

**Blackman High School Band Booster Meeting  
August 18, 2020 @ 7:00pm**

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**WELCOME**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**Unresolved business from previous meetings**

**TREASURER REPORT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7:00** Joey welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting, Motion made to begin the meeting

**1<sup>st</sup>**-Marshall Campbell

**2<sup>nd</sup>**-Michele McDaniel

Joey thanked the directors for all they have done to set up the zoom meeting for all of us to attend.

Christina began by introducing the Booster Board members.

**President:** Joey and Christina Barkley

**Vice President:** Michele McDaniel

**Secretary:** Kristie Hayes

**Treasurer:** Connie Schweikert

Four members at large: Mark Collins, Marshall Campbell, Elizabeth Sheperd, Melissa Anderson.

If the parents ever have any question feel free to contact any of us or the directors. This year comes with new challenges for us all and every day is a new day. The rules can change as we go.

Joey: Connie will be going over the financials.

Connie: Treasurer report Since we are unable to pass out the report, I will give it to Kristie and she can post it for all to see. Combining June and July since we didn't have a meeting in June. Beginning balance as of June is \$28,870.05. The total income for June and July \$27,980.53. The majority of that was students' dues, instrument rentals, Kroger cards and sponsors. The total expenses for June and July are \$10,229.09. The ending balance as of July 31 is \$46,621.49. Savings account beginning of June was \$30,049.17 with interest earned at the end of July \$30,054.15. If you are paying your dues in the installments your second payment was due yesterday. You can pay online or your student can bring a check in an envelope and place in the blue box in the band room. Our bank statements are always available for you to look at upon request please contact Connie or the directors.

**Introductions:** President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Members at Large

Thanks for all your patience this summer as we have had to navigate through new procedures & expectations. Thank you for those who attended the drive-thru meeting and those who helped with it! Thank you for your donations & for your support through band camp! ☺

Joey: Anyone who has any questions during the zoom meeting can use the chat feature.

**Question:** Karen: how much are the instrument rental fee?

**Mr. Wright:** Instrument fees are a one time \$50.00 payment, this covers wear and tear of the instrument for the duration of both semesters.

Joey: Thanked the Directors and the executive committee we have a zero finding audit. Bonnie and Connie did a fantastic job and for that we are thankful.

Mrs. Monson: Mr. Wright and I want to say thank you so much for being patient with us over the summer and thank you for allowing your kids to come to camp. Thank you for coming to the drive thru meeting. This has been a summer like no other. We were so thankful to have camp and see the kids playing their instruments. The last couple of days back in the classroom students are doing a fabulous job playing. We will all do our best to make this year a great one. All bands in the area are doing differently during the season. We are thankful for all we are allowed to do. We may have to take the football season day to day for now we are playing home games. We are allowed to be on the field for half time we will play our boy band show on the field. The band will be standing in the in zone by the score board. We will be wearing masks when not playing as well the rest of the people at the game.

Football Band/Season

## Football Band/Season

- **We are not going to away games out of county: Alcoa, Ravenwood, Cookeville**
- We are currently TBD for away games in the county: Oakland on Oct. 2 & Siegel on Oct. 23
- **The band has been cleared to play at HOME games – so at this point, we are planning to perform at all home games. The HOME GAME schedule is:**
  - Sept. 4 v. Coffee County
  - Sept. 11 v. Independence
  - Sept 18 v. Warren County
  - Sept. 25 v. Riverdale
  - Oct. 16 v. Rockvale
- **For HOME GAMES – we will wear our “tropical” shorts (athletic shorts) that students will receive from the band and our “Boy Bands” tshirts AND tennis shoes.**
- The band will be arranged in the endzone/track area by the scoreboard. We will social distance and wear masks when not playing.
- **SEASON PASSES: being sold by Football; \$35 for the season & \$60 for reserved seating; more info to come!**
- **This year is DIFFERENT – students have the option to participate or not.**
- For those choosing to participate in the Friday night games, those students need to attend rehearsal on Thursdays after school (3:50-6pm). We begin THIS Thursday, August 20.

**Mrs. Monson: Rehearsals we are flexible this year with our families and students so that everyone can participate how they most feel comfortable. Thursday after school rehearsals for those students who want to on the field doing the show. They will need to attend Thursday rehearsals. Please have them bring shorts, tshirts, tennis shoes, music, instruments, and also a snack and water. We are not able to provide the students with water and snacks like we normally do.**

**Mr. Wright: answering a few questions.**

**Questions: For home games we will give them a call time, the call time is when students need to be the dressed and ready to go.**

**Question: When will the students will be dismissed? The students will stay for the whole game and will be dismissed after they go back to the band room and put their stuff away. Pick up times are you usually between 9:30-10:00. Mr. Wright and Mrs. Monson will stay until everyone is picked up.**

**Question: Do parents have to attend games? No parents do not have to attend games but if a parent is wanting to attend the games I would recommend you getting a season ticket because they are limiting the stadium to 1200. The games are usually very well attended.**

**Question: Where do we drop off distance learners for Thursday practices? I would recommend the west parking lot by the band tower and then they can walk around to the back entrance of the band building. Traffic will be congested if you try to go by the stadium.**

**Question: If distance learning student class goes over is it ok if the student is late? We will be flexible if a student cannot attend or is going to be late but they want to be part of things we just need them to communicate with us. It becomes difficult for us when we plan for things and then we have some students there and some that are not that we didn't expect. It would help us as directors if you will communicate with us by email or send us a message on teams when they will be there or if they have issues getting there.**

**Question: will middle students have to pay? Marshall: anyone who is not a student at Blackman high school will have to pay regardless of age the 1200 is a hard count on how many people can be in the stadium**

**Mrs. Monson: regarding Student section: Administration does not know at this time how to handle the student section at football games they are in the process of making plans.**

**Question: Process on how to get season tickets?**

**Mr. Wright: We do not know about that yet we are waiting for the football booster to let us know. As soon as we know we will immediately post it to our website and twitter.**

**For the most updated information our website is a great way to get all the information you need.**

**Mrs. Monson: we could possibly know as soon as Thursday at practice. They may sell the tickets that evening.**

**Christina:** How to get on the Blackman Band Boosters facebook page. Go on facebook and look up Blackman Band Boosters and request to be added and we will add you immediately be added. We try to keep the page as current as possible. If there are any changes, we also will send things out on the OneCall now. If you are not receiving these emails please contact Kristie Hayes and she can make sure all your information is correct or it could be going to junk mail as well.

**Mr. Wright:** We still have a couple of band student in class that haven not gone through the registration process. Please got register so you can receive the OneCall emails. You can go to our band webpage and it is in big blue letters click her to register.

**Mrs. Monson:** If there is a student who does not want to participate in Thursday practices but yet still wants to come to the games and play with us that is an option. If your family doesn't feel comfortable with any of it this is a year, they can opt out of the outside school activities. The grades policy of the objective page is what we pass out at the beginning of each quarter and we go over it tells them exactly what we will listen to them play and written assessments. We have been going through all of that will the students in class. Part of the grade is the performance side we are giving a grade for those who choose to participate in the rehearsals and the games. That is only a grade that will only help those students who are giving extra time and effort in those areas if your student is not participating it will not affect their grade at all.

**Mr. Wright:** Mrs. Monson and I have been really impressed at how the students have handled themselves. We are very stressed about things because there is a lot that is new. The students are doing a great job and we are very lucky to be teaching your kids. You all are raising them right.

If you do have questions that you want to ask you can email Mrs. Monson and I and we will be back with you as soon as possible. Please reach out to us if you are having any problems.

#### **Concert Band**

- We do not have a fall concert on the schedule because of the mask mandate & guidelines that need to be followed. Once things change, we will set some dates for concerts.
- We encourage all students to take private lessons. We will begin signing up students this week & next week. Private lessons done during the school day will occur during the students' class time. If you have currently been taking, please contact your lesson's teacher and talk about your schedules!
- Class objectives pages are out for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. They are posted on TEAMS & on website. Students need to keep up with their assessments and ask the directors when they have questions!
- Distance Learners need to participate in class through Zoom. The class agendas are on Kiddom. Class materials are posted on TEAMS. Contact [directors@blackmanband.com](mailto:directors@blackmanband.com) for assistance. The first 2 days have been GREAT!

**Mrs. Monson:** There is a weekly playing thing the play for us or submit through flip grid. Kiddom we put our daily agenda on there so if a student is logging on there to practice with us during the school day, they can see what the plan is for the day. We do have supplemental things on that as well depending on the day and the lesson. There is a lot of material on Teams as well for everyone. Students have been told all of this in classes. We have downloaded music on Teams.

**Mr. Wright Question:** Will the band be offering a band mask for purchase for the games? We were talking about it in the executive team meeting in the stadium there is a mask mandate. All band student will be required to wear their masks when not playing their instruments. we will be providing the masks for the students that will not be an additional cost. The band fees they pay will cover that cost. As far as when we provide that we will get back to you as soon as we can.

**Question:** Thank you Connie for answering some questions for us. Where are the rehearsals and will they be outside? Yes, they will be outside because of the guidelines outside is the only place we can fit. It is very important that every student bring their own water, sunscreen and clothes to change into. The boosters have always been available to provide the students with water but due to the guidelines we are very limited to what we can do there.

**Mrs. Monson: Fundraisers:** Thank for all who have helped us with that. Michele McDaniel the one in charge of that it is a lot of work but the band does make a lot of money. The mayor of Nashville has shut down the stadium through September so we are looking three October games should we will able to do that.

## **Fundraisers**

- TITANS!!!! Possible dates in October: 4, 11, 18. Sign up with: Michelle McDaniel (mcdanielm@rcschools.net)
- KROGER CARDS, Amazon, Blaze Band Partners, Possible Spring Fundraiser, Restaurant "Spirit Night"

**Christina: We want to thank everyone for attending. We have to keep these meeting true to the guidelines so Kristie will have all these notes written out We will make sure we post them on the website. Every month we will post them within a week about what has been discussed at the meetings. If you ever have any question in this meeting you can email the directors or a booster. We want to make sure all information is available to everyone.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mark Collins**

**2<sup>nd</sup> John Shepherd**

**One last question: Angelisa asked are we taking band pictures?**

**Mr. Wright: Yes at some point we do not know when yet but at some point we will.**

**Christina: thank you all for joining us we appreciate each one of you!**

**I would like to thank the Directors for all they are doing to make this year a great school year. With this year being one for the records we want to be as patient as we can because plans change on a daily basis. We understand how difficult and stressful that can be on you both! Thank you for all you do for the band!**

**Members Questions & Comments**

**Special Acknowledgements**

**CHECK OUT THE WEBPAGE!! [www.blackmanband.com](http://www.blackmanband.com)**

**Next Booster Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 7pm**