

Highland Fine Arts Boosters
Meeting Minutes
Date: August 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Call to order:
Treasurer's Report: Approved

Attendees: Allison Wright (Welcome!), Andy Vercande,
Andy McDonald, Emily Piette, Owen Piette, Katie Knox,
Jason Knox, Jeremiah Cartner, Delaney Carter

Election of Officers

Nominations made and consent received for the following positions:

- Andy Vercande- Vice President
- Emily Piette- President
- Katie Knox- Secretary
- Jason Knox- Treasurer

One nominee for each position, nominees are elected by acclamation. Congrats!

Department Reports

Band	Information	Action
Marching Band Camp	• Approx 19 students in band. • Camp is going well! Show theme: After Dark (Disturbia and Thriller). • Goal is to have all music in performance shape by August 28 and charts down as much as possible. • Band participation at half time show will share with Lone Tree at the 9/4 and 10/16 games.	-
Band Shirts	• Mr. Carter will purchase band shirts through Elite and send the invoice to Jason. • First shirt order for students, second order for fine arts supporters.	-
Band Pictures	• Lee Photography will come to take photos. • Goal will be to have senior banners ready for homecoming.	-
Band Uniforms	• At Iris Cleaners, will return them by 9/1/26.	

Upcoming dates:

9/2- Homecoming parade & boom night

9/4- home football game & homecoming

10/16- home football game & senior night

12/16- combined instrumental and vocal concert

Choir	Information	Action
Welcome to Allison Wright- new Highland vocal music teacher!		
Musical	- Musical auditions will be the 2nd week of school - Show announcement the first week of school.	-
Central Lee Honor Choir	5-6 grade and 7-8 grade honor choir - Friday, October 30 at Central Lee. \$5/\$3 admission fee for spectators	Will discuss again next meeting re: cost of student registration/meals.
Upcoming dates: 11/6-11/7- musical performances 12/16- combined instrumental and vocal concert		
Speech	Information	Action
No updates	-	-
Upcoming dates:		
Drama	Information	Action
Drama teacher needed!		
Upcoming dates:		
Art	Information	Action
Welcome to new secondary art teacher Claire Vlcko!		
Upcoming dates:		

New Business		
2026-2027 Operating Budget	- Estimated amount for each department. Stay within your budget, spend within your budget. - If you want something additional that is out of the budget, or you don't want to come out of your budget, propose it at a meeting just like in the past. - Each request for funding does not need to be approved by the boosters. - Owen moves to approve this operating budget for 2026-2027. Andy M seconds. All approve.	See operating budget on last page of the minutes.

Fundraising		
Football Concessions	No JV games only Varsity games x2 Fall Sports showcase: 8/14/26 (4 pm start-up concessions) 9/4/26 (homecoming, 5:30 pm start up concessions)	Let us know if you'd like to help work at the concession stand for these games.

	10/16/26 (senior night, 5:30 pm start up concessions) Discussed menu	
Fish Fry	Discussed dates and options	Save the date for Friday, 10/23/26 for the Fish Fry at the VFW (confirmed by the VFW). Save the date for Thursday, 10/22/26 to prep for the Fish Fry.
Sponsorship Letters	- Thanks to Owen Piette for drafting a sponsorship letter to send to community members! - Edits and discussion about the sponsorship letters. Owen P to edit.	Andy M moves to approve costs up to \$500 for printing, postage, letter, thank you notes. Delaney seconds, all approved. Jason will create a receipt for donors as the donations will be tax deductible.

Open Discussion		
Non-profit organization status	- Our booster organization is now officially a 501c3 organization. - Discussed rules, stipulations, and benefits of this.	-
Washington Municipal Band donation	Discussion of donating funds to the Washington Municipal Band as they have lost city funding recently.	Consider this request, will discuss again next meeting.
Halloween movie night	- Discussion of Halloween movie night as a fundraiser. - Potential date: Thursday, 10/29 - Will need to borrow screen from Main Street Washington - Costume contest - Advertise via Highland backpack app	Will discuss this at the next meeting again.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026 @ 6:30 pm in the Highland Boardroom

Approved by Highland Fine Arts Boosters on August 12, 2026.

Highland Fine Arts Boosters^{Expen} Operating Budget 2026-2027

	Individual Expenses 2025-2026	Budget
Band		\$1,500
dry cleaning	\$208	
camp snacks	\$75	
drum major camp	\$89	
tee shirts	\$430	
solo festival	\$300	
SEISC honor band	\$150	
SEISC MS honor band	\$40	
Musical- props, set, cast party		\$1,000
Props, set	\$138	
Cast Party	\$135	
Choir		\$1,000
dry cleaning	\$200	
MS Crossroads honor choir	\$225	
solo festival	\$150	
SEISC Vocal festival	\$63	
SEISC MS vocal festival	\$56	
Choir workshop	\$100	
Speech		\$500
fill account to \$500		
Drama		\$1,000
fund play		
Art		\$0