

Dow High Music Booster Meeting
 January 13, 2026
 6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Marica Wiseman, Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Sherry Swier, Byron Bills, Heather Miller, Shauna Barbeau, Arely Celis, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Alan Mead, Christy English, Shylah Reynolds, Amanda Thoms, Stephen DeRees, Jenny Lowe, Toko Togashi

Mission Statement:

The 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 Booster club volunteers 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 Item	Special Notes or Information
Call to Order and Welcome: Marica Wiseman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm ● Welcome to the meeting! Marcia read the Mission Statement.
Review and Approve November 2025 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	<p>Motion to to approve the November meeting minutes made by Christy English Second by Shauna Barbeau Motion passes.</p>
Treasurer’s Report: Mark Stachowiak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget/Expenditures Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big Thank You to the Hoffman Donor Advised fund for a generous donation of \$2500 and the Paul Dean II & Janet Dean Charitable fund for the \$150 donation. ● Motion to approve the December Treasurer’s Report by Heather Miller Second Byron Bills. Motion Passes
Business Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sponsorship – Christy English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marcia would like a banner created as a Thank You to the sponsors that is displayed for fruit sale and football games. ● Fruit Sale – Heather Miller and Angela Kelcec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Made goal of \$60,000 in sales and donations ● Mark Stachowiak and Jeff Miller will do logistics this year for fruit sale ● Fruit is available for purchase (without order) upon delivery days. First come, first serve. ● Lisa Lin is looking for a parent to shadow her with the fruit sale data collection to learn all the work/details involved ● Shauna wondered if it would help simplify the data process if we could change the “student credit” on the orders to just band, choir, and orchestra?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RenFair – Jenny Lowe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We need more volunteers to help with RenFair. The sign up genius was sent out today to all programs. ● Amanda asked if families would consider chaperoning for a portion of the show when their student may not be performing to help have “adult supervision” for happenings backstage. ● Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau - no report ● Spirit Wear Update – Toko Togashi & Jamie Haag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toko has passed her responsibilities to Jamie. ● Jamie is pulling together a store in the spring to offer to middle school parents ● They are also looking to put out a Disney shirt to wear to FL for the next trip. ● Uniform- Deb & Arley- Marching Uniform Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arely has been taking inventory of tuxedos. They are in good shape. ● Shyla has completed the marching band uniform inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pants- 78+ getting repaired ● Marching band jackets (172 not currently lent out to kids) are being repaired. 86 stained and dirty, 76 that are frayed. Many of the jackets, however, are starting to reach unreparable status
<p>Director Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Band- Steve DeRees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. DeRees is looking to purchase new pants, bib style, that function differently but look the same. He’s asking for funds to try out some of the different functioning pants. We need more pants sizes for new students coming in next year AND to replace those that are irreparable (jackets as well). (\$500 is the cost for a full new uniform) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heather Miller made a motion for the band uniform budget to increase from \$2000 to to \$10,000 ● Second by Mark Stachowiak ● We still don’t know festival times/dates. ● Bands are split and everyone is working on their music. ● Jazz Band 1 is super busy- Grove Renfair performance on Friday, Renfair on Saturday, Jefferson gym concert coming up and the CMU jazz festival ● Choir- Adam Gardner-Northup (info shared by Amanda for Adam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The choir is taking a field trip to go see Gretchen Shope in the works Thursday April 23rd at Detroit Fischer Theater. ● Orchestra - Amanda Thoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December concerts at the Center were a big request. Before I meet with the Center about calendaring next year, if you have any specific feedback, please share it with me. ● RenFair prep is going great, and the Symphony Orchestra will play on Saturday in the dark with lightsaber bows. ● Since the last meeting, one additional orchestra student, Joshua Yoo, was added to the All State Honorable Mention list. The three orchestra students who were rostered in the ensemble, Mia Bayardo, Cailyn Liu, and Sydney Ma, will be at the Michigan Music Conference from January 22 through January 24. ● MSBOA Solo and Ensemble will be at St. Johns High School on February 7, 2026. There are 39 Dow High orchestra events participating. ● The Dow High Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert will be on February 18. I am waiting for confirmation on how many ensembles Midland High is taking to Festival before I announce the performance time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MSBOA Festival schedule should be released this week, and that will be shared with families as soon as possible.
Other Items and To Do Items-President-Marcia Wiseman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcia is asking those in leadership positions that are leaving to let Marcia know. Also, do your best to find a replacement for your role as you know the role well and can sell it better than anyone. • Looking for more parents from choir to represent the choirs in Boosters. • Shauna requested an Executive Board meeting/work group to discuss succession planning, future funding for uniforms, and the Music Program Anniversary coming up in a few years.
Adjourn: Marcia Wiseman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lisa Lin Second by Shauna Barbeau Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm • Next meeting will be Feb 10 at 6:00pm