

**Tallwood High School Band Booster**  
**Executive Board Booster Meeting, 1/20/26, Tallwood Band Room**

**Agenda**

**1. Call to Order – 6:45 PM**

- In attendance: Mr. Rossettini, Kim Thurber, Ashlee McCants, Amanda Bell, Elizabeth Sokol.

**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 20 January 2026***

- Financial Report (see additional documentation)
- Next steps to collect outstanding band fees:
  - Emails were sent out on January 12, 2026.
  - Has anything been mailed home? **Nothing has been physically mailed home at this time.**

**4. Volunteers**

- What are our future needs for Volunteers?
  - Concert attire fittings and sewing: where are we with finalizing this? **This has been completed 😊**
  - Assessment Boot Camp (Hospitality and Chaperones for lunch)
    - Can we get this in motion?
    - Where are we ordering from? **Publix**
    - Who is taking the lead? **Kim will pick up**
    - Lunch is at 12:00noon on Saturday, Jan 24 in the lavender lounge.
    - We will be serving 14 people.
    - We want it to look nice and organized.
  - Pre-Assessment Concert (President thank you from Boosters needed with Visa gift cards, \$100 x three), **this is for Feb 26th**

**5. Fundraising**

- Next fundraisers for the band: Valentine's Day Pop-up has been approved by THS
  - **Feb 12th and 13th during lunch block 10:30 am – 12:30 pm)**
- Ross needs help figuring out the next potential get-together for all those band students who are up to date with their band fees. See Social Event below.
- Suggestions: Bowling, Apex, Paint Night. Open to ideas

## 6. Sectional Teachers

- We will start bringing in sectional teachers weekly. They will be paid 40/hour for their time teaching individual/group instruction.
- Wind Ensemble Symposium is on Friday, Jan. 23rd. Booster will pay for dinner with a guest clinician.
- Assessment Boot Camp is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 24th. Boosters pay for sectional teachers' instruction all day, as well as a second guest conductor. Lunch will be provided along with their honorarium.

## 7. All-District Breakfast – Feb 6th

- Ross would like to continue our tradition of having the students attend an All-District Band Breakfast at a restaurant.
- We will need parent volunteers to drive those students who are not permitted to travel with a student in a car.
- Can someone please coordinate the restaurant that we can eat at? We have done Cracker Barrel in Greenbrier in the past.

## 8. Tallwood Band Social Event

- Can we get something on the books for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm? Maybe 3 games of bowling? Kids pay Boosters for the bowling; they buy their own food.
  - Will check with Lucky Strike
- I would suggest we try a bowling night with the band kids to see what we can offer.
- Ross just needs the info and cost per student.

## 9. 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 need to rent 2 XL SUVs to bring all the equipment up.
- School to pay for the student's participation fee and hotels.

## 10. Concert Band Assessment

- Concert Band Assessment: volunteer needs. Parent volunteers needed Thursday, March 13 - Saturday, March 15 ( **All added into CutTime**)
  - 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.

## 11. **Chantilly Jazz Festival**

- I 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 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.
    1. 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.

## 12. **Spring Spin Club**

- In order to get the Color Guard uniforms on time, we need to start setting the guard earlier.
- 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.
- 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.
- Mr. Ronnie Collins will be placed on a contract to run these meetings/rehearsals. This will be a \$1000 contract. This is approx. \$41.67/hour for 24 hours of instruction. This does not include show concept designs, flag design, costume design, or choreography/equipment writing.

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

*What can/should we purchase from below?*

- Ross requesting less than \$100 to purchase 2 percussion ensemble pieces *(voted yes)*
  - New shako wraps to remove the use of plumes: this process is in motion. Trying to get a mock-up drawing from G2.
    - Do we need to order parts to make sure the shako can attach to the chin straps? Do we need to order new chin straps? *(Yes! Inventory requested from Uniform Chair.)*
  - Battery for the front ensemble: I have requested this on my wish list from VBCPS. (est. \$1,000)
    - We should be ready to still pay if the wish is not approved.
- New Speaker Carts to avoid having to purchase more tires. have requested this on my wish list from VBCPS. (est. \$2,900 \*could be free shipping and handling at the end of January.)
  - We should be ready to still pay if the wish is not approved.
- 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 *(voted yes)*
- New Megavox speaker stand bags. \$70 x 2 = S&H *(voted yes)*
  - 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. Were these ordered? *(Voted yes. Will look into ordering from the treasurer.)*
  - DMV Registration and inspection for both trailers. When are they due? How much is each?
  - 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*)
- **Adjourn** – 8:22 pm