

**Minutes of November 3, 2008**  
**General Meeting of BMHS Band Parents, Inc. 6:52 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.**

**Attendance:** See attached list

**Treasurer's Report**

- \$58,000 outstanding Band Payments—accounts are not being paid in a timely manner, band accounts need to be paid.
- 08/09 Budget did not include the latest need for new tubas.
- Everyone is encouraged to brainstorm any new fundraising ideas or initiatives.

**Old Business**

- Oyster Festival check has been deposited and will be credited to band accounts.
- Boat Show—still waiting for check
- MAC Championship Bus—more participants are needed to sign up. So far 17 participants have signed up need to have 24 to make it a go. Please see Randi Noble if interested.
- MAC Breakfast will start @ 9:00 am on 11/9—emails will be sent with further notices. Donations of juice and breakfast pastries. Hot foods will be catered by Post Road Diner. Practice will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Parents are needed to decorate pit buses and trucks.
- Band Apparel—Randi Noble, Colleen Haines, and Dee Walters met with the clothing distributor—an order form with prices will be available shortly. Possible items to order—scarves, hats, blankets, etc.
- Entertainment Books—please return all books that are not wanted. Mike Parenteau also reminded all that while the books are \$30.00 each, the band will make a \$5.00 profit on each book.

**Director's Report**

- Ron Secchi addressed several concerns/issues raised by parents—chaperones, section leaders and staff members.

- Ron reviewed the Ladder of Referral and stressed the importance to go to the teacher first. Ron reminded parents that he wants to hear from parents and will respond. Ron looks into everything that is brought to his attention.
- Ron showed the NHS competition video and discussed and explained the scores and how the scores are derived.
- In terms of band instructors, Ron stated that several factors determine the band instructors—cost, experience, screening process, etc. He also pointed out the band volunteer instructors are not paid and work with staff members to receive training.
- Chaperones have all been instructed and school rules and regulations are reviewed. Chaperones are instructed to let Ron know of any and all incidents, concerns and issues.
- Discipline and safety issues are dealt with in accordance to school rules and policies.
- For next year's band season there is a need to review safety and expected behavior, procedures and protocols, particularly with respect to band competitions.

**Next General Band Parents Meeting—12/2/08**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dee Walters  
Recording Secretary