

August 2026 Cascade Band Booster Minutes

Meeting Date: August 20th, 2026

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Virtual

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order by Leteta Toney.

Members received the minutes from the previous meeting via email and social media.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous meeting minutes and waive the reading of the minutes.

The motion carried.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Kellye Reynolds.

- Beginning balance on July 1: **\$14,867.96**
- Deposits: **\$14,864.73**
- Expenses: **\$17,704.37**
- Current balance: **\$14,155.43**

Recent expenses included:

- Band camp food
- Instruction costs
- New tower
- Uniform shirts
- Miscellaneous supplies and Amazon purchases

Upcoming/Outstanding Expenses

The following expenses were discussed:

- Swag order: approximately **\$3,127**
- Costume/uniform expenses
- Uniform shirts: approximately **\$2,200**

- Additional costume/hardware supplies: approximately **\$200**
- Belts: estimated at **\$800 or less**, with efforts underway to find a more economical option
- Show/prop materials: approximately **\$2,000**
- Show flags: just under **\$3,000**
- Paint and related show materials: approximately **\$960**, with some costs expected to be covered by donations
- Trailer signage: cost still being determined; may be donated
- Competition entry fees: approximately **\$600**
- Concession startup expenses: most supplies have already been purchased; remaining major purchases include chicken and a few Walmart items

The board was reminded that this is a particularly busy spending period and that several significant expenses are still upcoming.

A motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded and approved.

President's Report

The president's report was presented by Leteta Toney.

Mr Lucich stated checks are needed signed for competition fees.

Fundraising envelopes? They have been ordered and are located in the filing cabinet in the band room.

Cake Roll Fundraiser

The cake roll fundraiser is scheduled to begin **September 24**.

The official order forms had not yet been received. The fundraiser coordinator will contact the company to determine whether the forms were mailed or sent to the school. If necessary, the forms will be printed locally using the draft that was previously provided.

Fruit Fundraiser

Official fruit pricing has not yet been released.

Kellye discussed whether to wait for the official pricing or proceed using estimated prices. Because the school sales window has already been requested and families may use the upcoming break to sell, the group agreed to begin working with estimated pricing if necessary.

Kellye will check with the fruit representative regarding expected pricing and whether there are any significant changes from last year. Kellye will give an update will then be shared with the group so a final decision can be made.

It was noted that families should be informed that the fundraiser may not result in an exact 50% return if estimated pricing must be used.

Pit, Prop, Trailer Report

The Pit, Prop, Trailer report was presented by Mark Kilpatrick.

- Metal for the show props has been received and should be painted this week.
- Remaining fence materials are being picked up and delivered.
- Fence materials cost approximately **\$1,042**.
- Materials for the cacti have been ordered and are ready for pickup.
- Storage for prop materials is being coordinated.
- Some materials may be stored under the shed or in trailers as space becomes available.
- The white instrument trailer is scheduled to be picked up and worked on.
- Additional trailer work is needed before the trailers can be used for prop storage.
- A volunteer group is expected to work on the trailer Saturday to get it ready for the upcoming trip.
- Paint color for the fences has been approved.
- The cactus paint will be donated. The original paint order was canceled after the correct color was determined.
- Approximately **\$200** is anticipated for fence paint, depending on the amount needed.

Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed for construction and trailer work. Mark discussed the importance of having enough people available to complete the work before competitions.

Uniform Mom Report

The Uniform Mom report was presented by Dawn Kilpatrick.

- All students have been fitted.
- Most alterations are nearly complete.
- A request was made for **\$525** for gloves and three pairs of pants.
- The band is nearly out of gloves and needs additional pants in specific sizes.
- Approximately **\$2,200** is needed for uniform shirts.
- Approximately **\$200** is needed for remaining vest hardware, including snaps, buckles and stars.
- Belt options are still being researched, with a current estimate of approximately **\$800**.

Belt Buckles

Invoices will be sent to students who requested individual belt buckles so they can contribute **\$20** toward the cost.

Costuming Work Days

Costuming will begin Sunday.

Upcoming work sessions:

- Sunday: approximately **12:00–6:00 p.m.**
- Following weekend: Saturday beginning at **9:00 a.m.**
- Following weekend: Sunday approximately **12:00–6:00 p.m., if needed**

Approximately 10 people are already committed to the costume crew.

Volunteers do not need to know how to sew. Additional help is needed for:

- Cutting
- Pressing/ironing
- Trimming
- Clipping
- General assembly

Parents were encouraged to bring irons, ironing boards and scissors if available.

The possibility of using students for community service hours was also discussed.

There are **78 vests** to make, and all of the vests use the same pattern. A multi-layer cutter has also been purchased to make the cutting process more efficient.

Hats

- Hats have arrived.
 - Guard hats have been ordered.
 - A smaller hat cart is being built for the cowboy hats.
 - Students should be able to begin practicing with their hats next week.
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Sponsorship Report

The Sponsorship report was presented by Stacey Jefferson.

New and recent sponsorships include:

- **Woods Electric — \$1,000**
- **First Community Bank — \$500**
- **IMD — \$500**
- **Deals on Wheels — \$250**
- **Austin Family — \$500**
- **Parsley Family — \$500**

First Community Bank increased its sponsorship from last year, and Woods Electric and Deals on Wheels are new sponsors.

Stacey now receives notification emails when sponsorships are submitted, which allows the sponsorship spreadsheet to be updated more quickly.

The highest sponsorship levels have not yet been received. Additional letters have been sent, and the group is waiting for responses.

A list of sponsors will be needed for the upcoming home football games.

Band Moms

- Mandi and Amy confirmed they will be present for the upcoming away game.
- Sasha confirmed she will be available for **all home football games**.

- Kimberly Clay will not serve as a regular Band Mom this year due to scheduling/health considerations but may be available to help on an occasional basis.
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Bake Sale

The annual Homecoming Bake Sale is planned for **October 9**.

The date has been requested with the school.

Planning should begin soon so volunteers and donations can be organized early. The group also discussed the possibility that the cheerleaders may have a separate bake sale around the same time, so the dates should be coordinated if necessary.

Watering at Practices

Amy discussed the need for additional volunteers to help with watering students during practices.

The group agreed that a request should be sent to parents and the broader band community asking for anyone who is available to help.

It was emphasized that having multiple people available is preferable for safety and to provide additional eyes during watering.

Fundraising for New York Trip

Tiffany asked whether the Color Guard could conduct a separate fundraiser, such as a car wash, to help offset New York trip expenses.

The group discussed that fundraising conducted through the band/501(c)(3) must follow the organization's fundraising requirements and ultimately benefit the band appropriately. Any separate fundraiser would need to be discussed and approved through the proper channels, including school administration as appropriate.

It was also discussed that fundraisers conducted on behalf of the band need to be properly recorded and processed through the band rather than through individual accounts.

Individual Trip Donation Links

The group discussed whether students will receive individual fundraising/payment links that can be shared with family and friends who would prefer to make a direct contribution toward a student's trip rather than purchase fundraising products.

The link information should be shared with parents if it is available.

Future Fundraiser?

Leteta discussed using **Double Good Popcorn** as a possible upcoming fundraiser.

The fundraiser:

- Is conducted entirely online.
- Ships products directly to customers.
- Has a short fundraising window.
- Was reported to have generated significant funds for the football team.

Heather will research the program and bring additional information back to the group.

The next major fundraiser is expected to take place around **November**, following State competition. Fundraising dates should be coordinated with the football program to avoid conflicts.

This meeting was conducted virtually via Google Meet.

Meeting was adjourned by Leteta Toney.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm** in the Cascade Band Room.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 18th - Home Game vs Sequatchie

Friday, September 18th - 8th Grade Night

Saturday, September 19th - Band Camp Day

Friday, September 25th - Community Performance 7:00pm

Saturday, September 26th - Stones River Championship