

EATON RAPIDS BAND BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

High School Band Room

MINUTES

Attendees: Jenny Babbitt, Jeff Ballard, Melissa Bohus, Steve Bohus, Elleisha Burrow, Natalie Cornish, Mollie Dietz, Jessica Drinkwater, Adam Gumbrecht, Christie Harry, Carrie King, Josie Lopez, Sue Norton, Tammi Roe, Ray Straight, and Tracy Woodhams.

Called to order: 6:07pm by Steve Bohus

Welcome and Introductions Everyone was thanked for attending and we all introduced ourselves.

Approval of minutes from last meeting A motion was made by Tammie, seconded by Jeff, and approved by the committee to accept the minutes with no changes.

Officer Reports and Standing Business Items

President – (Steve Bohus)

♪ No Report

1st VP – (Tammi Roe)

♪ No Report

2nd VP – (Ray Strait)

♪ No Report

Secretary/Communications (Carrie King)

♪ No Report

Treasurer – (Jessica Drinkwater)

♪ Balance Sheet and Profit Loss review for July - Sept.

MS Representative (Tracy Woodhams)

♪ No Report

Director and Band Council Reports

High School – (Adam Gumbrecht)

- ♪ Homecoming is next week, we'll need a meal location.
- ♪ Grand Ledge Invitational is Oct 8. Tentative schedule is 6:37pm. It will be a late night.
- ♪ 8th grade game is Oct 10. .
 - ♪ Making a whole day of it.
 - ♪ 8th grade will walk over in the morning.
 - ♪ All students including LCC will be excused - school related.
 - ♪ Do lunch for them - Band Boosters supply pizza.
 - ♪ Practice music, Marching and Drill together.

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- ♪ Performance @ 1:45pm for other students and parents that can make it.
- ♪ Greyhound Spectacular is Oct 21 @7pm, which is also the rain date for MSBOA Festival.

Middle School - (Melanie Rosin)

- ♪ Oct 21 concert 7th-8th grade - 6:30pm.
- ♪ Requested Kona/Cocoa and bake sale at the concert.
- ♪ Orientation night went really well.

Band Council

- ♪ *Not present*

Old Business:

- ♪ Review Upcoming Events.
 - ♪ September 19 | ER vs Lakewood - Homecoming
 - ♪ October 8 | Grand Ledge Exhibition
 - ♪ October 9 | Band Booster Meeting @ 6pm
 - ♪ October 10 | 8th-12th Grade all day practice and performance @ 1:45p
 - ♪ October 10 | ER vs Portland - Halftime Show/ 8th Grade joins
 - ♪ October 11 | MSBOA Marching Band Festival
 - ♪ October 17 | ER vs Lansing Sexton - Halftime Show
 - ♪ October 21 | Greyhound Spectacular 6:30pm
 - ♪ October 24 | ER vs Milan - Halftime Show/Senior Show
 - ♪ November 3-8 | Disney Trip
 - ♪ November 13 | Band Booster Meeting @ 6pm
 - ♪ November 21 | Silver Bells
 - ♪ December 5 | Holiday Collage Concert
 - ♪ December 6 | Hometown Christmas Parade
 - ♪ December 11 | Band Booster Meeting @ 6pm

New Business

- ♪ New Uniforms
 - ♪ Need to resubmit the bid to get them ordered.
 - ♪ New Black dinkles - Adam will look at several companies and styles and decide soon, so we are ready for next year.
- ♪ Disney Trip.
 - ♪ Room Assignment List is being submitted tomorrow.
 - ♪ Performance Time and Location will be confirmed soon.
 - ♪ Itinerary can be finalized once Performance is nailed down.
 - ♪ Universal now has 3 parks, we are only doing 2.
 - ♪ Uniform - kids have to all be in the same uniform.
 - ♪ He told Disney "All Black" but that could be updated.
 - ♪ Tammi and Elleisha will get together and price out Maroon polos with a logo.

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- ┆ Students will need their own black pants
- ♪ Disney rehearsal schedule was sent out to coordinate with the musical schedule.
- ♪ There will be a chaperone meeting set before the trip.
- ♪ Homecoming - Pre-Parade house at Elleisha's Mom's home directly across from Skinners.
- ♪ Concerns about the old uniforms not actually being cleaned.
 - ♪ Elleisha hand washed Bryson's and it turned out great.
 - ♪ Steve had conversations with Maurer's - they will redo them but we don't have time in the middle of the season so they will do them at the end of the season at no cost to us.
- ♪ Home cleaning the uniforms
 - ┆ Elleisha put together premeasured soap baggies with instructions for us to soak them in bathtubs.
 - ┆ Several volunteered to take a closet of uniforms home.
 - ┆ Meeting at Quality Dairy on Sunday Sept 14 @ 2p for final rinse wash in their largest machines.
 - ┆ Hanging up all uniforms to air dry.
 - ┆ Bring cleaned uniforms back to school on Monday night and put them back in the appropriate closets with the appropriate name tags.
- ♪ Dinkels have gone up in price.
- ♪ Gloves have gone up in price.
- ♪ Suggested when we get new uniforms we find a new dry cleaner.
- ♪ Concession stand -
 - ┆ Get water from concessions at the main gate.
 - ┆ They don't have hot water - we need it for hot chocolate
 - ┆ Noticed security is stopping people from coming across to our concession side.
 - ┆ The lighted sign needs new bulbs - G will contact Field maintenance.

Open Floor

- ♪ Formation of a Fundraising committee - it is in our bylaws, volunteers should reach out to Elleisha or Steve.
- ♪ Creation of a Master Calendar for planning - when we order things, when we feed kids. A lot of it is in our collective memories and should be written down.
- ♪ "Fat Heads" for Senior Night - we'll need baby pics collected.
- ♪ Insurance - Boosters doesn't have any protection from liability Steve has started doing some research.
- ♪ Reminders:
 - ♪ We should never be alone with a student.
 - ♪ Students should always go places in pairs.
 - ♪ Students don't ride on the golf cart.
- ♪ Band Council should check the holiday lights for holiday parades and we should check holiday lights on the trailer.

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- ♪ A Person contacted Tammi, they are moving and have a lot of scrap metal they want to donate to the band. Can we arrange for it to be picked up? Elleisha said her husband would be able to do it.

Adjournment: 8:05p.m.

A motion was made by Tammi, seconded by Jeff, and approved by the committee to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie King