

Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Marcia Wiseman, Shauna Barbeau, Christy English, Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Arely Celis, Byron Bills, Katie Erikson, John Pietzrak, Angela Kalcec, Peyton Harder (band rep) Freya Falvey (orchestra rep), Sherry Swier, Toko Togashi, Deb Mead, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Heather Miller, Stephen DeRees, Amanda Thoms, Jenny Lowe, Jamie Haag, Carol Whittaker, Matt Schramm, Evie Shram (choir rep), Carrie Burr

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: Marcia Wiseman	<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 6:04pm
Review and Approve April meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion to to approve the April meeting minutes made by Anglea Kalcec Second by Byron Bills Motion passes
Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	Budget/Expenditures Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jazz N More estimated \$630 profit• Overall our estimated fundraising efforts for this year are close to \$65,000. A motion to increase Orchestra Scholarship budget to \$2000.00 AND increase Booster operating budget \$100 Motion by Christy English, second by Angela Kalcec Motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report made by Shauna Barbeau, second by Jamie Haag Motion passes Steve would like to request an increase in the scholarship line item of \$1500 to cover private lessons, Blue Lake, and support for Disney Trip scholarships that have come in this spring. Motion to approve an increase in Band Scholarships to \$1500 made by Shauna Barbeau, second by Heather Miller Motion passes

<p>Review and vote on 2026-27 Slate of Officers: Marcia Wiseman</p>	<p>Motion to approve the Slate of Officers for the 2026-2027 school year made by Heather Miller, second Angela Kalcec Motion Passes</p> <p><u>Proposed Executive Committee members, 2025-2026</u></p> <p>President: Marcia Wiseman 1st VP: Byron Bills 2nd VP: Christy English Treasurer: Mark Stachowiak Secretary: Carrie Burr Band Rep: Linda Stachowiak Band Rep: Arely Celis Choir Rep: Katie and Davin Erikson Choir Rep: Matt Schramm Orchestra Rep: Lizhu Lin Orchestra Rep: Open</p> <p><u>OTHER COMMITTEE/LEADERSHIP ROLES</u></p> <p>RenFair: Jenny Lowe Jazz & More: Angela Kalcec Fruit Sale: Angela Kalcec, Linda Stachowiak Sponsorships: Christy English Band Showcase: Kenda Coston Social Media: John Pietzrak Uniforms: Arley Celis Website: Carol Whittaker Financial Reviewer: Connie Sit Spirit Wear: Jamie Haag Sign-up Genius Coordinator: Carrie Burr/Linda Stachowiak/Amy Leary</p>
<p>Business Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jazz and More- Angela Kelcec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to everyone who helped make Jazz & More so successful! Everything went smoothly. Next year is April 30th at the Midland Country Club. ● Uniform- Deb Mead & Arley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Had a great set of volunteers for uniform collection. 8 student uniforms still have not been turned in. 7 students with missing pieces. Peyton suggested getting actual cymbal gloves. Some discussion around the need for purchasing gloves with grips. Need to complete a cost analysis of what grip gloves cost and what to purchase from where. Arley & Marcia will need to clarify with Mr. DeRees what the process will be for giving out new gloves vs gently used gloves. ● The distribution schedule for uniforms next fall is to be determined. Hoping to get that out this spring as it is so hard

	<p>to get ahold of parents in the summer. Marcia suggested getting info to Nikki Bruski ASAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amanda is still waiting on approval from Scott Cochran to know if there will be an increase by MPS budget to cover cleaning costs of all uniforms (choir, band & orchestra). ● Capital Projects – Shauna Barbeau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request to ask Boosters to engage in next Bond request at MPS to help shape what this could look like for the music community, ensuring we are advocating for music education
<p>Director Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Band- Steve DeRees Pizza Lunch tomorrow Concerts went great Uniforms are almost in Drum line & Disney Bands are rehearsing Drum major auditions this Friday Memorial day parade is May 25th - SENIORS needed!!!! Please come back and march with us. Steve needs volunteers for the parade including donations of water. In the past parents have just filled a swimming kiddie pool of ice and water bottles. He will also need some people to march along with squeeze bottles. There will not be a band shell performance after the parade. Dow High is leading the parade this year, but doing the whole parade. The music trailer will need to be at the parade site at 8:30 am which will be on Revere Street to start (behind the band). Updated Band schedule sent out via school email distribution to parents. ● Choir- Adam Gardner-Northop- via email: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last night was the Dow Choir Concert. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seniors were recognized ● National Choral Award was given to Carston Broderick & Malachi Vannette ● Chamber Singers are preparing I Shall Be Released by Bob Dylan and the Dow Alma Mater for graduation on May 28th ● Thank you boosters for all of your help and support this year. It was truly a great year for the Dow Choirs and you had a great deal to do with providing so many wonderful opportunities for the kids!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Orchestra- Amanda Thoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Honors Orchestra performed well at Jazz & More. · The entire orchestra program had a great concert on May 7. We were able to livestream again thanks to the school's partnership with MCTV. · Preparations for commencement are underway. Commencement will be on May 28 at 7:15PM. The entire Symphony Orchestra and subs from Symphonic Band and Concert Orchestra will be involved. · Students are currently auditioning for Symphony Orchestra. We hope to have those auditions completed by the end of the week. · Mia Bayardo, Louis Huang, and Sean Mead represented Dow High exceptionally at the MSBOA Spring Honors Showcase on May 8 at Oakland University. · I would like to award the following scholarships for summer study, but that will involve raising the scholarship budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sydney Ma - \$700 ○ Kristine Saylor - \$180 ○ Maddie Leslie - \$400 ○ Emma Yoo - \$500 ○ Austin English - \$495 ○ Whitney Brindley - \$400 ○ Finnegan Theuerkauf - \$300 ○ Marston Smith - \$250 ○ Olivia Whiting - \$500 ○ Hannah Vogel - \$500 ○ Seungjun You - \$500 (already awarded) · The choir and orchestra are currently planning for a trip to New York next year. We hope to have the paperwork turned in and have approval in-hand by the end of the school year. · Henry Potts is planning on updating all our historical hallway photos as his Eagle Scout Project.
<p>Other Items and To Do Items</p>	<p>End of the year party- Byron, Shauna, & Marcia 80 pizzas (cut in 10 slices) & 50 orders of bread sticks through Good Times Pizza -Gave us a 10% discount- for all 396 students</p> <p>Organization of Band Parent Night on August 19th, week after Band Camp.</p>

	Recognition of graduating parents: Deb & Alan Mead, Shauna Barbeau, Sherry Swier, Toko Togashi, Heather Miller Next Meeting- September 8, 2026
Adjourn: Marcia Wiseman	Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mark Stachowiak Second Shawn Mead Meeting adjourned at 7:26