MILLS E. GODWIN BANDS

Godwin Band Booster Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026

Attendance

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

Booster Parents: Douglas Cobb, Patty Ayres, Megan Crumley, Emilie Osterfeld, Brian Bush, Stephanie Fisher

At 6:31 PM, the meeting was called to order.

Mr. Ramsey Update

- Props from TX are at Godwin
- VBODA assessment tomorrow
- Spring trip planned for 2027

- Show theme to be announced to students soon
- Moving color guard and drumline auditions up to end of April
- Saturday, May 9 hosting Jazz assessment—need some parent volunteers
- New uniform sample arrived and tried on a student—Mr. Ramsey working with the company on some adjustments to the bibs—awaiting 2 bib samples to choose from. Jacket and shakos are fantastic. Hopeful to have a signed contract by Spring Break.
- Marching Band interest meeting on 4/28
- Marching Band sign-up/registration for 2026-27 will go out after Spring Break

President's Report – Jen Joss

- No new updates
- Prior business
  Minutes were approved and adopted from the February 23, 2026, meeting.

Vice President's Report – Allie Wright

- No new update

Treasurer's Report – Tara Thurston

- Bank Account (checking): $48,688; (savings): $30,226
- $632 from corporate sponsors (United Way & Blackbaud Giving)
- Zelle set up (goes into Truist account)—preferred over Square (treasurer.GBB@gmail.com)

Committee Reports

Chaperones – Melissa Winter

- 2 chaperones for VBODA assessments tomorrow, Friday 3/13 at Atlee HS
  - Stephanie and Patty 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)

- Working on Band Bash—Publix chicken; signup genius for sides, desserts, drinks
- Will send out a registration form after Spring Break (towards end of April)

Photography – Nate Clark (absent)

- Memory Books – pretty much close to being ready to go after reviewed
    - Will send out Memory Book form the week after Spring Break—orders/payment due by 4/24
    - Goal to be available for the Band Bash on 5/19

Uniforms – Christi Colavita & Elaine Hahn (absent)

- 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)
    - Have a nomination for Secretary position
- 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, April 16, at 6:30pm**. The May band booster meeting will be held **in-person on Thursday, May 14, at 6pm**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.