MILLS E. GODWIN BANDS

Godwin Band Booster Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026

Attendance

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

Booster and New Parents: Bryn Taylor, Bethany Clarke, Patty Ayres, Danny Ayres, Megan Crumley, Stephanie Fisher, Emilie Osterfeld, Kathy Nelson, Melinda Presten, Ray Hahn, Dawn Papula

At 6:03 PM, the meeting was called to order.

Mr. Ramsey Update

- Ordering new uniforms—6-month lead time; likely will not be ready for 2026-27 year.
- Equipment—will need to purchase new equipment $12, 400+
    - Requesting the purchase of a marimba and synth cart
    - Will need a tuba—wife lending a small tuba for the 2026-27 school year
    - Will need another power source/station
    - Mac mini, etc.
- Will need equipment driver for the Universal Band trip (instruments and uniforms)
    - Possibly Chad Fisher
- 85 students—proportions have changed (12 pit members)—need another marimba, synth, and vibe
- Spring 2027 trip to Universal is going to be April 8-11th. More details to come soon. Expected cost is $1,700 each. Students will have ability to do crowd-sourced fundraising to help offset their cost.

President's Report – Jen Joss

- Minutes from March 12, 2026, were adopted and approved as written.
- Minutes from April 16, 2026, were adopted and approved as written.

Vice President's Report – Allie Wright

- New Marching Band fundraising ideas (to be shared with incoming VP)

Treasurer's Report – Tara Thurston

- Bank Account (checking): 45,485.37
- Bank Account (savings): $30,245.09
- Kroger and United Way checks came in (corporate sponsors)
- $4500 check sent to pay for the props has not yet cleared (it was received)
- Memory Book payments clearing
- Band Bash payments coming in via Zelle and checks
- Zelle working well as an online payment option
- Full switch to Truist Bank anticipated by July 1, 2026

Committee Reports

Chaperones – Melissa Winter

- Stephanie Fisher has expressed interested in becoming the new Chaperone chair

Color Guard – Felicia Ainsa (absent)

- Need to reimburse Mr. Mitchell for costumes for 2025-26 once he submits
- Waiting to see who can chair this

Game Day Meals – April Scott (absent)

- Bethany Clarke to chair this committee
- Will continue Amazon Wish List for drinks and nut-free individually packaged dry snacks

Equipment/Pit Crew

- Need volunteers
- Need 2-20 ft U-haul trucks every time band moves + the trailer
    - Consider changing to Ryder for the lift gates
    - Need drivers, pick up, return
    - Scott Smizik willing to reserved trucks again
    - Chad Fisher willing to drive again
- Brian Osterfeld working on ATVs and getting trailer inspected

Hospitality – Aronne Brooks

- Band Bash planning (May 19) underway. We have decorations. Will order chicken from Publix like past years
- SignUp Genius looking good for sides, desserts, drinks
- Need a Chair for this committee
    - Responsible for Parent Preview, Senior Night, Band Bash, Invitational Hospitality Tent

Photography – Nate Clark (absent)

- Memory Books – ordered; hopefully will be here by Tuesday 5/19 before the Band Bash

Uniforms – Christi Colavita(absent) & Elaine Hahn

- Jen Joss taking over for uniforms; need a co-chair
- Jackets are being dry cleaned currently
- Dinkles have overtaken the uniform closet

Spirit Wear – Diane Berger

- Dawn Papula taking over; had great ideas
- Can we open Spirit Wear orders more than once throughout the season?

Ways and Means / Fundraising

- No updates

Fall Invitational – Elaine Hahn

- Passed off envelope/info to Patty Ayres

New Business:

- Executive Board Elections: 2-year maximum terms
    - Nominee for President: Megan Crumley
    - Nominee for Vice President: Patty Ayres
    - Nominee for Secretary: Diane Berger
    - Nominee for Treasurer (1 year remaining): Tara Thurston
    - **Motion made to vote in the slate of nominees as listed; slate was unanimously approved.**
        - Transition of positions to take place in June 2026
- **2026-27 Show Equipment request (under Mr. Ramsey update)--Motion made to approve additional equipment for next year's show—unanimously approved.**
- **Band Camp Week Meals being moved under Hospitality or Game Day Meals**
- Tim Sullivan Scholarship – three non-senior volunteers requested (Fisher, Ayres, Dyer volunteered during meeting. Thurston available as alternate, if needed)

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 held virtually on July 8, 2026 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.