

**CONSTITUTION OF THE HAMILTON HIGH WEST BAND PARENTS INC.**  
**(Revised in 2023)**

**ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

**SECTION I:** This association shall be called the Hamilton High West Band Parents Inc (HHWBPI).

**SECTION II:** The objective of the HHWBPI shall be to promote the educational and musical goals of the Hamilton High School Band and its individual members without, at any time or in any manner, interposing itself in the direction, management or administration of said Band or of Hamilton High School West or any of their activities. The band program at Hamilton High School West is defined as any band, band front, musical pit, or band ensemble.

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION I:** Full membership is provided to a maximum of two (2) household members per band family as defined in the Bylaws. There is a limit of one vote per full member.

**SECTION II:** The Directors of the Band shall be full members ex-officio.

**SECTION III:** Honorary lifetime members may be named by the Executive Board, subject to approval of a majority of the Executive Board members present.

**SECTION IV:** The Principal of Hamilton High West shall be an honorary member, ex-officio.

**ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**SECTION I:** The Executive Board of the HHWBPI shall consist of a minimum of 5 members, the Band Director and 4 officers of which shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer.

**SECTION II:** Each officer shall be elected for a term of two years upon approval by a majority vote of the general membership at the June meeting of the HHWBPI.

- A. All Executive Board members must have full membership in HHWBPI, as defined in Article II, Section I of the Constitution.
- B. All Executive Board members shall be subject to term limits as defined in the Bylaws.
- C. No officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms for the same position.
- D. To ensure the smooth transition from year to year, the officers should be voted as follows:
  - a. President and Recording Secretary for odd number years
  - b. Vice President and Treasurer for even number years
  - c. In cases where an officer cannot complete a full term, a new officer shall be elected for a year as an interim Executive Board officer.
- E. Upon the successful completion of the term of President he/she shall attain the office of Past President for the following year and may serve in an advisory capacity with an honorary position on the Executive Board. This honorary position does not include voting privileges on the Executive Board.

**SECTION IV:** The Executive Board may consist of up to fifteen members, and must be an odd number of members in total. These fifteen members and the Directors of the Band, together with the officers named in Article II, shall constitute the Executive Board and shall meet to formulate plans and propose all purposes and

procedures of the HHWBPI. They shall serve for one year. The term of office ends with the election of new members at the annual June meeting.

- A. Vacancies occurring among the members of the Executive Board shall be filled, for the unexpired term only, by nomination by the Executive Board and upon approval by the majority of the members present at the next regular meeting of the HHWBPI.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

**SECTION I:** The regular meetings of the HHWBPI and the Executive Board shall be held as provided by the Bylaws.

**SECTION II:** Special meetings shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V: PROBITY**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1, Section 2 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation (HHWBPI), assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. Preference should be given to distribution to another 501(c)(3) organization which promotes the Hamilton High School West band program.

#### **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS**

This Constitution or any part thereof may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the general membership in attendance at two (2) consecutive general membership meetings, as follows:

- A. Members are provided a written notice of the proposed amendment or repeal (electronic or paper format are acceptable) prior to the first general meeting at which the revisions will be reviewed..
- B. The first meeting would entail a discussion of the proposed amendment or repeal.
- C. The second consecutive meeting is when the vote takes place.
- D. If a quorum (40% of membership) is not present, the process (outlined in Steps A, B, and C) should begin again.

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