MILLS E. GODWIN BANDS

Godwin Band Booster Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

Attendance

Officers	Band Director	Derek Ramsey
	President	Jen Joss (absent)
	Vice President	Allie Wright
	Secretary	Carrie Finch
	Treasurer	Tara Thurston
Committee Chairs	Chaperones	Melissa Winter (absent)
	Color Guard	Felicia Ainsa (absent)
	Equipment	open
	Fall Show	Elaine Hahn
	Game Day Meals	April Scott
	Hospitality	Aronne Brooks (absent)
	Photography	Nate Clark
	Spirit Wear	Diane Berger
	Uniforms	Christi Colavita & Elaine Hahn
	Ways & Means	Allie Wright

Booster Parents: Emilie Osterfeld, Stephanie Fisher

At 6:35 PM, the meeting was called to order.

Mr. Ramsey Update

- Props purchased from school in TX at $750/prop + $3400 to transport from TX to VA = $7900 total cost; arrived at GHS
- All Virginia auditions at JMU - February 28
- Pre-Assessment concert - Tuesday, Feb 24

    - Board approved purchase of 3 $25 gift cards for the judges
- March 5-6 hosting Orchestra Assessment 9:30-6:30 both days
- May 9 hosting Jazz assessment
- New uniforms being designed - funded by the county. The design is sketched; a sample is coming. Revealing to the students first.

President's Report – Jen Joss

- No new updates
- Prior business
  Minutes were approved and adopted from the January 28, 2026, meeting.

Vice President's Report – Allie Wright

- No new update

Treasurer's Report – Tara Thurston

- Bank Account (checking+savings): $80,116
- Throne prop sold in January for $1500

Committee Reports

Chaperones – Melissa Winter (absent)

- Need 3 chaperones for VBODA assessments in 2 weeks, Friday 3/13 at Atlee HS
    - Stephanie volunteering to chaperone on the bus
- Concert Band only – Leaving school at noon for assessment–warm-ups are not until 4:40 pm (pulling them out of class at 11 am); Mr. Ramsey will pick up food for those doing double duty
- Wind ensemble will drive themselves (warm-up at 7:55pm)
- Chaperones needed to arrive at 11:30 to ride the bus (BUT no bus coming back; so will need to coordinate a ride home from Atlee HS)

Color Guard – Felicia Ainsa (absent)

- No new updates

Game Day Meals April Scott (absent)

- No new updates

Equipment/Pit Crew

- No new updates

Hospitality – Aronne Brooks (absent)

- No new updates

Photography – Nate Clark (absent)

- Memory Books – starting work —pricing and put together
    - Goal to be available for the Band Bash

Uniforms – Christi Colavita (absent) & Elaine Hahn

- No updates

Ways and Means / Fundraising

- No new updates

Fall Invitational – Elaine Hahn

- No updates

New Business:

- Executive Board Transition happens this year—starts in March—Nominating Committee needs to be selected by President (Stephanie Fisher interested in being on the Nominating Committee)
- 3 open Board positions: President, Vice President, Secretary (Jen, Allie, and Carrie will transition off at the end of this year)
- Committee Chairs—several positions will be open
    - Stephanie Fisher interested in being Chaperone Chair
    - Dawn Papula interested in Spirit Wear
- By March we will have a document prepared with descriptions of all open positions including time commitments and potential job share opportunities
- By-law change—GBB voted unanimously in favor of changing the by-laws to move up board elections to March and transition timelines to April so that new Board members are fully transitioned by April (vs May) each school year
    - This change will take effect beginning in the 2026-27 school year

Calendar

All booster members should review the calendar on the website for key dates. Details can be viewed by clicking on the events.

Next Meeting

The next band booster meeting will be virtually on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.