

EHS Band Booster Minutes  
March 6, 2007

Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm.

There were 8 members present.

**Secretary's Report** – Sandra Langley  
Read and approved by 1<sup>st</sup>: Karen Aubert  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Henson

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa Henson  
Read and approved by 1<sup>st</sup>: Phil Poe  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa Claiborn

Lisa reported that checks made out to The Guard Room and RC had not cleared. There was discussion about putting a stop payment on the checks and resending them.

\$150 in donations has been received. A standard thank you letter has been sent out.

### **Committee Reports**

**By-laws** – Changes have been made to the by-laws and have been posted online. There will be a vote to approve the changes at the April meeting.

**Scholarship** – The scholarship was reviewed and changes have been made to close loopholes. There will be more emphasis on the essay, participation, and classes taken and the applications will be scored on these elements. The scores will be based on percentages instead of points. There was discussion of how the scholarship may affect need-based scholarships that students may have been awarded. It was decided that the boosters can't control what happens to money once it has been sent to the university or college. It will be up to the parents to follow through with what happens to the money when other scholarships have been awarded. The names will not be blanked out for judging, since most people can tell by reading the application and essay who wrote it. Senior parents may participate on the scholarship committee if their student is not applying for the scholarship.

Changes were approved by 1<sup>st</sup>: Cindy Covey  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen Aubert

**Fundraising** – Field board for advertising by sponsors will not be allowed by the athletic board. Sponsors can still be acknowledged by being listed on the band trailer. Something can also be put up at the concession stand. Stickers can also be made, so that sponsors can advertise their support of the band. There are also plans underway to sell advertisements on souvenirs such as stadium cushions and cups. The graphic design for the sponsor decals has been donated. They will be given out to anyone that donates \$25 or more. Stickers could also be made to include a date. Everything needs to be set up

and ready to go by July. The stickers are cheap to make locally. A packet will be sent out to businesses about advertising on seat cushions/souvenirs.

Phil suggested setting up a tent off to the side to sell drinks and souvenirs. Karen was told to go ahead and have the decals made. McLeod Oil and Mebane Lumber need recognition due to their generosity in donating goods.

There is a Freshwater Grocery print framed in green and gold and it looks very nice. A flyer needs to be sent home to the parents to let them know about the prints. Also there needs to be an ad put in the paper.

A letter has been put in the paper asking for donations. Also a story is being written. A ventless fryer is still needed. A new one would cost around \$6000. Chicken patties could also be fried to sell.

Papa John's coupons are still for sale. 226 Tickets have been sent in, and Mr. Bowman has 80 more to turn in. There are still 200 that have not been handed back in or sold. The coupons do not expire until 2008, so they can be sold at football games. A drawing was held for \$25 in recognition of students who sold 10 or more coupon books. Derek Shue was the winner. It was decided that it would be better to give a check instead of a gift certificate, so that the student could spend the money anywhere.

Phil reported that the storage building has been started. McLeod Oil used to own several convenience stores and has equipment to donate to the concession stand. Items include 2 Bunn coffee makers, and nacho chip warming cabinet, a cheese warming pot, a warming cabinet for pizza, stainless tables, counter height refrigerators with a worktop, a popcorn machine, a hotdog warmer, napkin holders, and warming lights. We still need to solve the problem of how to make large quantities of hot chocolate safely.

The potential for concession stand profits is good this year. Local teams will be playing at Eastern. The visitor's side stand will be open for these games. There was also discussion about putting rails to control traffic around the concession stand. A menu board needs to be posted outside in addition to the one inside. We still need a fryer, a small freezer (5 cubic feet), and a cooktop or oven. Suntrust will be asked to pay for 75 cases of water in return for getting their logo on the label. There are new lights for the concession stand bathrooms.

Coverage of the band in the high school annual has been poor in past years. Tisha McCollum is on the annual staff, so maybe the coverage will be better.

### **Director's Report**

**Winter Drumline/Guard program** – There are two more competitions left plus the state competition. Riding the bus is not cost effective, since there are so few students. However, since it is a school activity, carpooling is not allowed.

**All County Band** – The clinic went well. Next year, it will take place at Williams High School.

**Concert Band** – The level of musicianship is not where Mr. Bowman wants it to be. Some students have not been active in band, and there have been transfers from other schools. The students are not ready for a music festival. This may need to be planned for next year. Block scheduling does not work well for the arts. Band needs to be for two semesters.

**Marching Band** – The show has been narrowed down. Cirque du Soleil is a possible choice for next season. The budget was reviewed. Some of the fees are for set amounts. Other costs may change. The band fees need to be increased. There are about 43 upperclassmen remaining for next year. Phil suggested making out payment booklets for the parents that included 4 payment coupons with deadlines and amounts due. Phil suggested that fees be raised to \$225. There will be a fundraiser for the students to raise money. If the students don't pay the fee, we are only allowed to prevent them from participating in band camp. Letters will be sent to parents to explain what the money goes for. This year, instead of separate camps for percussion and guard, they will have practices during the spring and summer. August 13-17 will be for band camp. Then, students will have night practices for 4 nights the following week.

Uniforms have been cleaned and delivered to the school. Students have tagged and bagged the clean uniforms. Three sashes are missing, and Cindy is helping the dry cleaners to find them.

The next booster meeting will be April 3, 2007 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.