

Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Sahuan Barbeau, Christy English, Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Arely Celis, Byron Bills, Davin Erikson, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Angela Kalcec (on Zoom), Russell Kalcec, Everett Kalcec, Heather Miller, Alan Mead, Stephen DeRees, Marcia Wiseman

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 Items	Notes or Information
Call to Order & Welcome by Shauna Barbeau	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to the meeting! <u>Let's introduce ourselves!</u>• Review Mission Statement to keep this in mind as the focus for our work.• Meeting called to order at 6:05
Review and Approve March meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion to to approve the March meeting minutes made by Heather Miller Second by Byron Bills Motion passes
Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget/Expenditures Update Motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report made by Christy English Second by Heather Miller Motion passes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026-27 Budgets? Directors start thinking about setting budgets for next year.
Business Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jazz and More- Angela Kelcec As of April 9, 2026, we have sold 66 tickets (including sponsor tickets). Our goal remains 180 tickets. Historically, the majority of ticket sales occur during the week leading up to the event, so we are still within a typical sales window. The estimated cost for boosters at the Midland Country Club is approximately \$27-\$28 per person. Thank you to Byron for confirming these details.

We will have access to the Midland Country Club beginning around 1:00 PM on the day of the event. I will coordinate logistics with Mr. DeRees.

The SignUpGenius is finalized and live:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAA2BABFA7-62922052-jazz>

To support ticket sales, I will be asking directors to send a reminder email during the week of April 20.

Additionally, Lynn (In the main office) is to include announcements in the school office that week. Alan continues to support us with weekly social media posts. Please share these posts when possible to help increase visibility and attendance.

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://dowhighmusicboosters.ludus.com/index.php>

Thank you all for your continued support.

- Spirit Wear Update – Jamie Haag- No Report
- Uniform- Deb Mead
 - Collection dates for students to bring in uniforms (as seen in Mr DeRees' email) are: April 30th and May 1st during 1st/2nd hours (both Marching and Tuxedos)
 - Deb will send a SUG "creation request" within the next couple of days. After it has been created, she will provide an email (with SUG link) for the directors to send out to all parents.
 - Parent Volunteers will be needed April 29th for setup between 6:00-7:00 PM (a few) AND Apr 30 and May 1st from 7:30-11:00 AM (around 11 volunteers needed each day, plus 2 or 3 to wash tuxedo shirts & gloves)
 - It has been confirmed with Art Cleaners that they will pick up the uniforms on May 1st at 11:30 AM

Linda S. will email Deb about getting a sign up genius ready.

- Sponsorship & V2 Responsibilities – Christy English Preparing to vote for next month's meeting.
- Fruit Sale – Heather Miller and Angela Kelcec
 - Trip money is outstanding- only 1 application for support for Disney has been received thus far.
 - Costs for cookies at Dow High Store still outstanding
- RenFair – Jenny Lowe - No Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capital Projects – Shauna Barbeau - No Report
<p>Director Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Band- Steve DeRees 2 students will be in the MSBOA Spring Honors: Louis Huang Woodwind Chamber Ensemble Sean Mead Brass Chamber Ensemble <p><u>Disney Itinerary</u> Sunday 6/7 Travel Day Monday 6/8 Animal Kingdom Tuesday 6/9- Concert performances at Disney Springs Waterside Stage (typically in the morning) and free time at Hollywood Studios Wed. 6/10- Clinics time TBD- Epcot Thurs. 6/11- All day Magic Kingdom & leave from there Friday 6/12 Travel Day return to Midland late Friday</p> <p><u>Spring Concerts:</u> Symphonic Band- April 30th Concert Bands, Green/Gold- May 4th They will be playing a piece in honor of Star Wars day :) Senior recognition will also take place those nights</p> <p>Jazz Band's last performance will be at Music & More so evenings will be available for for Disney Rehearsals</p> <p>The motor coach to Alma was FABULOUS. Steve thinks the kids played better since the ride was so relaxing.</p> <p>Steve reached out to Stanbury Uniforms- haven't heard back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir- Adam Gardner-Northop Mary Poppins opens Thursday and runs until Sunday. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seth Rubenacker received a first division rating at State Solo & Ensemble • Jazz & More music is going well • Spring Concert will be Monday May 11 at 6:30 ● Orchestra - Amanda Thoms Orchestra was well-represented at MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All four 9th grade soloists earned first division ratings. o All three string quartets earned first division ratings. o All three duets earned first division ratings.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All fifteen proficiency solos passed their proficiencies with the two highest scores (99) going to Raymond Chai for his violin solo and his piano solo. o Mia Bayardo was nominated as an outstanding soloist. She competed and made it to the semi-finals on April 10. o Mia Bayardo and Louis Huang were named as members of the MSBOA Spring Honors Chamber Ensembles. They will be featured at the Spring Honors Festival at Oakland University on Friday, May 8. • The 4th Grade Concert went well again this year. • The Honors Orchestra is preparing for Jazz & More on May 1. • The Spring Concert is on May 7 at 8:00PM. The plan is once again to livestream the spring concert. • Audition music for Symphony Orchestra has been distributed, and those auditions will start the week of May 11. • The Symphony Orchestra is responsible for commencement on May 28. The ceremony will be at 7:15PM, but the orchestra will play pre-ceremony music starting at 6:45PM. We will invite Concert Orchestra strings and Symphonic Band winds/brass/percussion after the spring concert.
<p style="text-align: center;">Other Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Scout Project Presentation Cabinets to store bows- made out of red oak 1 cabinet for the middle school and one for the High School 7-10 bows fit in a drawers 185 hours went into the project • Assess Florida-Trip Needs - DeRees Request to send staff member Andrew Warner & Matt Mudgett (percussion coaches) to Disney. \$1900 for one person, Midland High will cover the cost of the other. Steve will use his misc. budget to cover the cost. <p>End of the year pizza party- date TBD- Shauna & Byron will follow up with Amanda to get this going.</p>
<p>Adjourn: Marcia Wiseman</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mark Stachowiak Second by Heather Miller Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be May 12 at 6:00pm