Daphne High School Band Booster



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**DHS Band Booster Meeting 03/11/25**

Date/Time: 03/11/25 6:00 pm

# Facilitator: Michael Mergell

Location: DHS Band Room

# 6:03 pm - Meeting Called to order by: MM

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# **In Attendance**

Michael Mergell (MM), Angela Brewster (AB), John Brewster (JB), Amon Walker (AW), Sheryl Wainwright (SW), Lisa Evans (LE), Jamar Dumas (JD)

Missing: Amy Giorgenti (AG), Dr. Bill Davidson (DBD) Terrie Weinacker (TW), Chris LeBatard (CL), Ben Dale (BD), Jacob Moorer (JM)

Total Attendance: 15 (including board members)

# **Approval of Minutes**:

# **Officer Reports:** N/A

# **President: (MM)**

* Reviewed the two ways to help the band:
  + Volunteer
  + Financial Contribution
* Encouraged those in attendance to strive to finish strong as we are on the back side of the Band Season and Year.
* Asked for everyone to consider and/or nominate (with their permission) board members for 2025-2026.
  + New Board will be seated in June
  + Ben Dale will move into the role of Board President.
  + Contact MM or AW for nomination forms.
* ALL Uniforms need to be returned as soon as possible. They will be sent out for dry cleaning soon.
* There is a MANDATORY meeting for ALL Parents and Students who are signed up to go on the New York City field trip. This meeting will be held 03/20/2025 at 6:00 pm in the Band Room.
* Eastern Shore Lanes will host the DHS Band and public for a Spirit Night on 03/25/2025 from 5pm-8pm. Proceeds to benefit the DHS band
* DHS End of Year Band Banquet will be held in Trojan Hall on 5/8/2025 at 6:00 pm.
* Other UPCOMING EVENTS:
  + March 15 – Winterguard at Escambia
  + March 17-21 – Percussion auditions after school
  + March 27-28 – District Honor Band at Daphne HS
  + March 29 – Winterguard Championships at Tate HS
  + April 2-6 – NYC Trip
  + April 9-12 - Allstate Festival in Mobile
  + April 14-18 – Spring Break
  + April 22 - 25 – Auxiliary Auditions
  + April 22, 24 – Drum Major Clinic
  + April 22 – Leadership Application Due
  + April 23 – Leadership Interviews
  + April 25 – Pep Rally
  + April 28 – DMS Concert
  + April 29 – Percussion Concert
  + April 30 – Drum Major Auditions
  + May 1 – Spring Concert
  + May 6 – Elementary Band Concert
  + May 8 – Band Banquet
  + May 9 – Leadership Announced/Online Registration Deadline
  + May 12 – 15 – Freshmen Orientation/New Member Camp – all leadership
  + May 16 – Band Cookout and Spring Game
  + May 21 – Graduation
  + May 22 – Last day of school
  + Super Bowl Square Raffle winners announced
    - For a complete list of winners and winning amounts please see online meeting slides at <https://daphne.band>.
  + The Faison Band Practice Field has seen an overhaul in recent weeks. Most of the practice field has had the top layer of existing grass and soil removed, leveled, and resodded with rolls of Zoysia grass. This is a major investment in our facility and a much-needed improvement for the kids who will now have a level practice area free of holes and/or ditches to contend with each day. A big “Thank You” to Gaston’s Lawn Care for the work and field improvements. You can see the video of some of the work that was done here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CRGjzbb8m/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

Vice President: **N/A**

**Treasure:** **(SW)**

* SW presented the financial report for the month of February.
* Current account balances were presented to those in attendance.
* Information was given out on how to view financials online at <https://daphne.band>.
* A few of the upcoming items that we need to budget for:
  + School Reimbursement check
  + Band Banquet
  + Band Camp (meals/water)
  + End of year/last day BBQ for kids
  + Fuel reimbursement
  + Field Supplies for Band Camp

Deputy Treasurer: **N/A**

Secretary: **N/A**

**Director’s Report: (JD)**

* The school has increased funding from the 3 mil tax to the band. Great news as the money helps our growing band. Increase from $67k to $70k for next year.
* Based on discussions with Mr. Sharp, from BCBE, they are potentially looking at renovating Trojan Hall.
  + Estimated budget of $1-$2m cost
    - Replace Floors
    - Improved acoustics
    - Remove Basketball goals
    - Add permanent seating
    - Turning facility into a Performing Arts Center
* We also have a new Drum Major Podium – it will need tires installed but is the same design and size as the one we use currently on the front.

# **Committee Reports:**

# Chaperone: **N/A**

Uniform: **N/A**

Parking: **N/A**

Pit: **N/A**

Fundraising: **N/A**

# **OLD Business:**

# **New Business**:

* Motion presented by MM to update the DHS Band Booster By-Laws and Constitution to remove specific naming of Insurance Agency to be used. Instead, reword documents so that seated board can shop policies and select best option year over year.
  + Motion seconded by SW
  + Motion approved by board and boosters in attendance
* Motion presented by MM to update the DHS Band Booster By-Laws and Constitution to remove specific naming of Banking Institution to be used. Instead, reword documents so that seated board can select the best banking option year over year.
  + Motion seconded by AW
  + Motion approved by board and boosters in attendance
* Motion presented by AW to update the DHS Band Booster By-Laws and Constitution to remove specific language regarding how many boosters must be in attendance to have a quorum. Instead of a specific number (12) being called out wording will be updated to reflect that at a majority of the executive board must be in attendance to have a quorum.
  + Motion seconded by MM
  + Motion approved by board and boosters in attendance
* Motion presented by MM to update the DHS Band Booster By-Laws and Constitution to add the following Committee Chairs:
  + Auxiliary Chair: (would represent the Color/Winter Guard)
  + Vehicle/Motor Pool Chair: (responsible for all vehicles under band control)
    - Both Chair names and updated responsibilities will be added to the DHS Band Booster By-Laws and distributed at the next board meeting or as needed.
  + Motion seconded by Traci Parckys
  + Motion approved by board and boosters in attendance
* Open discussion and forum surrounding the need for lights around the parking area of the band room and Trojan Hall.
  + - A couple of boosters will reach out to Mr. Comer and/or BCBE to see what can be done.

# **Announcements**: Next Stated Booster meeting will be held ­­­­­April 8th at 6:00 pm in the Band Room. Please make plans to join us!

# **Adjournment:**

Time: 6:57 pm

Motioned by: MM