

# August 2025 Cascade Band Booster Minutes

**Meeting Date:** August 19th, 2025

**Meeting Time:** 6:30pm

**Meeting Location:** Cascade High School Band Room

## Proceedings:

***Meeting was called to order*** by Leteta Toney.

- Motion was made and seconded to approve and waive the reading minutes from July.
- Minutes and waiving the reading of the minutes was approved.

***Bookkeeper's Report*** was given by Kellye Gilbert.

- Balance of \$12,899.40 as of July 31st, 2025.
- Stated the need to make sure we are documenting in-kind donations better and being sure to thank the ones that donate.
- Reminder that there is a Google Doc for documenting all donations.
- Kellye stressed that this balance is low for all of the expenses that we still have to pay this season. Contest entry fees, concession startup, costumes just to name a couple.
- Mr. Lucich stated that the band is about \$15,000 short right now compared to recent years. Sponsorships are down.
- Mr. Lucich made a list of items to potentially cut.
- Mr. Lucich applied for a teacher grant and said that we can also apply for a Walmart grant.
- One idea Mr. Lucich had was to ask the students to raise \$200 in fruit and cake sales or pay \$100. This would make up for a huge part of the deficit.
- Will kick off the fundraisers on Thursday, August 21st.
- Mr. Lucich suggested that the students pay \$25 toward their hotel room for BOA.
- The question was asked if a student can stay with their parent in the hotel room for BOA and Mr. Lucich said yes. A student cannot stay with another student's parent.
- Leteta stated she was going to find a hotel in Memphis and would get a group rate.
- Mr. Lucich needs the information about the hotel to get approved with the school board at their September meeting.
- We may not be able to pay for a bunch of extra parents like we have in recent years at competitions.
- Mr. Lucich stated we may have to cut instructors and reuse flags from recent years to save money.
- Mark shared that we have spent \$367.90 on props so far.
- Mr. Lucich said that trailer pullers will need to pay for their own rooms, but that the band will need to pay for the bus driver's hotel rooms. Bus drivers will actually need a room for 2 nights.
- Our performance block at BOA is between 9:15 and 11:15am.

- If we make finals, it will be a late night and we will do a lock in at the school so that parents can pick their child up the next morning.
- Natasha said the concession startup costs would be between \$800-\$1000, but that hopefully we will make that back that night.
- Kellye said that we have a \$9,000 nest egg set aside for a rainy day, but that once it's gone, it's gone.
- Leteta gave an idea for fundraising popcorn that is completely online.
- Dawn mentioned the possibility of the slides fundraiser that we have done in the past.
- It was decided to move \$5,000 of our nest egg over to help cover costs for a bit. We can move it back once replenished.

**President's Report** was given by Leteta Toney.

- Leteta needs Mark Kilpatrick and Amy Edmiston to sign the band booster minutes from the month where they were voted in and added to banking abilities. She will also need a photo id.
- Leteta decided to keep Anise Lankford on as card user.

**Vice President's Report** was given by Natasha Whitehead.

- Stated that we have benches left over from the show last year. She wanted to know what we wanted to do with them. Mark mentioned keeping them available for the pit folks to sit on if needed.
- Natasha needs to figure out how to get the menu size hung up above the concession stand for people to see.
- She needs the sponsors to be displayed at the concession stand. Do we have logos for the level requiring this? Do we know how we want to display them?
- There is a new student section at the end zone.
- Football is offering special opportunities for folks that donate including meal tickets. We need to make sure folks know that we do not accept those meal tickets.
- Should we keep a cooler at the concession stand since there is ice there? That would be helpful.
- Mandi is working on designating band moms for the stands.

**Band Mom Report** was given by Amanda Heath.

- Mandi is working on menus for the competitions. Will involve CHICKEN. (Thank you Tyson)

**Fundraising Report** was given by Heather Nerren.

- Will Amy get a graphic designed for the Bake Sale and start to get the word out there?
- Leteta will make her apples again.
- Bake Sale will be October 17th.
- Leza offered to help with it. Kimberly also offered to help.

**Uniform Mom Report** was given by Dawn Kilpatrick.

- Everyone has been fit for uniforms. Need a few moms to come and help organize and hang them up.
- Need to order gloves. Will be around \$200.
- Mr. Lucich said he is considering not using hats this year at all.
- First game in uniform will be September 11th. This is our only home game before our first competition.
- Jackets have been ordered and she needs to discuss the rest of the costumes.
- They will not make a 4X so there will need to be alterations for that size.
- Jackets should be here before the first competition. We will need to fit them as soon as they come in.
- Drum major costumes will be made by Shaun Caudill.
- Letterman Jacket jotform will be ready - Amy can you get that out there?
- When someone orders on jotform, they will be given an order # and they should include that number when they pay and put in the black box.
- Letterman jacket orders are due at the end of September. Should be in by state.
- Leza and Dawn will set up a table outside the concession stand for swag. A place to purchase things we need to get rid of and to pass out any orders.
- Had thought about doing a custom shirt for the Community vs Cascade game to appeal to everyone, even outside the band. Would do preorders.
- Mr. Lucich would like to get the shirts out before the game on Friday. Get the list to band parents for sorting and distributing on Thursday after practice.
- Dawn will look into the slides for swag.
- Amy said she will make some earrings for the swag table.
- Amy mentioned that the Sponsorship Google Doc is so important for everyone being on the same page.
- Tara Boyce asked if there was another way to present the Sponsorship info to businesses and companies. Would be nice to have something physical to hand them. Leteta will send her a hard copy.

***Pit, Props, & Trailers Report*** was given by Mark Kilpatrick.

- Tony fixed the trailer door.
- Need to do routine maintenance on trailers soon.
- We need more pullers for football games.
- We will not need a trailer for the optional pep band game during horse show break.
- There is a tailgate at the football game this week.
- Stages are built.
- We will have flowers and records on the boards and they will rotate.
- Target for the rest of props is to have them done by after horse show break.
- Should we put Mark Bennet on the in-kind donation list? Mark has asked for that information.
- Girls with flags will just lay their instruments down behind props while they use their flags.
- Dawn suggested that the girls practice swinging their flags in their uniforms on Tuesday before the September 11th game.

- Paradyme will be sponsoring mini band camp day.

**Amy Edmiston** gave thoughts for Max about his idea for a flag program.

- People subscribe yearly for \$60 for 1 flag.
- Create a flag team.
- Team would go out the day before and place flag in subscriber's yard. Leave for the day and come back the next day to remove.
- Many other bands have this program and it is a good fundraiser.
- It would be the patriotic days. Typically 5 holidays.
- Would hopefully be recurring.

***Meeting was adjourned*** by Leteta Toney.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm** in the Cascade Band Room.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, September 19th - AWAY Game @ Sequatchie Co

Saturday, September 20th - Band Camp Day (1:00-9:00pm)

Saturday, September 27th - First Competition at Siegel!!

Friday, October 3rd - HOME Game vs Giles Co (8th Grade Night)

Friday, October 10th - Depart for Memphis

Saturday, October 11th - BOA Regional Memphis Competition

Friday, October 17th - HOME Game vs Watertown (Bake Sale and Alumni Night)

Saturday, October 18th - Forrest Marching Competition

Saturday, October 25th - Contest of Champions MTSU

Friday, October 31st - HOME Game vs Community (Senior Night)