

Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

5/13/2025

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Matt Hansen, Sahuan Barbeau, Christy English, Linda Stachowiak, Heather Miller, Angela Kalcec, Sherry Swier, Marcia Wiseman, Toko Togashi, Al Mead, Amy Larry, Byron Bills, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Amanda Thoms, Jenny Lowe

DHMB Mission Statement

Dow High School Music Booster Club supports the quality of music education at Dow High School by providing both human and financial resources beyond those supported by Midland Public Schools. The membership will volunteer time and talent to help host music events and raise necessary funds to acquire music equipment and supplies, and provide scholarship funding for students to participate in musical development.

Agenda Items	Notes or Information																								
Call to Order and Welcome: Matt Hansen	Meeting Called to Order 6:04 pm Welcome to the meeting, DHMB Mission Statement, and introductions																								
Review and Approve April 2025 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion to approve the April meeting minutes made by Heather Miller Second by Amy Larry Motion Passes																								
Review and Approve May 2025 Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	<p>Motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report Made by Angela Kalcec Second by Amy Larry Motion passes</p> <p>Budget/Expenditures Update: I provided notes on the print out of noteworthy items. The only other commentary I would offer, is that with most things accounted for (including Jazz and More Country Club, UofM clinic lunch, and end of year awards not shown on this report), the net drawdown for Music Boosters as a whole is projected to be ~\$8000 plus up to \$2000 for the end of year party.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Band</td><td>Orchestra</td><td>Choir</td><td>Boosters</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>Starting Account Balances</td><td>\$52,321</td><td>\$36,635</td><td>\$46,497</td><td>\$600</td><td>\$136,053</td></tr><tr><td>Ending Account Balances</td><td>\$44,930</td><td>\$43,387</td><td>\$39,516</td><td>\$302</td><td>\$128,135</td></tr><tr><td>Net Change</td><td>-\$7,391</td><td>\$6,752</td><td>-\$6,981</td><td>-\$298</td><td>-\$7,918</td></tr></table> <p>Band and Choir had drawdowns both due to one off events, so well done! For Band, \$5.1k out of \$7.4k was due to the MMC trip. For Choir, MMC plus Prague combined for \$7.7k out of \$7k. (So would have increased otherwise).</p>		Band	Orchestra	Choir	Boosters	Total	Starting Account Balances	\$52,321	\$36,635	\$46,497	\$600	\$136,053	Ending Account Balances	\$44,930	\$43,387	\$39,516	\$302	\$128,135	Net Change	-\$7,391	\$6,752	-\$6,981	-\$298	-\$7,918
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	<p>Orchestra had a net increase of \$6.7k despite \$5k for Prague. Amanda needs to do a better job of spending her funds!</p>
<p>Review and Vote on 2025-2026 Slate of Officers: Matt Hansen</p>	<p>Proposed Executive Committee members, 2025-2026 President: Marcia Wiseman 1st VP: Shauna Barbeau 2nd VP: Christy English Treasurer: Mark Stachowiak Secretary: Linda Stachowiak Band Rep: Byron Bills Band Rep: Arely Celis Choir Rep: Katie and Davin Erikson Choir Rep: OPEN Orchestra Rep: Lizhu Lin Orchestra Rep: Sherry Swier</p> <p>OTHER COMMITTEE/LEADERSHIP ROLES RenFair: Jenny Lowe Jazz & More: Angela Kalcec Fruit Sale: Heather Miller Sponsorships: Christy English Band Showcase: Kendra Coston Social Media: Al Mead Uniforms: Deb Mead / Connie Gavin Website: Sherry Swier Financial Reviewer: Anirban Ghose Spirit Wear: Toko Togashi Sign-up Genius Coordinator: Amy Larry</p> <p>Motion to approve the Slate of Offices for the 2025-2026 school year made by Amy Larry Second by Heather Miller Motion passes.</p>
<p>Business Reports</p>	<p>Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau Should we meet with MPS administration to see what we can do with Booster funds & District MPS managed Foundation funds now that the bond has not passed? The district has funds at the Midland Area Community Foundation (looking sharp fund-used to buy uniforms, now down to the original \$5000 seed money) that could be accessed to either reinvest or utilize.</p> <p>Shauna proposed a summer workshop to move this discussion forward.</p> <p>Jazz and More – Angela Kalcec Made \$2,200 (mostly in drink tickets) and the discount in food helped this to be a profitable evening. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make this evening a success.</p> <p>Uniforms – Connie Gavin Uniform turn in was today.</p>

Director Reports

Band- Steve DeRees

Auditions for next year's Symphonic Band are well underway. Mr. DeRees has a lot of auditions to hear this year!

Drum major auditions will be held this Friday, May 16, during band hours. The current Dow High band students (including seniors since we trust their judgement) will select two new assistant drum majors who will start their duties next fall.

Commencement: the Symphonic Band will perform pre-ceremony music at 3:45pm. Then the senior members will be dismissed to go line up. Volunteers from the Concert Bands will add in for the ceremonial portion of the performance.

The Midland Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 26. Full band including seniors please!

Requests for absences from this event must be delivered to the directors by the end of the day on Monday, May 19.

- The Dow High band program continues to enroll almost 200 members and remains one of the largest high school marching bands in Michigan!
- Louis Haung earned a seat in the Michigan All-State Honors Band, with Emma Huang receiving an honorable mention. Owen DeLong earned a place in the All-State Jazz Band.
- In January, the Symphonic Band was honored to be one of only 4 high school bands invited to perform at the prestigious Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. Following that performance, and with only 13 full band rehearsals to do it, they learned an entirely new program for MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival.
- The Symphonic Band, Gold Concert Band and Green Concert Band received straight Ones at Festival with many A's and A+'s from our adjudicators.
- At District Solo & Ensemble, 46 band events participated, with 37 earning First Division ratings.
- At the State level, 28 events competed with 25 of those earning First Division ratings.
- The adjudicators at the state festival made 11 nominations to MSBOA Spring Honors Recital:
 - Jessica Chai, Outstanding Soloist Flute
 - Jessica Chai also named to Spring Honors Woodwind Ensemble
 - Owen DeLong, Outstanding Soloist Trombone
 - Owen DeLong also named to Spring Honors Brass Ensemble
 - Louis Haung, Outstanding Soloist Clarinet
 - Gretchen Snyder, Outstanding Soloist Clarinet

- Carston Broderick, Outstanding Soloist French Horn
- Louis Huang and Emma Huang Outstanding Ensemble Clarinet Duet
- Louis Huang and Matthew Lee Outstanding Ensemble Clarinet Duet
- Jessica Chai, Tara Singh, Ondine Matteucci & Yunying Zhang Flute Quartet Outstanding Ensemble
- Carston Broderick, Owen DeLong, Margaret Lowe, Kellen Moneypenny, Sean Mead – Outstanding Ensemble Brass Quintet

With 11 nominations, the Dow High band program was tied with Ann Arbor Huron High School band for the most number of Spring Honors Recital nominations in the state.

8 students are receiving Midland Concert Band Scholarships to further their studies in private lessons and music camps or to help get a more advanced instrument. In addition, they have been invited to perform with the MCB in the upcoming spring concert.

Jazz Band

Central Michigan University Jazz Festival
 Froeseology Jazz Combo, 2nd Runner up for Best Combo
 Alma College Jazz Festival
 Orion Froese, Best Piano
 Carter Gilstad, Best Guitar
 Owen DeLong, Best Trombone
 Maddie Stanford, Honorable Mention for Best Bass Player
 Jazz 1 Best Saxophone Section

We hosted the University of Michigan Symphony Band, under the direction of Col. Jason Fettig, USMC retired, for a clinic and concert on the morning of Friday, May 9. Several members of the Dow High and Midland High bands were invited to perform two pieces with them at the end of concert. The performance was free and open to the public.

What a great year for our band students!

Approaching the Centennial of MPS music in the school year 2028...would like to start thinking of a celebration. Maybe a commission a custom piece, whole music performance (band, choir, & orchestra), honor notable music alumni, etc. Need a budget and a subcommittee. Thinking \$5-\$6,000

Also, see attached documents for the 2026 Disney Trip!

	<p>Choir- Adam Gardner-Northrup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last night's Spring Concert was a lovely event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We said goodbye to 17 choir seniors ◦ Recipients of the National Choral Award were Knightley Klee & Sabrina Gilles • The final event of the year is Graduation. The Chamber Singers began prepping that music today. • Numbers look to be even larger next year - YAY - with a huge incoming freshman class • Thank you for all of your help and support again this year, our groups can be as good as they are because of the work of this organization. You allow us to focus on teaching and not worry about other logistical workings. You help provide opportunities for these kids that truly expand their musical world beyond that of a typical high schooler. Again, THANK YOU!!! • Margaret Lowe and Owen DeLong are performing at the Sutton Foster Awards at the Wharton Center in East Lansing on May 18th! <p>Orchestra- Amanda Thoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The orchestra spring concert was fantastic! MCTV livestreamed the event again, so people can watch it on demand on the MCTV website. · Mia Bayardo, Jessica Chai, and Owen DeLong performed in the MSBOA Spring Honors Showcase on May 9. · Symphony Orchestra auditions are underway, and I hope to have the results posted next week. · I have a total of 7 students who I would like to award scholarships to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Isaac Adam - \$80 ◦ Austin English - \$495 ◦ Carter English - \$400 ◦ Piper Gilmore - \$440 ◦ Elaina Kalcec - \$500 ◦ Cailyn Liu - \$500 ◦ Sydney Ma - \$700 · We're looking at possibly doing a joint concert with CMU in the fall. · There is no major orchestra visiting Ann Arbor on a weekend next year, so I am not planning a fall field trip at this time.
Other Items and To Do Items	<p>End of year party - Marcia Was today!</p> <p>Organization of Band Parent night in August Will be discussed during the summer workshop.</p>

	<p>Next meeting – TBD</p> <p>Thanks to Matt Hansen for his years of service and leadership for Music Boosters.</p> <p>Thank you to Christine Hong for her years of services to Music Boosters.</p>
Adjourn: Matt Hansen	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Marcia Wiseman</p> <p>Second Byron Bills</p> <p>Meeting ended at 6:59 pm</p>