

RHHS BAND BOOSTER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2024-2025 School Year

August 1, 2024, 7:00 PM, Band Room & Google Meet

1. President (Jennifer - pres.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
 - a. We had a great Preview Night in the gym and BBQ with the Boosters. Big thank you to Alan and Matt for all their hard work. We hope that this BBQ event will continue in the future. Students did a fantastic job, and we appreciate all their hard work! It was in the gym, but it was kind of nice in some ways.
 - b. Tomorrow Night's Game (8/2/24) - if anyone needs information about what's going on, always refer to "This Week in Band" on the RHHS band website: <https://www.richmondhillhighschoolband.org/> In this section, there is your itinerary and any other information you will need for the week. The itinerary includes a reminder to eat before the game, time to be there, what to wear, etc.
 - c. Traffic Patterns - when picking up students from practices after school, we would really like for it to be one way. We ask that parents don't go down, turn around, and face the other way to get out. We are asking for everyone to go out to 1 Wildcat Drive to exit. If you are in a hurry, the best thing to do is park by the East Gym and have your student walk down and meet you there. We are easy going people on the board, but when it comes to students being in danger, we can become "Mama Bears" or "Papa Bears". We don't want to do that, but we don't want any child to get hurt.
 - d. Tomorrow's game - Students have to be here by 4:30. After that, cones will block off certain areas to protect them while crossing the street. There will be cones by the band room and further down by the parking lot by the baseball field. These cones will stay in place until around 11:00 - 11:30. Volunteers can drive in on 1 Wildcat Drive and park in the parking lot in front of the track, beside the baseball field. Since tomorrow is our first game, work with us as we see how everything works out. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to message Jennifer.

- e. Upcoming events: rehearsal on Saturday (8/3/24) - times are on the website (This Week in Band). Next week is "Meet the Wildcats", but this will only involve a select few band members. The directors will let these students know.
 - f. Senior banners are in, and they look fantastic. They will be up for tomorrow's game.
 - g. Go to the website for all information. There is a wish list there, and we still need cases of water, if you can help.
2. Treasurer (Molly - treas.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
- a. Treasurer's Report: We will start by sharing our cash flow. Our account is around \$133,000 right now. Uniform account has around \$76,000. Concessions around \$2,000. This totals around \$212,000. This is about \$15,000 down from last month. However, we spent some money on concessions, t-shirts, and merchandise that we haven't been selling yet. There is no need to worry about that.
 - b. Significant Inflows: Marching Band fees \$20,000, remainder of DCI fees around \$4,000, pre-purchasing of color guard uniforms around \$2,400. This also includes t-shirts, shoes and anything else the band members need. This also includes senior banners at around \$2,000.
 - c. Significant Outflows: around \$44,000
 - Uniforms, t-shirts, and shoes. - \$16,000
 - Instructors for band camp during the summer - \$10,000
 - Hotel rooms for DCI - \$5,000
 - Merchandise for resale - \$4,500 - payment for half
 - BBQ and stocking up concessions - \$3,500
 - Senior banners - \$2,600
 - Dues and subscriptions, like DOT app - \$1,800
 - d. Income - dues and payments are at about 43%. Fundraising is 0%. However, we have not had a football game, sold any merchandise, etc. That will be forthcoming. When you can, please feel free to pay invoices. Also, help with the fundraising. It is a lot of fun, and you will have a real great time! If you have any questions, please reach to Molly.
3. Vice President (Alan - vp.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
- a. Concessions for tomorrow night, we are 12 people short. We urge you to sign up. We are going to have opportunities in concessions to make some money. So, we need all the help we can get!

- b. Student Preorders (BoosterHub Store) are open until noon tomorrow. Let's get those orders in so we can get our students fed.
 - c. Swag/Merch is in progress. We made a payment on that to get it going. ETA on that material coming next week.
4. Secretary (Jill - sec.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
- a. Communication - Make sure you are receiving information from BoosterHub & Band App. There are two groups in the Band app - one made for the students, and one for the parents. If you are not in the one for parents, make sure you join it also to see that information.
 - b. Friends and Family T-shirts are for sale right now. You should see the link in BoosterHub Store and on our website. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email Jill.
5. Volunteer Coordinator (Debby - volunteer.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
- a. Thank all the volunteers for their help during band camp! It was a hard, busy couple of weeks, and we appreciate all the help with that! Now, we are on to the after school practices. There are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:00-5:45 If anyone is available, check BoosterHub to sign up for that. Our immediate need is concessions for the football game tomorrow night!! Concessions is one of our biggest fundraisers and there are only 5 home games. We need everyone to help out so that we can have a successful night in concessions. The sign ups for the rest of the football games will be posted sometime next week. There will be an announcement once they go live.
 - b. Few notes on volunteering and BoosterHub - All the volunteer opportunities will be listed on BoosterHub. No experience is necessary. We will train you. We keep everything organized for the safety of our students. Every person that wants to volunteer must sign up individually for each opportunity in BoosterHub. This includes spouses. Everyone needs their own BoosterHub account, so everyone must register separately. Please avoid signing up under your child's name or making a note that it will be your spouse. This helps us have an accurate roster of who has been volunteering. This also helps us to make sure everyone has completed the volunteer agreement and training and that we have that on file. If anyone needs help signing up, please contact Debby. She can add volunteers to a position. Everyone has their own log-ons. Log out of your account, login with the other account needed. We are not trying to drive it home, but it is showing up as duplicate logins. Debby works, and is the

volunteer coordinator, which is a full time job in itself. She is at school if there is any practice. If you want to see any of this information, click on “Volunteer Opportunities”. The details are there for you to read before clicking on “Volunteer”. There may be physical requirements that you cannot do. Make sure to read what is required for each spot. Also, note the time listed there. If you sign up for a time, we need that coverage there. Don’t make a note that you will be late/have to leave early.

c. Kids aren’t eating, and it makes them feel sick at after school practices. Please pack them a snack and their water. They are hot and doing a lot of activity, and it makes them not feel well.

6. Fixed Assets Coordinator (Tanya - assets.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

a. Welcome to the new season, starting tomorrow! Thank you to those who have already signed up to help tomorrow evening to help with equipment, props, and transportation. We could not do this without you! We are here to help the kids, and we are always looking for new people to learn with us. No experience is necessary. Just come, have fun, meet new people, grow, and create a second family.

7. Fundraising Coordinator (Harlee - fundraising.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

a. Our first big event will be the Marching Madness 5K (Saturday, September 14, J.F. Gregory Park). We need runners. We only have 21 so far. We also need sponsorships. Thank you Ernest Homes for being a Platinum sponsorship! They gave \$2,500, so we will try to say their name as much as possible! If you know someone we can reach out to, Harlee or Molly are great at this. Hopefully by the next meeting, we will have some Spirit Nights, so that we can get out into the community and make some money that way. We will also need a lot of volunteers for the 5K because it is a big deal for us.

8. Director’s Report

a. It was a successful band camp, a positive experience for the students. Mr. Hendrix wants to thank parents for coming out for the performance. It was not an ideal situation doing a stand still performance, but they made the best out of it! A few people asked why it is planned for 8:45. This is because if we are outside, we want the sun to be down, and the lights on. It is also hot outside, and it is cooler at night. We didn’t want to change that time

once it was moved inside. Mr. Hendrix appreciates everyone coming out. He especially loves how everyone went crazy from the first student coming in, all the way to the last.

b. We have about 4 minutes “roughed in”, adding about 2.5 minutes Saturday. He is still working on drafting up the percussion stuff. They had a design meeting today, and there will be some adjustments to the percussion part. They will be ready to rock by Saturday with that in place. The kids were inspiring with what they got done so far. Mr. Hendrix was super proud. Prop sketches are done. The scaffolding is in. Show will start to come to life, and we will see it little by little.

c. About half of the band went to the DCI show. What a great experience! Other sports have people for kids to look up to (teams/players). For our kids, the most accessible are DCI groups, WGI groups. So, it was great for our kids to get to see these things. If possible, he plans to do this trip again next year. Hopefully, we can bring a 3rd bus of kids. We can buy tickets immediately as they go on sale. The kids were very well behaved. The hotel staff was very thankful. It was nice having kids that were trustworthy.

d. Today was the first day of school, a wild first day! Everything in the band room was business as usual.

e. Remind kids to have their rehearsal clothes every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Stick them in a drawstring bag to bring, along with water bottles.

f. Competitions: finalized

- Saturday 10/12 - SGMBC
- Saturday, 10/19 - Warner Robbins (further north)
- Saturday, 10/26 - Statesboro
- Saturday, 11/2 - Wayne County

g. There will be some changes on Friday nights. You should notice the middle school band directors present, along with the orchestra director. We are going to have a much bigger support system. There is a lot of camaraderie with about 10 people. We are not ready to announce all the pieces just yet, but we are working to have more cohesiveness between the middle school and high school band programs. It is going to make all kids better and grow our program.

h. We are going to try to have a Fall Concert. We don't want non-marching kids to wait until December to play a concert. We just want to get this off the ground. We are not sure who it will be involved or when it will be. It will be earlier than December, possibly Veterans

Day. Date will be set soon. We want kids playing more concerts. Marching band is important, but there is more than just that.

- i. It is early, but we are going to have students working on their District Honor Band auditions soon in class. We had a tremendous amount of growth last year. Also, the middle school is making a big push. With this, we are going to have even more talent than we already do.
- j. Mr. Hendrix encouraged everyone to check the band website to see what's going on. He also mentioned he was asked why they planned a Saturday practice for 8/3. We like to have one a month. One in August, and one in September. The next two weekends have no football games. We would rather not take up those open weekends by adding a Saturday practice. When combined with this week's football game, it takes up just one weekend instead of several.
- k. Mr. Britt wanted to share about the flute players, who decided to have their own sectional, by choice. The kids were talking about how they love their section leader. Great culture building in that!

Next Booster Meeting will be Thursday, September 5

July 11, 2024, 7:00 PM, Band Room & Google Meet

1. President (Jennifer - pres.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
 - Welcome
 - Senior Banners
 - This weekend, parents will receive an email with 2 poses. Parents need to pick one of the poses before the weekend is over and send in their choice.
 - Warning - the proofs will be low resolution and have no background. However, once the parent chooses which pose they prefer, the photographer will then turn around and give them a proof, which will be high resolution and include a background.
 - Band Picture Day (Monday, July 22 - 6:15 a.m. Band Room)
 - Everyone (Freshman - Senior) is included. Band members need to arrive by 6:15 a.m. so they have time to get dressed.
 - Big group photo will be right at 7 a.m. in East Gym.
 - Color Guard can come by 6:30 since they will be getting dressed at home. New outfits have not arrived for them yet. Planning for what they will be wearing will be sent out soon.
 - All students will be included in the big group picture first and then sectionals will be taken.
 - Parents must request individual pictures if they want them taken. To do this, there is a link on the website.
 - On the main page (<https://www.richmondhillhighschoolband.org/>) there is a link that says "[Marching Band Pictures](#)" Once you click on that, you can click "[Complete Form](#)" to let Jennifer know whether or not you want to have individual pictures taken of your child(ren). This new photographer, C.J. with Ogeechee Media Group, takes his time and spends about 5-8 minutes/kid. He takes about 5 different shots. If you click the link to take pictures of your child, and end up not liking them, you are not obligated to pay for this service. We need to know how many parents want this to be better prepared for the morning.
 - Website
 - Jennifer is trying to tweak some of the pages to make them user-friendly. Please give any suggestions or feedback.

- The band directors will post on the website each Sunday a section called “This Week in Band”. This is the best place to look first if you have any questions.
 - Check out the Amazon Wish List on our homepage also to help out if you can.
 - Band Camp
 - So far this week, kids are doing fantastic! We want to send a big thank you to all involved. Jennifer thanked parents for making sure students are drinking water, eating breakfast, etc. She thanked the students, the directors, the board, the volunteers, and especially Debby!
2. Treasurer (Molly - treas.rhhsbb@gmail.com) - Jennifer spoke on her behalf
- Treasurer’s Report - income is good now, but we will have a lot of expenses coming out soon.
 - Full report will be shared next month when Molly is back.
 - DCI & Participation Fees are due now/asap. They are past due.
 - Scholarships are available for those who cannot pay the band fees comfortably. Please let us know if you would like that paperwork to apply. Best way is to contact pres.rhhsbb@gmail.com (Jennifer’s email).
 - DCI tickets are available online for anyone who wants to drive themselves. It will be July 27-28.
3. Vice President (Alan - vp.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
- Welcome - we are thankful for all the new parents joining our Boosters this year!
 - BBQ with the Boosters will be Thursday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the stadium (just before the preview show). All band/color guard parents are invited to come out. We will also be feeding all the students. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, and water. It will be a great opportunity to get to know each other. More importantly, it will be a time for parents to understand what each of us does for the boosters and find out where they best fit to volunteer for the season. All are encouraged to come and join us.
 - Concessions - Matt Leach is the new manager of concessions. They will be fully functional and ready for the season.
 - Merch - We will be selling band merch at every game. We will be sharing those ideas soon. If parents have any ideas, please share them.

4. Secretary (Jill - sec.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- Communication (BoosterHub & Band App) - These are the main ways to get information. Please make sure you have signed up for both. If you have any issues with either app, please let Jill know.
- Band T-Shirts - These will be ordered very soon. All students will receive 1 band t-shirt, but we will allow anyone to order their own shirt once we receive them.

5. Volunteer Coordinator (Debby - volunteer.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- Kids have had a great week so far! They are bringing water jugs, but they still need to eat breakfast or bring something to eat when they can.
- Volunteer Sign-Ups are on the BoosterHub app. Right now there are spots for band camp. Sometime next week, there will be openings for after-school practices and football games. There will be an announcement posted on Booster Hub and Band app. There is no experience needed. We need a lot of help everywhere! If you have any questions, please contact Debby. We will work with you.
- In the BoosterHub app, when parents volunteer, they need to make sure they know what they sign up for and remember. We have had some confusion this week with volunteers showing up at the wrong times or not showing up.
 - If you are on BoosterHub, “Volunteer Assignments” will tell you the areas you have signed up to volunteer. “Volunteer Opportunities” will tell you the areas where we still need volunteers. It is easier to see information on BoosterHub on a computer. Just make sure you are looking on the right date. Debby is sending out reminder emails based on the date and time that was signed up for in the app.
- We are still missing some medical forms. If you got an email from the secretary for that, please turn it in. It is the way we can take care of your child. We cannot give any medication without that paper.
- We are asking all parents to please donate 1 case of water (for travel to games and competitions) and sunblock.
- Debby thanked all who have volunteered so far. She also mentioned that she needs more people for next week, especially in the mornings.

6. Fixed Assets Coordinator (Tanya - assets.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- We need lots of help. We are right there on the field with the students. Look out for volunteer assignments for transportation, props, equipment, and uniforms.

7. Fundraising Coordinator (Harlee - fundraising.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
 - Marching Madness 5K (Saturday, September 14, J.F. Gregory Park). We will need lots of help and donations. If you can, ask employers if they can give. This is our first big event, and it is a great way to get to know people. It also keeps our band fees down.
 - Savannah Bananas is next Thursday, 07/18. If you have tickets and don't want them, sell them. They are easy to transfer.
 - Spirit Nights are coming. This is another way for us to bring us together and have everyone do a part.

8. Director's Report
 - Mr. Edwards is a student teacher and treated like the band directors.
 - Band Camp - The kids are working hard. Morale is high, and we are ahead of where we were last year. Mr. Hendricks sees happy kids! He appreciates parents dropping off kids, picking them up, and making sacrifices. He is appreciative of hard working volunteers, doing many tasks, so directors can teach. This year, there is a staff of 10 people, in various areas. The goal for tomorrow will be to move and play the first 1:44 in the show.
 - "Rockstars" is the official name of the show. It goes through eras of music. The show will start with a piano solo then move into "Bohemian Rhapsody". There is a ballad with "Für Elise" combined with "November Rain".
 - We will be releasing at 4:00 on 7/18 because of the Savannah Bananas game.
 - Friday, 7/19, there will be an epic water balloon fight at the end of practice.
 - We are asked to play at various events. There will be a very small group playing for new teachers at new teacher orientation next Friday morning.
 - DCI - Drum Corps International is the highest level of marching. They call themselves marching music major leagues. Mr. Hendricks wants the students to see the groups warm-up, perform, etc.
 - Preview Show (Thursday, July 25, 8:45 p.m. Stadium). Mr. Hendricks is asking to fill the stadium up for our kids! The more people the better! Go nuts for them! It will be around 5 -10 minutes. He wants to start once the sun goes down.
 - School starts August 1 with practice that afternoon and a game on the next day, Friday, August 2.
 - He will post "This week in Band" every Sunday on the website. Parents and students can look for that and all calendar dates on the main website.

- GMEA chose our band to receive the Exemplary Performance Award! This comes from students participating in district honor band, all state, LGPE, etc. along with recordings of our band. In the state of Georgia, we were chosen! The award will be presented at our fall concert. There will be a banner hanging in the room.

9. Online questions

- Zelle is an option to pay for anything for band. Just use the treasurer email (treas.rhhsbb@gmail.com). Parents need to make sure it doesn't auto correct the spelling for "treas".
- If the payment plan was chosen, has the 2nd payment come out? Possibly August 8 is the date for when it comes out.
- For Color Guard, some stuff has come in, and some has not. We are just waiting for the rest to arrive.

Next Booster Meeting will be Thursday, August 1