

**Booster Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2022**  
**6:30 pm**

**Members Present:** Shadde Wicks and Darragh Killilea Wicks, Steve and Bobbi Miller, Kim and Damon Janssen, Bryan and Barb Thiel, Rob and Julie Manly, Kevin and Debbie Breitbach, Tom and Steph Astrup, Greg and Becky Walen; Mike LaMont; Dave and Alia Bartell; Brian and Leah Bjorkman;

Oncoming members present: Keith and Tiffany Knoke; Dan Kielty; Matt Olson; Coleen and Gary Bailey.

Members Absent: Mark and Jenny Trogstad; Tracy LaMont.

Oncoming members absent: Jami Olson; DeAnn Bjornson.

**Others Present:** Dan Shultis, Travis Christensen, Kathy Nordness

1. **Call to Order:** President Shadde Wicks started the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

II. **PTSA Request/Issue.** Kathy Nordness indicated that interest and participation in PTSA has diminished over recent years, and discussed the possibility of merging with the Booster board, citing potential efficiencies in merging entities. Nordness distributed a document setting out background, and outlining mutual advantages to this possibility. PTSA has not approved a merger at this time, but is in discussion stages. Nordness asked the board to consider the possibility.

The board discussed background and prior discussions regarding this merger possibility, and Nordness, Julie Manly (a PTSA board member), and Travis Christiansen answered questions about the PTSA organization.

III. **Secretary's Report:** Rob Manly previously emailed the April 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Steve Miller enthusiastically moved to approve the minutes, Kim Janssen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** A financial update was provided by Steve Miller, who provided updated financials to the board prior to the meeting. Miller provided a new spreadsheet demonstrating booster payments by activity, which was well-received by the board. Mike Lamont moved to approve the report, with Greg Walen seconding the motion. Motion passed.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

1. **Hospitality and Spirit.** Barb Thiel reported for this committee. The choir concert is coming up May 10th and is the last sponsored event of the school year.
2. **Registration/Membership.** Alia Bartell reported that membership was wrapped up for the school year.
3. **Advertising.** Kevin Breitbach reported that Northwestern Mutual's signage payment remains outstanding. Rob Manly indicated that the Northwestern Mutual reps indicated that payment would be made within the next two weeks.
4. **Communication.** No report offered.

## **V. Old Business.**

1. New Booster members. President Wicks began introductions for the new board members, with each board member introducing themselves to the group.
2. Concession stand updates. Shultis indicated he hadn't heard anything further from the district office about this project.
3. Booster Committee Assignments. President Wicks discussed assignments of new board members to various board subcommittees. Outgoing members from each subcommittee explained their respective subcommittee's responsibilities.

The board also discussed open executive positions, including president and vice-president (but, regrettably, not secretary). Past practice for filling these position was discussed.

Olsons volunteered for the registration committee. Knokes volunteered for advertising. Dan and DeAnn volunteered for hospitality. Baileys volunteered for communication.

4. Commons A/V updates. Shultis indicated that televisions had been ordered and installation is progressing.
5. Long term topics: Shultis indicated that state championship signage remains a work in progress, with quotes for updating and modernizing the signage being solicited.

## **VI. New Business:**

1. Turf Update: Shultis indicated that the infield turf fundraising has made significant progress, and getting close to obtaining the amount needed to complete the project.

Christensen discussed some of the history of the project and the timeline for project completion. Significant private funds have been contributed to complete the turf project, with a small fraction of the required fundraising amount still needed. The new facility is needed not only for North HS, but also Ben Franklin. Christiansen failed to mention that this venue would also be perfect for use of a promotional t-shirt cannon.

Shultis and Christensen answered board questions about the project, including the possibility of adding other items including lighting and concessions. The board also reviewed its financial standing, and ability to commit funds- as well as the amount of funds to commit- to the project.

Tom Astrup moved to approve \$15,000 toward the project, and Steve Miller seconded the motion. The board discussed whether the donation was sufficient. Motion passed.

2. Academic breakfast: Christensen indicated that he was appearing to discuss the academic breakfast and previously-approved board donation of \$1790. Catering is no longer available to provide the standard egg bake breakfast, but muffins and juice will be made available with this donation.

**Next Meeting** - The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, at 6:30 in room 102.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:37 pm, with a final and robust tap of President Wicks' gavel.