

**Fine Arts Boosters Minutes**  
**November 16, 2019**

**Members Present** –Wendy Aanonson, Kelly Daniel, Denise Fick, Coren Hucke, Rachele Lorentzen, Courtney Morris, Rich Powers, Laurel Swanson, Molly Thorsen, Braden Wipperman

The meeting was called to order in the high school library at 6:33 p.m. by Laurel Swanson, president.

**Minutes from October** – Members reviewed copies of the October board meeting. Rachele Lorentzen made a motion to approve the minutes; Courtney Morris seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Reports and Updates** – Rachele Lorentzen, treasurer, presented the financial reports. There is \$1000 percussion position that was paid. Band pit crew t-shirts have been paid for by the students and there is an additional \$25 for band treats. The foundation accounts are similar to the October report. Kelly Daniel made a motion to approve the financial reports; Denise Fick seconded. Motion passed.

**Representative/Teacher Reports**

**Art** – The mural is completed and in storage until spring installation. Scholastic entries will be submitted during Thanksgiving break. T-shirt sales will cover the cost of the entries, but due to the larger number of entries, there may be insufficient funds for the All-State Portfolios in February. FAB discussed and will provide financial resources, if needed and they are not available through a budget line item in the activities budget. \$75 is needed for award winners and judge for the Drawing Contest in December. Lorentzen will get money to Christian Vandehaar.

**Band** – Braden Wipperman reported on upcoming concerts and events:

- December 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- December 9 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, jazz and percussion ensemble
- December 5 – SCIBA auditions
- December 5-6 – Four students will attend Drake Honor Band
- December 13 – Alumni pep band at the home basketball game.

**Choir** – Coren Hucke reported that the curricular choir had their fall concert. Nine students went to Indianola for All-State Auditions. Wyatt Bailey was selected and will go to Ames for the All-State performance. 18 B-F students participated in the RCC Honor Choir held at B-F, with the Central College choir also performing. 11 students auditioned for the ISU Honor Choir and Wyatt was accepted and will perform in February. Jazz Choir has begun rehearsals.

**Drama** – Molly Thorsen reported that the fall play went well.

**Speech** –Thorsen reported that more than 45 students will participate in 15 speech events. A preview night will be held Friday, January 24 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium, with district contests the following day. Suggestions were made to have the t-shirts ordered and paid for through RevTraks or through companies like Broken Arrow or Wee’s T’s that collect orders 100% online to simplify the process.

**Old Business** –

**Basketball Concessions** – Sign ups are currently open for three basketball opportunities: January 17 (which is also a pep band night), February 6 and February 11. Several slots are filled.

**New Business**

**Mural Donation** – Jeff Cook from the Community Foundation reached out for a donation toward the art mural installation on the side of the bus barn facing the Chichaqua Trail. \$10,000 is needed to complete installation of the steel panels. The school district is contributing electrical work and security cameras and Story Construction the engineering costs. The mural was completed by students in the Art Senior Seminar class under the guidance of Christian Vandehaar and Chris Vance. Following discussion, Lorentzen moved to table until March to make a decision on donation and to assist with possible promotion of fundraising efforts. Daniel seconded.

**Superintendent Powers Update** – Dr. Powers reported that the district will hold a bond election in the Fall of 2020 which proposes a 7-8 grade building. The building would serve 500-600 students which meets anticipated enrollment challenges and would be attached by a walkway to the high school for ease of students taking advanced courses and sharing staff. Project Bluejay will have an ongoing positive financial impact to the district. The district is also looking at ways to target hires with fine arts skills to provide extra support for next year.

Motion to adjourn by Courtney Morris at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Wendy Aanonson.

Note: No meeting Monday, December 16 due to holidays and concert conflict. Next meeting will be Monday, January 20.