

February 15, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Google Meeting

7:00-7:05: Meeting called to order (Jenn Hodges)

7:05-7:30: Band Director Update (Mr. Specketer)

- Congratulations to all District Band students.
- No winter concert, but Pep Band is starting on Friday, February 19th.
- Concurrent learning will be starting next week. It will be a challenge, but excited to get back into the classroom.
- We are still planning on small ensembles playing music together in band class.
- The Pep Band will be the first time in person for some of the band students. First Pep Band rehearsal is this Friday, February 19th from 4:00-5:00 pm. in the band lot. Check in will begin at 3:45 pm.
- 27 students signed up to participate in Pep Band, which is great.
- Pep Band students will have a square assigned to them in the band parking lot. After checking in, they will go to their assigned square, where they will remain for the duration of practice. The squares will be 6 feet apart, per the social distancing guidelines.
- Students need to dress for the weather.
- There will be no sharing of equipment or supplies of any kind.
- Percussionists will need instruments, and they will receive those (already sanitized) before practice. After practice, they will need to sanitize the equipment.
- There will be no bathroom access during Pep Band practice so make sure students plan accordingly.
- Students will check in via a scan code using their phones. A health screening form will be necessary each time. There will be no temperature checks, and if students are experiencing symptoms of any kind (COVID or non COVID related), they should stay home.
- Music stands will be handled and distributed by the staff and will be sanitized accordingly.
- No clusters of students allowed. They must maintain the socially distanced standards set.
- Masks are REQUIRED. Either a musician's mask, or a paper mask with a small slit cut out for mouthpieces to fit through. They will also need an additional mask (double masking) while not playing their instruments.
- Large instruments can be stored at the school.
- If rehearsal is moved inside, it will take place in the auditorium to allow proper social distancing standards, and the rehearsal will only be 45 minutes. We are still working out a space for the color guard to rehearse inside.
- The schedule for practices and game days will be posted on Google Classroom.
- Social distancing will be maintained while in the stands playing at the games.
- Bathrooms will be available game days on a LIMITED basis.

- Band kids are classified as participants in the event, so they will not count against the number of spectators allowed for the athletes.
- Looking for donations of spray bottles, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, etc. to help in cleaning equipment.
- Pep Band music will be posted on Google Classroom.
- Students need to bring their own water bottles with them for practice and game days.
- Pick up will be at 5:00 pm. Try and limit carpooling to reduce chance of infection.
- Mr. Specketer is checking on the number of parents that can come to each event. Parent help is minimal for this as there are 27 students and 7 staff assigned to them. All students will be in their designated spot the entire game.
- Spectators will be limited to parents only. No other students are being allowed at this time.
- There will be no band uniforms, but students are highly encouraged to wear their Hayfield Band or Hayfield swag on performance nights.
- We are looking into the ability to live stream the games/band, perhaps on Facebook live.
- We are excited to have pictures and videos to be able to post on the website and social media channels to show the community.
- If students need any Hayfield Band T-shirts for the game, they can request one from Mr. Specketer. There are a lot of T-shirts if students need them.
- There is currently no charge for any Pep Band participation. Hopefully, this will lead to more continuity for future bands/performances at later dates. This is the first step to getting students back to some sort of “normalcy” that they may have experienced in the past.
- Color guard will probably start with flags. It would give them more practice for when we start preparing for the marching band show.
- Band is planning on being in their normal area in the stands for the games, but we are still working on where color guard members will be located to maintain distancing standards.
- Even in the age of COVID, we raised over \$10,300 dollars (51.71%) of the yearly goal and were able to purchase 5 new instruments. We have a lot to be proud of.

7:30-7:35: Budget Update

- March 2021 meeting will be used for the budget presentation for next year.
- \$1700 is in the account currently.
- We are reaching out to experienced band parents for help in obtaining records and procedures to use in our binder to pass on to future board members. We are establishing a central location, with all information needed on various events so that it will be easier for future board members to get up and running.

7:45-8:00: New Business (Sue Burrell)

- No new business, but we are willing to answer all questions any new band parent has on anything.
- Senior slide show is in the beginning planning process, so parents of seniors, please start going through and digitizing any photos you want to include for your Senior in the year end slide show.

- Tag Day checks are still coming in and will be deposited to the account.
- We made \$60 on the T-shirt fundraiser. We are willing to hold another one if needed, but we need a minimum of 25 orders to make it go.
- We have no other fundraisers scheduled for this year.
- We are trying to plan an outdoor spring concert this year (our goal anyway), that would happen sometime in May.
- Band booster board elections are coming up. If anyone is interested in a position, please reach out with any questions/concerns you may have. We are looking for a social media coordinator, so if you are interested in that, please let us know.
- The Burke Scholarship will be for senior band students. We are looking for alumni donations to be used to help support the scholarship. The money will be used to help students in their future schooling, either college or technical school. An announcement about the scholarship will be made in March and students will have until beginning to mid-April to apply for the scholarship. A panel will judge all the applicants and winner will be named by May 1st to be sure and be included in the Senior Banquet program.
- Next Band Booster meeting will be Monday, March 15th at 7:00 pm.

7:53: Meeting Adjourned (Jenn Hodges)