

**BHS Fine Arts Boosters Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 7pm**  
**BHS Room C271**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

Jen Shimp, Claudette Lew, Brigid Tileston, Paul Mahon, Lori Madison, Elizabeth McCoy, Katherine Logue, Kimberly Priola, Marlene Snyder, Mary Beaubien, Elba Mitoraj, Angela Nazha, Noelle Boncher-Garcia, Deb Watson, Mary Beth Norton, Leah Lazzari, Kim Holland.

Call to Order 7:07 pm

**Dr. Brian Harris - March 17th Referendum**

Dr. Harris thanked the Fine Arts Boosters for all they do for BHS programs; he is aware how much parent involvement is a key piece of that. Regarding the upcoming referendum, Dr. Harris distributed a recent mailer that went out, as well as a brochure explaining the details. He explained that for last year's referendum, which did not pass, parent participation was weak. In fact, only 9% of the district's parent community voted. He expressed his hopes for a better turnout on March 17, 2020.

The referendum messaging for this year has been simplified to highlight three major priorities: improve safety and security at our schools, better prepare our students for the future and, protect the community's investment in our buildings. The new auditorium at a cost of \$12 million was dropped from the 2020 referendum. He said there was a lot of confusion around the topic during the last go around, and it was definitely a tough decision to exclude it from the referendum this year.

Dr. Harris explained that while the cost for a new auditorium was not included in this referendum, if the referendum does pass, money will be allocated to create detailed plans, blueprints and models for a completely new space, which the board of education does support funding, although it will be via a separate referendum. It will be "shovel ready". Dr. Harris addressed questions from Fine Arts Boosters about the possibility of making some updates to the auditorium until a new referendum was passed and funding approved. He said they have investigated options but have found that making any updates to the current space would invalidate the grandfathered status it holds in terms of being ADA compliant. Further changes would then also need to be made to bring the space up to code, which would incur a loss of nearly 200 of the auditorium's seats.

He also said that for voting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, BHS students would have an early release day by two hours to encourage them to go out and vote. While this was initially planned for the November election, the school decided to also include the March 17<sup>th</sup> primary election because of the importance of the referendum.

During the Q&A, Dr. Harris received questions regarding the current coronavirus situation. He repeated details from the update he had sent out the day before, and said that as he receives more information from CDC and WHO, he would further update the district community, especially with respect to the multiple Spring Break trips that students and faculty had planned for the coming weeks.

**Reports of Officers**

- **President – Jen Shimp**
  - Thanked Brian Harris for coming to talk about the March 17<sup>th</sup> Referendum.
  - Reported that she is still working on developing the 2020 – 2021 slate with the Nomination Committee.
  - Jen was happy to present Brigid Tileston with checks tonight for items requested on the faculty wish list.
  
- **Secretary – Claudette Lew**
  - Distributed February Minutes for review. Noelle Boncher-Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes. Angela Nazha seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval of February minutes.
  
- **Treasurer – Paul Mahon**
  - In his Treasurer Report, Paul Mahon said that after funding the faculty wish list, the Boosters will still have about \$8,000. From that, we will still need to pass through the concessions and corporate sponsorship monies, which will leave us at about \$2,000.
  - Paul noted the grand total of the faculty wish list was funded at \$24,011.48. This is a little lower than the approved amount of \$24,789 due to the actual invoice amounts submitted by the faculty being slightly lower than the requested estimate, as well as a \$225 expense for student

board tee-shirts that was included. The approved wish list also included a \$1,000 allocation to the Fine Arts Department for Brigid Tileston to use for future guest lecturers and artists.

### **Report of Director of Fine, Visual and Performing Arts: Brigid Tileston**

- BHS Fine Arts Department Update
  - Brigid Tileston thanked the Boosters for funding the faculty wish list and also passed along the gratitude of the faculty that we are able to provide these items for the benefit of the BHS Fine Arts students.
  - She also stressed that now is the time to help increase students' awareness of the fine arts scholarships that are available to graduating seniors. She asked that we all look out for email reminders and pass along the scholarship application information to our students.

### **Reports of Discipline Representatives**

- Band - Elba Mitoraj & Deb Watson
  - On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Band held its "Almost Spring" Concert.
  - On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Color Guard performed Head Above Water. 12 students performed. Right now, they are only "performing", and will continue to perform until they get to a competition level.
  - At present, the Band is planning on Spring Break @Disney, where they will perform Liberty Bell and Late in the Evening.
  - The Java and Jazz event will be held April 17<sup>th</sup> in the BHS cafeteria. We are looking for basket donations for our fundraiser for that event.
  - We are also still in need of a DVD coordinator.
- BHS-TV - Kelly Trapp
  - BHS-TV students submitted roughly 40 videos into the National Television Academy and Midwest Media Educators Film Festivals. They will find out how they did against other midwest schools at the end of April.
  - BHS-TV created a video in large part how the Arts (theatre tech, animation etc) make a difference in the lives of BHS students
  - <https://youtu.be/BpNEiSBMu58>
  - Jeff Doles and Jordan Janke filmed the Footloose casts, edited versions for the cast to enter state competitions and took photos of the performances. <https://youtu.be/U-LsQIacvTQ>
  - BHS-TV alum Katie Tueber is on location in Cabo working for the Chicago Bears



- BHS-TV filmed some of the Music In the Halls. [https://youtu.be/\\_DgJjilXyrY](https://youtu.be/_DgJjilXyrY)
- BHS-TV filmed The Almost Spring Band Concert. <https://youtu.be/eve7-pQMBE8>
- BHS-TV covered the Jewelry/Metalworking class. <https://youtu.be/RtsqzIR9ekM>
- BHS-TV Swag Day



- Choir - Kelli Davenport & Mary Beth Norton
  - Spring Choir Concert will be held this week on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - A Capella Concert will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup> and feature the Yale All Gender A Capella group, Red Hot & Blue.
  - At present, the Spring Break East Coast Choir Tour 2020 is scheduled for March 21-25, but we are anxiously awaiting travel updates regarding coronavirus and the possibility of rescheduling or canceling the trip.

- Dance - Katherine Logue & Jenny Shannon
  - Orchestris
    - Nancy & Katelyn, along with all 63 Orchestris dancers and every Dance I, Dance II, and the Sophomore Dance students are very appreciative of the Fine Arts Boosters contribution to the annual Giordano Dance Chicago Residency. This type of event is rarely seen in a high school. We love sharing this with our FA colleagues and their classes. This year we provided master classes for Acting, Choir & Orchestra. We hope that next year these teachers will also choose to bring their classes to the professional concert Giordano Dance Chicago shares with us during the week-long Residency. This concert is the same one that GDC performs at the Harris Theatre two weeks after our BHS performance, and is relevant to all Performing & Visual art students. We also hope that many of the Fine Arts Boosters will be able to attend next year.
    - Dances for our Spring Concert (April 3, 4, & 5) are close to being completed. Tickets will be available online next week. Fine Arts Booster memberships are honored. We hope that a lot of the FA Boosters will attend our concert! The Spring Concert is where Senior Orchestris Dancers have the opportunity to choreograph and perform a one-minute solo: BHS boys join our senior Orchestris dancers in our traditional partnering dance: and our 5 aerialists will perform in our traditional aerial silk choreography. The past two years we have partnered with the professional Dance company, Aerial Dance Chicago, in producing our aerial dance. No other high school has 5 student aerial dancers!
    - Orchestris dancers are also working on canvassing local stores & businesses for donation items/services for their April 26th Fashion Show Luncheon with Dance Fundraiser. Because it is the year 2020 we have chosen "The Roaring Twenties" as our theme.
  - Dance Classes
    - Dance I & II classes are working on a choreographic project with 5 layers, that began with creating shapes (positive & negative space) while remaining in hand to hand contact with dancers in their group. Accompaniment was chosen and layered into the project after the movement was created.
    - The Dance III class is working on a choreographic project that Kayla Ross & Nancy Creswell created. Dance III and Kayla's 8th hour drawing & painting class are simultaneously creating visual & performing art inspired by music. The dancers & visual artists work together in small groups daily as they create their art.
    - All the dance classes are looking forward to participating in our traditional Multi-Cultural Dance Week, which is March 16-20. Monday, they will experience A movement form/work-out called "Werq". Tuesday, they will perform choreography to the sweet sounds of Bach, courtesy of BHS Orchestra students. Wednesday & Thursday they will move to the sound of professional African Drummers while learning African dances from Move Me Soul. This is always an exciting week for the dance classes!
- Drama - Claudette Lew & Kimberly Priola
  - Over the course of the musical weekend we had over 2,824 patrons attend the show! We are so proud of all of the hard work from our cast, crew and orchestra! Thank you as well to the Fine Arts Boosters for all of their help and support!
  - We have 47 student actors, directors and writers involved in our spring season productions with Little Prince taking place April 23rd, 24th and 25th and A Festival of Student Written Plays taking place April 16th, 17th and 18th. Congratulations to all involved.
  - On Wednesday, April 29th, Drama Club will be attending a 1:30pm production of Evita at Drury Lane Theatre. The cost of tickets includes a 3-course meal at Drury Lane prior to the production. Tickets cost \$45 and are available in the Web Store. We are almost half-way full so if you are interested in signing a student up for the trip, I would encourage you to do it quickly as we only have 30 seats reserved!
  - Our theatre banquet will take place on Thursday May 14th at Makray Memorial Golf Club. More information about the event will be sent out shortly.
  - We will be hosting a Senior Showcase where our current senior students who are involved in drama club are invited to choose a song or monologue they would like to perform as a celebration of their 4 years at BHS! This event will be held at the Barrington White House and more information will be shared with students shortly.

- We currently have 47 students registered for our summer production of Little Mermaid! We typically see a big push as people finalize summer plans during spring break but if you have a child, friend or neighbor who enters 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade, please encourage them to participate in Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr! Registration is available through the school web store.
- We will be selling concessions for little prince and we will need to chat about a Saturday in-between-shows dinner.
- **Orchestra - Dale Juffernbruch**
  - Tuesday, April 7, the Concerto Concert will be held in the auditorium.
  - On Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm, the Orchestra will perform its last concert of the academic year. It is also Senior Night, which is the time to recognize all the seniors in a video montage.
- **Visual Arts - Leah Lazzari**
  - Leah Lazzari brought in some of the posters that were designed for the art show and asked people to sign up to distribute them around town.
  - The art show will be May 1-3 at the Barrington Area Library. The people at the library are very excited to host the show this year.
  - One of the teachers, Alex Stevenson, is retiring. There will be a reception for her next Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 1pm.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

- **Student Board - Sakina Hamwi**
  - No report
- **Scholarship – Angela Nazha & Christine Lunt**
  - We ended up giving 28 spring stipends to students instead of 30 because two of the students who applied are not currently enrolled in any lessons. The checks have been cut and will go out in the mail tomorrow. The application windows for the Interlochen Scholarship, Nancie-Kozel Tobison Scholarship, and Phil Marks Scholarship are all live as of March 1st.
- **Membership – Jeri Broderick, Kelli Davenport, Mary Beaubien, Lynnette Farmer**
  - No report
- **Alumni – Diane Mahon & Paul Mahon**
  - No report
- **Playbill – Elba Mitoraj**
  - No report
- **Citrus Fundraiser – Kimberly Priola, Katherine Logue, Maggie Bogue, Elizabeth McCoy, Danielle Thome**
  - No report
- **Concessions – Tracy Stenson-Rivera**
  - No report
- **Publicity – Noelle Boncher-Garcia, Nicole Zielske**
  - Great group efforts with postings on Facebook and Instagram for Footloose tickets and after show photos. We got a lot of great pics and video clips from the show. Posting today for the upcoming art exposition at the library. Also posting some pics that I took this weekend from the art department. We will have a lot of good material to post with spring and end of the year events coming up.
- **Website – Noelle Boncher-Garcia**
  - All of the scholarship information has been posted.
- **Advisor - Lori Madison**
  - No report

### **New Business**

- Jen Shimp and Mary Beaubien introduced the opportunity to create a BHS Fine Arts College Commitment Day celebration to recognize those students who will be pursuing fine arts in college. They often have to complete a rigorous application and audition process. Students who meet two criteria would be recognized at the event: the student will pursue a career in the fine arts, and the student will pursue a fine arts major in college. The boosters in attendance all thought it was a wonderful idea. Elizabeth McCoy made a motion to approve \$500 towards costs for the BHS Fine Arts College Commitment Day Celebration. Katherine Logue seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The date for the event will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> before the school day begins and it will be held in the auditorium.

### **Adjourn**

**8:27 pm**

**Next Meeting: April 13, 2020 @ 7 pm in room C271**

**Important FAB Dates**

3/1 - 3/20: Nancie Kozel Tobison Scholarship Application Window

3/1 - 3/20: Phil Mark Scholarship Application Window

3/1 - 4/15: Interlochen Scholarship Application Window

For information on BHS Fine Arts events, please check the [BHS Fine Arts Calendar](#). 2019-2020

BHS Performing Arts Dates: [click here](#)