if possible
  - Head parent in charge of moving the stage
  - Registration: Thursday 11:00am-5:30ish pm, Friday 12:00noon-5:30ish pm, Saturday 9:00am-1:00ish pm.
  - Parent(s) in charge of Hospitality for the weekend; judges and event staff.
  - Thursday, we have a small break so we would like to offer a large charcuterie tray and drinks. The second break will need to be dinner for 10 people
  - Friday, we will need to provide 2 meals for 13 people.
  - Saturday, we will need to provide 1 lunch for 10 people, and there will be a small break after lunch to provide whatever else is left over from the weekend.
  - Parent(s) to run concessions all three days. (hot dogs and popcorn) and pre-orders for bands are required.
  - Ross will also post on Facebook

## 9. Chantilly Jazz Festival

- Previously, Ross stated he would like to bring the Jazz Ensemble on a field trip in May to the Chantilly Jazz Festival in Northern VA, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- This is a jazz competition for our students.

- The band would perform sometime on Saturday. Prelims/Finals format.
- If they perform well enough to make finals, the event feeds the students a catered meal and they play again at night for the entire event.
  1. Entrance fees are \$300
- Travel options:
  1. THSBB pays for a charter bus. Current quote of \$3,000 for a 55 passenger bus. Trying to get a smaller bus for a smaller cost.
  2. Parents drive
- I am requesting that the school pay the entrance fee for the competition.
 

\*THSBB Executive Board made a collective decision that the students will need to run a car wash fund raiser (or 2), to come up with \$1,500 for half of the transportation in order for this event to happen.
- Since the THSBB Executive Board meeting, a conflict has arisen for Mr. Ross; his daughter's senior prom.
- Last option:
  - Parent Volunteers drive the full band and all equipment to Chantilly Friday.
  - The band stay overnight in a hotel. Potential cost = Charter Bus.
  - The band plays first in the competition on Saturday and leaves immediately after their clinic, not staying for awards.

## 10. **Spring Spin Club**

- We are going to offer a Spring Spin Club for all members interested in joining color guard.
- The club will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm at Tallwood, starting March 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting point in the band room-- Eliza Renn will be heading this group as a senior guard member.
- Fliers have been placed around the high school and sent to all middle school band directors.
- Announcements will be made through Tallwood, Brandon, and Kempsville as well as in the GSWLA Newsletter.
- We will have auditions on April 21<sup>st</sup>. On that day, their contract will be due along with their \$250 non-refundable deposit. \*This will cover the cost of their uniform.
- Spin Club will transfer over to color guard rehearsals and continue every Tuesday night through the end of school.

## 11. **Tallwood Band Needs moving forward**

*What can/should we purchase from below?*

- New shako wraps to remove the use of plumes: this process is in motion. Ross received a mock-up drawing from G2. Now awaiting a prototype.

- Inventory requested from Uniform Chair to order new parts for shakos, preparing for the summer marching band fittings.
  - Battery for the front ensemble: request for VBCPS to purchase has been denied. We now need to purchase this battery. (est. \$1,000)
  - Request for VBCPS to purchase has been denied. THSBB Executive Board approved Tallwood Band Boosters to purchase carts. Estimated purchase date this week.
  - Additional Audio Cart to spread the weight evenly. Potential cost
  - Better flub stands --this will depend on the number of students marching flubs in the fall.
- DB25 Cable for the destroyed one (or front ensemble won't work). \$46 + S&H THSB Executive Board voted yes. Ross is trying to find the 3<sup>rd</sup> cord that was purchased through VBCPS before we purchase another one.
- New Megavox speaker stand bags: already purchased and arrived.
  - 12 new stick bags for the percussion equipment. Steveweissmusic.com VIC-KBAG
  - New tires for the purple trailers. We should take care of this in the next few months.
- Tire covers for both trailers. Already purchased, arrived and installed.
  - DMV Registration and inspection for both trailers. THSBB Executive Board stated this could go through Program Sponsor VenCam.
  - THSBB Exec Board suggestion from the previous meeting. (cost will need to be reviewed)
    - Large hot water storage for hot chocolate and coffee (*Concessions Chair researching prices*)
    - Otis Spunkmyer Oven to make cookies
    - Nacho Cheese dispenser
    - Garage door opener to assist parents in opening and closing the concessions windows. (Request still in progress with VBCPS)
- **Looking ahead for Spring**
  - Committee will be made of 5 people for reading and selecting the THSBB scholarship – (non senior parents)
    - Odd number to break a tie
    - Have 9th, 10th, and 11th grade parents. At least one per grade level.
    - Sokol will send out an email to parents asking if they are interested and will follow up with more details.
- **Adjourn 7:21 PM**

**Treasurer's Report: Current numbers as of 16 Feb 2026 @ 7:45pm**

- Current Checking Balance: \$ 6,658.22
- Current Money Market Balance: \$34,546.65
- THSBB Scholarship Balance: \$ 3,067.83
- Pending Deposit \$ 250.00
- Projected Actual Band Accounts Ending Balance: \$44,522.70

**TOTAL: \$44,522.70**

**Upcoming expenses for February**

- Insurance \$ 229.00
- Staff Payroll \$2,800.00
- Ben Carr Webmaster (monthly) \$ 90.00
- All-State Per Diem \$ 975.00
- Trailer Inspections \$ 50.00

**TOTAL: \$7,169.00**

**Upcoming expenses for March**

- Insurance \$ 229.00
- Staff Payroll \$1,625.00
- Ben Carr Webmaster (monthly) \$ 90.00

**TOTAL: \$1,944.00**

**Upcoming expenses for April**

- Insurance \$ 229.00
- Staff Payroll \$1,100.00
- Ben Carr Webmaster (monthly) \$ 90.00

**TOTAL: \$1,419.00**

**Past Due Balances:**

- Freshman: \$1,001.50
- Sophomore: \$1,798.44
- Juniors: \$1,207.50
- Seniors: \$1,309.00

**TOTAL PAST DUE BALANCES: \$5,193.94**