

Highland Fine Arts Boosters  
Meeting Minutes  
3/11/2026 @ 6:30 pm

Call to order:  
Roll Call/Approval of Agenda:  
Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Attendees: Emily Piette, Owen Piette, Sam Holden, Andy Vercande, Jeremiah Carter, Jason Knox, Katie Knox, Andrew McDonald, Jayme Kallaus, Delaney Carter

<b>Upcoming Fine Arts Activities</b>	
<b>Band</b>	<b>Action</b>
Jazz Band: Iowa Jazz Championships Tuesday, April 7 @ Ames	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congrats! Will play at 10:30 am, need to unload at 9 am.</li> <li>• Discussed hotel accommodations for the night before and/or the night of the competition.</li> <li>• Sam made a motion to approve \$900 to the band activity fund (as a donation) to cover cost for the hotel rooms Monday (4/6) to Tuesday, 4/7, second by Jason, all approve. Jason provided check for this.</li> <li>• T-shirts: 22 t-shirts for the students in jazz band and the students/adults helping with the event. Estimated cost of \$15 per shirt. Katie makes a motion to pay up to \$330 for t-shirts, all ayes. Mr. McDonald will be reimbursed for this.</li> <li>• Fundraising to support Jazz Band. Discussion about fundraiser- selling popcorn- to cover some of these costs.</li> </ul>
March 26: SEISC Honor Band hosted at Highland (130 students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch: Casey's pizza donations (20 pizzas) + waters, need to still purchase 25 pizzas (charge \$5) . Will order pizza from multiple different local Caseys.</li> <li>• Dinner (5 pm, set up at 4:30 pm): pulled pork/buns (1 roaster- Jason), mac &amp; cheese (2 roasters- Emily), coleslaw (Sam) + waters (charge \$10)</li> <li>• Total charge for students \$15</li> <li>• Some students from Mediapolis have the option to bring their food and not purchase.</li> <li>• Need 280 waters for lunch/dinner (Jason will pick up)</li> <li>• We already have needed paper items- plates, forks, napkins, tickets/stamp/marker for lunch/dinner</li> </ul>
Trip updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request \$400 for gratuity for Sunshine for the tour manager and the bus drivers.</li> <li>• Sam makes a motion of \$400 for gratuity from the general booster account, Andy V seconds, all ayes.</li> <li>• Jason provided cash for gratuity.</li> </ul>
SEISC Junior High Tuesday, April 28 in West Burlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 students attending this event. Upcoming request for boosters to help pay for a meal.</li> </ul>
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Action</b>
March 31: Solo and Ensemble Festival at Highland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge secured (Jon Runaas) &amp; will be in the library. Jason provided a check for the judge to Mr. Carter.</li> <li>• Students will have an itinerary soon.</li> </ul>

April 14: SEISC Middle School Vocal Fest at L&M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half-day event, 10 students attending, concert at 6:30 pm. More info to come on food.</li> </ul>
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Action</b>
<i>This Murder was Staged</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set building completed on March 7. go team.</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming dates:</b>	
<b>April 12-16</b> - Spring Play Tech Week	
<b>April 17-18</b> - Spring Play Performances (7:00 PM, HS gym)	
<b>Speech</b>	<b>Action</b>
March 14: Individual Speech State Contest in Vinton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will leave at 6 am and spend the day. Mr. Jones is also going to assist. 10 events. Walk through is 3/12.</li> </ul>
Speech fund:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the negatives (-\$296.76), Jason provided a check for \$500 to increase the speech fund. This has been previously approved by the board.</li> </ul>
Speech Showcase:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday, May 2 at 2 pm.</li> </ul>
End of end party:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students want to go bowling! More to come.</li> </ul>
March 30 State at UNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If students advance to the state competition.</li> </ul>
<b>Art</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Updates from Ms. Trees</b>	<p>SEIC Art Show Invitational for all Southeastern Iowa High School Students - Original Artwork must be submitted before April 18th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will be up for 2 weeks at Southeastern Community College in Burlington. AWARDS are given for each category, Best of Show, etc. Each district is allowed 15 entries and may only take 2 per student artist. I decided to open this up to ALL Highland High School Students whether they've taken art or not.</li> </ul> <p>SEIC Artist Workshop on March 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an all-day event. Everyone gets a free t-shirt and attends 2 different workshops. Only \$8.50 for lunch - Once again, I may take up to 15 High School Students. This will only be those who have taken art for at least one semester. Seniors are prioritized.</li> <li>Owen Piette makes a motion to approve up to 11 students for \$6.50/meal \$71.50 total. Andy Vercande seconds. All approve. Jason provided a check for this cost.</li> </ul>
<b>General Booster Business</b>	
<b>Robotics Senior Banners</b>	FAB will reimburse Aaron Vercande \$30 because he purchased all the banners. Jason provided a check given to Andy Vercande.
<b>Bylaws review</b>	No updates.
<b>Follow up</b>	Mr. McDonald will contact Jessi Cole re: \$150 from Athletic Boosters owed for the concession 2/17/26

**New Purchase**

Owen P discusses the purchase of a square reader terminal, with several options. Can be used for concerts and plays for donations. Sam makes a motion to approve the purchase of square reader, Andy V seconds. All approve.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm