

SMHS Band Boosters

Board Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 5:38pm

Attendance: William Harston, Larada Harston, Heather Magill, Paul Hittel, Seve Smith, Jenne Smith, Alex Smith, Meredith Toth, Joanne Toms, Michele Russell, Suzanne Moyer, Chris Moyer, Michelle Olney, Ashle Lopez, Sofia Keith, Helena Kusters

Members attending introduced themselves and their kids.

Minutes from August 14, 2025 Approved.

Treasurers report:

74% rate of response on Student Booster Payments, Still need to hear from 9 students.

Still waiting on sponsor ship check from Allison Jones

Concession team did an awesome job with concession sales at first Football game! Gross receipts \$739

Remember to submit receipts to Treasurer with reimbursement form if reimbursement requested Square, our credit card processor continues to increase their fees. It is now up to 5%. If anyone has a suggestion for an alternative credit card processor, send it to treasurer@smhsbandboosters.com

Continuing Business:

Fan Angel – Donation Drive moving forward. We need a contact with the FanAngel organization, make and submit a video and then FanAngel handle pretty much everything. It's great that 90% of the funds stays with us. We are hoping to launch the week of September 15th for a 4 week campaign. Key to our success is making sure the kids get emails in for people that might be willing to donate. Parents, Grandparents, family friends, your local orthodontist et. al. Need those email updated before we can launch the campaign. Orchestra members will also be participating. Video making tentatively scheduled for Monday 9/8.

Competitions – Ms. Morgan described a typical competition day. The key point is: competitions are normally an all day event. The day starts around 9am and students return to the school at 10pm or later depending upon how far away the event is.

Regarding the competition on 9/27: The Boosters will need volunteers for: water, pit and prop set up tear down and pushing props out to the field. We have a limited number of free entry volunteer spots available to the competition. The Volunteer SignUp Genius sent out ahead of time will ask if a volunteer needs a free entry. Our dinner volunteer has been established. In the past nearby dining places were found, a budget was establish and the time needed at the competition was provided. This will need to be done for this competition as well.

Rehearsal Time Change - Rehearsal time will now be 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Doors open at 4:30pm

Concessions & Supplies –

- Discussed extra supplies needed. Pump recommendation for the syrup, extra popcorn bags, cotton candy bags, more syrup
 - The Treasurer asked for receipts to better understand what our net profit is on concessions. Submit with a reimbursement request for to get reimbursed.
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- We are now limited to 8 volunteers who get in free and this applies to all the groups including football. This was not the case in the past and has caused some issues among the booster groups. We will be changing our sign up genius to note we only have 8 slots and please indicate if a volunteer needs a free entry. Many of our consistent volunteers are purchased a family pass.

Props - Dave P.

- **Prop painting party Monday, 9/8 5pm during band rehearsal.**
- Props are minimal this year but they do disassemble so help to assemble and disassemble at competitions and upcoming football game performance will be needed.
- Also need maybe 3 vinyl prints Ms. Morgan is working on it.

Dine outs – One of our band Parents has offered to schedule a dine out fundraiser. She is looking for suggestions. Already suggested has been Canes, Panda Express and Aoili. If you have any other suggestions drop a note to president@smhsbandboosters.com so she can pass it on to our Dine out Fundraising Parent.

Show Shirts/Costume – Passed around a sample of what the show shirt might look like. It will need to be tweaked to meet manufacturing criteria for silk screening. There will be an option for parents to buy a show shirt if they would like.

Costumes will have another element to them. Either fire sleeves and/or a tank top. Ms. Morgan is still working that out.

Swag Shop –

- This is clothing the kids (and adults) can purchase that shows matador pride.
- It is an online webstore and it handles all the credit card processing and production.
- It is not a fundraiser.
- Showed a sample of a past shirt. Current colors are navy fabric with gold/yellow ink customization on the back or down the side of sweat shirts will be available at an extra charge.
- Purchase options: short sleeve shirt, long sleeve shirt, hoody, womens shirt, sweat pants, zip hoody. May not be continuing the Zip hoody.
- Will be adding in an orchestra option as well.
- Artwork in process of being updated.
- Shop will be open for 3 weeks, want delivery by mid October ish so kids can order and receive then wear to state championship if desired.

FB Logo – The Boosters currently used 2 different logos, one on FB and one on the email blasts. A composite logo was proposed that incorporates not only the band but also orchestra. There were no objections to using the new logo. Shown here:



Concert ♦ Jazz ♦ Marching Band ♦ Orchestra

Website –

Our Word Press website is out of date and will need to be brought up to the current version of Word Press otherwise our host provider will start charging extra at the end of the year to support an out of date WP version. This will entail quite a bit of work occurring most likely in November. If anyone is familiar with Word Press and would like to help out our Communications Chair, please email secretary@smhsbandboosters.com

Parent Communication –

- Parents like the emails that have been going out once weekly. They appreciate it is a one stop reference on what's going on.
- Many parents at the meeting are do not use FB so timely information via FB is not a good idea. There was a question about a booster Instagram site. Ms. Morgan manages the Bands Instagram site.
- Not clear how many parents use the booster website for information.

New Business:

Homecoming Parade/Tailgate – October 10th, 4pm

It's a really long day for the kids since they don't have the opportunity to go home. They play before school in the courtyard, probably at assembly, storm the halls at the end and again in the courtyard. Do booths if Band Council wants to do that. Walk in the parade ten its call time for uniform and perform a section of the show at the homecoming football game.

Next day is the PSAT and Sunrise Competition. Ms. Morgan still does not know the competition schedule but is expecting that students taking the PSAT will be driven from PSAT to the competition. Once she knows the schedule she can provide more information.

Parade

Have a truck to help carry instruments to start of parade.

Truck will drive with band to provide water and offer respite if anyone gets over heated.

Boosters walk with truck and band. In the past used hole punched cups with lanyard around necks to hold water.

Tailgate Party

Student Government is running the booth registration for the Tailgate part. Booths can sell food or other items or they can have games and get a percentage of the ticket proceeds. Last year might have been the first year we had a booth. The Booster's sold crocheted items and Cotton Candy. After discussion it was decided the Band Boosters would have a booth and sell pre made cotton candy and popcorn. We will request a power spot in case we want to make cotton candy on the spot as well. Our awesome volunteers to prep/sell the popcorn and cotton candy are Meredith, Helena and Jenne.

As homecoming is also a football game we will need the concession cart moved to the football field potentially while volunteers are selling the pre made products at the tailgate party.

Senior Night – October 16th At the home football game senior football players, band members and Pom & Cheer members are recognized with their families. We have six seniors in Marching Band. Currently our two parents who are on the Senior Night team are also parents of seniors and will be participating with their kids during senior Night. We need a parent of a freshman, sophomore or junior to shadow them so they can help with the event while the Parents of Seniors get to enjoy the night with their kids. If interested send an email to vicepresident@smhsbandboosters.com

Banquet – We have an end of semester Marching band banquet. The date chosen is Saturday, December 13. Ms. Morgan will request the cafeteria. Set up time starts at 4pm event will end at 8pm.

Upcoming Dates:

9/12 - Friday Night Home Football against San Tan Foothills

9/19 - Friday Night Home Football against Kingman

9/26 - Friday Night Home Football against Sierra Linda/**1st show performance**

9/27 - ABODA North Canyon Competition Call Time TBD

Next Meeting

Next meeting date Monday, 6th. 6pm

Meeting adjourned – 7:20pm