



# MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** RBHS – BAND ROOM

**Present:**

Amy Moran	Kelly Fahrbach	Michelle Pihlaja-Olson
Ann Kissel	Kayley Smetana	Olga Sevner
James Baum	Lisa Janunas	Sarah Clark
John Bowes	Liz Buoscio	Vicky Greco
Kara Kesselring	Maggie White	Zaida Munoz
Karla Highland	Mark Parslow	
Kathy Ginder	Matt Loeb	

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Janunas

**October Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting made by Kathy Ginder and seconded by Amy Moran. The motion passed.

## President's Report

President Lisa Janunas thanked everyone for working so hard during a busy season. For the upcoming Holiday Concert, she plans to put the program in Canva so it can easily be shared with teachers and also passed on to whomever takes this on in the future. She will create templates for ¼ and ½ page ads for future programs as well. Lisa Guillot helped design the Fall Play program and is starting to take on more of the social media stuff.

In regards to the recent issue with students scheduling year-long classes for a single semester when they have scheduling conflicts, many students addressed the BOE at the last meeting. The latest we heard, Dr. Skinkis requested that language be added to the end of selected course descriptions, indicating that the course can be taken for a single semester with approval from the administration.

Our Patron Winners: 2 out of 3 want Holiday Concert reserved seating

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was handed out at the beginning of the meeting and is copied behind the minutes. The theatre brought in \$6,250 from Fall Play sponsorships.

## VP Music Report

Ann Kissel thanked all who helped with Football and Pep Band and also with the Hauser Jazz Concert. It was incredible.



### **Volunteer Update**

Amy Moran is grateful for all the volunteers – there was coverage for everything. Parents took turns and volunteered on their kids' off nights. There was a good variety for concessions and is waiting for the final numbers but there was probably over \$1,500 in profit.

Concessions will run during the Holiday Concert and spiritwear will be sold at Orchestra Fest on November 20.

### **Secretary's Report**

Maggie White was able to get all the non members into the database. This will allow for communications to be sent to the entire school when the appropriate occasion arises.

### **Staff Reports**

- Veteran's Day performance was fabulous; everyone sounded great. RB has been doing this for over 25 years.
- ILMEA – District 1 all did great. We will find out about All State on December 4 and hope to get that in the Holiday Concert program.
- No Radio Show during the Holidays, it will be in the Spring.

### **Band:**

- The Jazz concert with the Middle school went well.
- Dec 6 is the Rock Band Showcase with 5 solid groups.

**Orchestra:** Orchestra Fest – Hauser kids will come during the day on November 20 and then the concert is at 7:00 that evening. (Changed to 6:45 start time)

### **Choir:**

- ILMEA had 15 senior choir students, 4 in 9/10 Choir, and 3 in Sr. Jazz Choir. Plus Caroline Moran had a Jazz solo!
- New York music goes out November 20.
- Mads will be singing on Dec 6 at the Riverside Holiday Stroll outside Centre Physical Therapy and then may go to Gears To You at the Train Station.
- On Sat Dec 7 Brookfield Tree Lighting (More Formal).
- Then they will be singing at the Lions Club Dec 17

### **Theatre:**

Great performance! Everyone is still glowing. Kids at school have walked up to Sarah after and said that they actually understood the show! She was worried about making money back, because of the cost of the costumes, but it looks like we will. Sarah thinks that maybe she'll have the play over 2 weekends next year instead of Thursday - Sunday. The Spring Musical is Rock of Ages, March 6-9



### Committee Reports:

- **Feeder schools** – Tri-M students went to feeder school to talk to Band and Choir classes at all Jr Highs. Was very well received.
- **Concessions** – Signup Genius going out tomorrow for Holiday Concert. We will need donations. Brennemen Family made the gingerbread cookies.
- **Senior Stuff** – The goal is to take pictures before Holiday Concert. Dec 10 Pictures and in-school Holiday Concert. T-Shirts, use the same design every year but will have a new design this year.
- **Advocacy** – 5 School Board candidates for 3 seats available. We can send out a questionnaire about their stance on Music Education and then distribute that information to the group.
- **Fundraising/Sponsorship** – sold freeze-dried candy at Play and can have 50 bags ready for tomorrow's Orchestra Concert tomorrow. Made over \$700 on Donuts. Check should be sent to school. Do-Rite wants us to do it again.
- **Bingo Night** – There are a couple of dates in January that might work. Then work on prize donations. Have it at RB maybe and make it Family Friendly. 8 winners and then winners come and pick a prize. Would be fun to have some gag gifts, too. But will need lots of donations. Have celebrity callers, band/choir entertainment. January 25 looks good so far.

### New Business:

- Holiday Signup
- Holiday Stoll
- Riverside Presbyterian Church – Handel's Messiah looking for singers. Only 2 rehearsals. Service Hours. Kayley will let the choirs know.
- Ames Holiday Pageant – RB kids play during the transitions. Kids can get service hours for this.

**Parent Social** – In Lieu of December Meeting, we will have a parent social instead. A couple of places in mind for this. December 17 is the scheduled meeting. Singo (musical Bingo) Pub 78 does this on Thursdays. We could go there early. So that would be December 19.

**Future Bulldog Night** – January 15 – We will have a table and sell spirit wear. Advertise incoming student-parent webinar via flyer like we did last year. Webinar would be the Wednesday before registration (January 22).

Adjourn meeting - 8:22

**Next Meeting:** Social Gathering on Thursday, December 19 | 7 p.m.