

# FREEDOM BAND BOOSTERS

## MEETING MINUTES

### MAY 18, 2009

#### A. OPENING

The May 2009 band boosters meeting was called to order at 7pm in the Freedom Band room by Chuck Williams.

#### B. TREASURER'S REPORT - No report

#### C. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

**1. Spring Concert / Banquet.** The spring concert will be **June 2, 7:30 pm** in the Freedom auditorium and the annual banquet is scheduled for **June 8, 7pm** in the Freedom cafeteria.

**2. FUNDRAISING.** Mr Galway will work the issue of reserving the Tag Day fundraiser for Band and Arts. Jessie Hovatter stated she would run for the chairmanship position for Fundraising, until then she will be working on required items needed for next years programs. (Update: Jessie Hovatter turned in the required Freedom planning forms for the Annual Fruit Sale in October and the Poinsettia sales in Nov.)

The general consensus of members was the band/boosters will aim to schedule a fundraiser each month of the school year as the schedule allows. Some suggestions are:

Sept - Tag Day

Oct - Fruit Sale

Nov - Poinsettias

Dec - None / time constraint

Jan - Possibly carnations for Valentines Day

*Feb - open*

*Mar - open*

*Apr - open*

*May - open*

(Ideas are welcome!)

**3. Newsletter.** Scott Philben and Chuck Williams are verifying the site location of [Freedombandboosters.org](http://Freedombandboosters.org). Check it out! Great Stuff!

**4. Practice Field Update.** Mr Galway and Ken Hovatter met and discussed what is needed to improve the practice field and any equipment available. Mr Galway ordered and received seed for the field. Ken Hovatter will reseed the field as soon as weather permits.

**5. Uniforms.** Mr. Galway stated he had ordered new uniforms.

**6. Band Booster Officers Nominating Forum.** Natalie Heimann is heading the nominating committee. Voting for next years officers will be held at the June 8 meeting. Members should consider running for an office. Nominations should be sent to Natalie at [heimannfam@verizon.net](mailto:heimannfam@verizon.net) no later than June 2, 2009.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. Band Booster Officers Term Requirements / Fiscal Year

**a. By-Laws Change:** A motion was made by Natalie Heimann and seconded by Doug McAdams. There is a need to change the Fiscal Year for serving of officers from the July 1 to June 30 to be adjusted to January 1 to December 31.  
**Discussion:** Joel Galway stated the heavy time of band is the marching band season (July/Aug) and it would be helpful if officers were already on the job in advance of these months. This change would also give the officers time to plan for the next season and since spring is fairly quiet, the new officers would have time to improve communication with rising freshmen parents. In addition, some of these rising freshmen parents could get involved with the early band season and may run for offices during that first year.

**Motion carried. All (14 members) in Favor ; 0 Opposed**

**b. By-Laws Change:** A discussion on whether we extend officer terms for this year only or elect a one-time six month term with annual term elections resuming in Dec 2009 was initiated. After full discussion on this matter a motion was made by Angelo Sorrento and seconded by Doug McAdams that we elect officers in June 2009 for a one-time six month term to facilitate the transition to the new Fiscal Year previously passed.

**Discussion:** No additional discussion

**Motion carried. All (14) in Favor ; 0 Opposed.**

**c. By-Laws Change:** Discussion about the nominations and which offices need to be filled or deleted concluded with Natalie Heimann making a motion and seconded by Jessie Hovatter, to delete the Financial Secretary Office.

**Discussion:** Current Offices include: President, Vice Pres. Of Operations, Vice Pres. Of Logistics, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Membership/Volunteers Committee Chairperson, Fundraising Committee Chairperson. These positions are Joel Galway's points of contact.

**Motion carried. All (14) in Favor ; 0 Opposed.**

**d. By-Laws Change:** A discussion about the absence of Officers from the monthly booster meeting raised the question of how many meetings could be missed without weakening the overall effectiveness of the organization. A motion was made by Natalie Heimann and seconded by Angelo Sorrento that after 3 missed meetings the option is available to call for an inquiry and/or replacement of the officer.

**Discussion:** No additional discussion followed the motion.

**Motion carried: All (14) in Favor ; 0 Opposed**

**2. Pro-Booster Opportunity:** Joel Galway stated if desired, during the breaks at the concert, June 2, there would be plenty of opportunity for officers to make a few comments/encouragement to the audience about involvement with the Band Boosters and the new Web site.

**E. NEXT MEETING.** The June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, at 6:30 pm in the Freedom Cafeteria. Please note this is a half hour earlier than the banquet. This is for the election of the new officers. Please make a point to be there early enough to vote!

**F. Meeting Adjourned at 8pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Jessie Hovatter, member

