

Dow High Music Booster Meeting  
 March 10, 2026  
 6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Angela Kalcec, Toko Togashi, Sherry Swier, Christy English, Katie Erickson, Alan Mead, Heather Miller, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Arely Celis, Jenny Lowe, Byron Bills, Jamie Haag, Stephen DeRees, Amanda Thoms, Adam Gardner-Northrop (Zoom)

	Agenda Item	Special Notes or Information
1	Call to Order and Welcome: Christy English, VP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome to the meeting! <u>Let's introduce ourselves!</u></li> <li>● Mission Statement.</li> <li>● Meeting called to Order 6:07 pm</li> </ul>
2	Review and Approve February meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to approve the February meeting minutes by Heather Miller Second by Byron Bills Motion passes</li> </ul>
3	Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Budget/Expenditures Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Received \$250 donation from Wiseman Donor Advised Fund</li> <li>● Opened 3 new CDs to replace matured CDs</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report by Katie Erickson Second by Heather Miller Motion passes</li> </ul>
4	Business Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jazz and More- Angela Kelcec We were able to get a discount on the food, thanks to Byron &amp; the Country Club. The event will be May 1st @ 6:00 doors open</li> <li>● Capital Projects – Shauna Barbeau - NONE</li> <li>● Spirit Wear Update – Jamie Haag Using Sandlot for spirit wear for a spring store. Also looking at having a Disney Shirt as a trip shirt. Looking into logos for the trip shirt that follows proper copyright- no Disney characters or Disney logo. Timeline for spring store- shooting to open at the end of spring break and then close by the end of the year (jefferson &amp; northeast is target audience)  Looking to have a student design a music shirt for next year that we will start selling this spring.</li> <li>● Uniform- Deb Mead- see attachment</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sponsorship – Christy English Nothing to update. Please before publishing sponsorship listing, like in programs, that a second set of eyes from Boosters proofs the document.</li> <li>● Fruit Sale – Heather Miller and Angela Kelcec Total fruit sale profit for this year is \$32,286.74 Big Thanks to Jacks as they do not profit on our sale. They volunteer their time in ordering and delivering fruit for us. As a thank you we do provide a pizza lunch and bagels for the am delivery to Jacks employees.</li> <li>● RenFair – Jenny Lowe \$5081 from the event. Next year will be Sat. Jan. 30th (first hold- too soon to book)</li> </ul>
5	Director Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Band- Steve DeRees</b> Additional uniforms have been ordered \$8000 worth. Should be in on time for us to use next year.  <u>Festival Results</u> Green Band- 1st division rating Gold Band-1st division rating Symphonic Band- 1st division rating - (Best Individual scores that Steve has seen in his career)</li> <li>● Alma College Jazz Performance May 10th</li> <li>● April 30th 8:30 pm Symphonic Band Concert</li> <li>● May 4th 8:00 Concert Bands</li> <li>● Memorial Day Parade - will need volunteers- coming soon.</li> <li>● Working on Disney Band schedule- should come</li> <li>● <b>Choir- Adam Gardner-Northop</b> Choir Festival is Tomorrow(3/11) and Thursday at SVSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jefferson performs Wednesday at 10:40am &amp; 2:20 pm</li> <li>● Dow Chorus performs Thursday at 1:40 pm</li> <li>● Dow Chamber Singers perform Thursday at 5:20 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>4th Grade Concert is March 24th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Music is coming along nicely</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tickets are officially on sale for Mary Poppins! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Performances April 16-19</li> <li>● <a href="http://centralauditorium.ludus.com">centralauditorium.ludus.com</a></li> <li>● Adults \$12 - Students/Children/Seniors \$8</li> <li>● The flying crew arrives after Spring Break</li> </ul> </li> <li>May 1 Jazz n More music has begun as well</li> <li>Spring Concert - May 11 @ 6:30</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Orchestra - Amanda Thoms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All three Dow High Orchestras earned a first division rating at MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival! The Symphony and Honors Orchestras earned straight ones and all As.</li> <li>· We are preparing for State Solo and Ensemble on March 21. Volunteer emails will go out tomorrow. We may need the boosters to cover a shortfall with food costs for the judges- total cost not covered is \$300 which would be split with Midland High.</li> <li>· The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:45AM. Symphony Orchestra students will be excused from hours 1-4.</li> <li>· Honors Orchestra is preparing for Jazz &amp; More.</li> <li>· Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra will start working on spring concert music this week.</li> <li>· The Dow High Spring Orchestra Concert will be on March 7 at 8:00PM. It will be livestreamed.</li> <li>· It is Symphony's turn to perform at Commencement on May 28.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6	Other Items and To Do	<p>SUG- update</p> <p>Sign up genius will be managed by Linda Stachowiak. Please send all requests to dhsmusicsec@gmail.com</p>
7	Adjourn: Christy English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next meeting will be April 14 at 6:00pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to adjourn by Angela Kelcec second by Katie Erickson.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes.</b></p>

### 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.

Art Cleaners Estimate 2026 ~ Dow High Music Program

\*Sent via email to Lynn Burns/Malissa Wagner on 3/10/26 by Deb Mead

Danial You

artcleanersmidland@gmail.com

Office: 989-835-7179

514 S Saginaw Rd Midland, MI

\*No charge to store them over the summer.\*

#### Marching Band Uniform

Jacket \$8.10 each (around 195 of them) = \$1579.50

Pants \$8.10 each (around 195 of them) = \$1579.50

Sousaphone Beret (hat) \$3.50 each (around 13 of them) = \$45.50

Marching Band Uniform Estimated Total = \$3204.50

#### Tuxedos: Symphony Orchestra/Symphonic Band

Tuxedo Jacket \$8.00 each (around 145 of them) = \$1160

Tuxedo Pants and/or Skirt \$6.90 each (around 145 of them) - \$1000.50

Tuxedos Estimated Total = \$2160.50

#### Choir Robes

Estimated count = around 60

Price per robe = \$16.50\*

\*If the garments are very dirty or a little bit too thick or too difficult to press, the price will go up.

Choir Robes Estimated total = \$990

\*Reminder for next year (2027): there will be the added cost of: Bow ties & Cumberbunds (tuxedos) and Drum Major Capes (Marching band uniform). These are dry cleaned every 3 years.

#### **Uniform Dry Cleaning 2026 Estimated Grand Total = \$6355.00**

#### Notes from Mr You on estimate for Marching Band uniforms:

Price last year was \$7.50 each, but the minimum wage has gone up over 10%, and there was an increase in operating costs due to tariffs and inflation, so please understand his position about the new price. The normal price for a two-piece uniform set of this type would be \$21.00, so we are still receiving a "volume order" discount at \$16.20/set.

#### Notes from Mr You on estimate for Choir robes 3/10/26

Our price for graduation gown is \$22.00 and Church robe is \$23.00. But I want to offer a special price for your choir robe as \$16.50/ea, as low as about 30% for a quantity of 60 (volume discount).

Planned Pick-up Date at Dow High by Art Cleaners: 5/1/26, 11:00 AM

Uniform Return dates will be arranged by the 26-27 Uniform Team Leader, but are estimated as:

Marching Band Uniforms to be returned during August 2026 Band Camp

Tuxedo Uniforms to be returned around 2nd week of September (or before)  
Choir Robes to be returned...(Deb will check with Mr Gardner on his timeframe preference)

### **Uniform Team Update for 3/10/26 Booster Meeting**

\*The Uniform Team met on March 2nd.\*

After the uniform Team met and discussed dates, Deb sent an email to the directors March 5th, detailing the steps of the process and asking if the dates and plans were approved. All 3 directors have responded and these dates/plans are approved:

1. Plan for Uniform Collection: We'll need around 11 volunteers, plus 2 or 3 that are willing to launder tuxedo shirts, gloves etc. Deb will contact Linda Stachowiak (dhsmusicsec@gmail.com) with a detailed request for creating the Sign Up Genius

Setup Date/Time: April 29th, starting at 6:00 PM. (during Jazz rehearsal)  
Collection Dates/Times: April 30th and May 1st from 7:20-11:00 AM in the music hallway.

**\*Double check with the directors that one of them can let us in at 7:00 AM on Apr 30th/May 1st.**

Deb will arrange for the Art Cleaners to pick up the bagged Tuxedos, Marching Uniforms and Choir Robes at 11:00 on May 1st.

2. Dry Cleaning Estimate (Marching Band/Tuxedos/Choir Robes)  
Uniform Dry Cleaning 2026 Estimated Grand Total = \$6355.00  
I sent this estimate to Lynn Burns/Malissa Wagner and Malissa responded that \$4000 comes out of the Dow High Building Budget and the rest will need to come from the "Band club" account.

Have the Boosters been covering the difference (?)... this is the largest gap we've had. Ms Thoms offered to draft an email to start the conversation with the other directors and building administration to increase the Dow High Building Budget for Uniform dry cleaning. Thank you, Ms Thoms! She also suggested the directors checking with Midland High to see if this is something that needs to be addressed at a district level as well.

In the meantime, for this year, we need to either:

- a. Make adjustments to what we send to the dry cleaner on May 1st (probably no)
- b. Ask the boosters to approve covering the difference (tentative yes/backup plan)
- c. Find out, by May 1st, that approval has occurred for an increase in the Dow High Building budget. (Ms Thoms is checking on this.)

Important note: 2027 will be a "bow tie/cummerbund/cape" dry cleaning year (done every 3 years), which would cost a rough estimate of an additional \$900 (calculated at this year's prices...the uniform team will get an official estimate next year/around Feb or March 2027)

We have instructions for washing bow ties/cummerbunds at home (cold temp, mild detergent, zipped into delicate laundry bags, hang to dry) and that would save \$870. It has been done before. (The capes still need to be dry cleaned)

3. Uniform Team - Members/Training/Next year's Uniform Team Leader  
Deb Mead (current Team Leader) is working on some updates to the policies and procedures for the Uniform Team and will share the rough draft of that when it's done.

Connie Gavin, who Co-Led the team last year, is helping Deb with this process. Training will continue for new team members throughout the uniform Collection process.

Arely Celis (arelyenusa@gmail.com) has offered to be Uniform Team Leader next year.

Deb wrote an email to the current team to see if anyone else was interested in this role and no one else has reached out to her.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Deb Mead

Uniform Team Leader 2026

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