



Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2025

9:00 AM

Attendance:

- Haley Lottig, Paige Haviland, Marcie Dillon, Ashley Cook, Urmi Piccone, Amy Schade, Tracey Cowart, Jolene Fiscilla, Sarah Tueting, Amy Callahan, Kristin Schultz, Kristin Dubovsky, Jackie Thornton, Kristen Turner, Karen Hughes, Melissa Vasich, Sam Szopanski.

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:14 AM.

Executive Board Reports

- April Minutes: Amy Callahan made a motion to approve and Paige Haviland made the second. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- April Financials: Bank balance \$26,803.34. Amy Callahan made the motion to approve and Paige Haviland made the second. A vote was taken and the financials were approved.
- Budget discussion:
 - H&S paying for the move to QuickBooks online
 - \$189 the first year then up to over \$300
 - Add \$300 to be used if needed for dance refreshments for soda for school dances. Will ask for donations, but this is backup plan in case do not receive donations.
 - Up Directory to \$7910 and add line item for dance refreshments.
 - No Winter Dance next year - only for Homecoming.
 - Spirit Week will move to Alumni Hall of Fame. Keep the week and the fun in January, but the dance is ending.
 - Budgeted for Young Hearts 4 Life - \$500 toward volunteer food.
 - Prom ticket support - increased from \$500 to \$1000
 - Staff appreciation - now \$2500 for increased costs
 - Senior Commemorative will go to support the ice cream truck
 - Amy Callahan made a motion to approve the budget, and Paige Haviland made the second. A vote was taken and the budget for 2025-26 was approved.
- Budget surplus - due to COVID, roll over from previous years, increased Directory Spot income. We keep a cushion, but start to spend the overage.
 - Senior Class Signs for students on free and reduced lunch for those who are interested. Work on lowering the costs for the signs. Will cover cost up to \$2800. Signs Now in Downers Grove, and look into getting them at cost.
 - School display of veterans from NCHS. Veterans' Club looking to update and improve the display. Roughly \$1500.
 - Podcast: Mr. Keith Carlson of Redhawk Media. Moving to digital and supporting podcasting and videos. A/V content, interviews, video, podcasts, social media,

portrait photography, green screens. Mobile and can be used with students' own devices. \$4,069.25. Redhawk Media encompasses all school media. Looking to create a soundproof production space. Provides authentic experience for kids.

- Haley Lottig made the motion to approve the purchases listed below. Amy Callahan made the second. A vote was taken and the expenses were approved with this year's budget.
 - Up to \$2800 for signs
 - Up to \$1500 for veterans display
 - Up to \$4100 for Redhawk Media
- Future idea: GameChanger - can follow baseball but not through Central, though opposing team. Streaming of sports events. MeVo set for \$1,000. Could be athletic boosters cost or internship for sports media.
- Committees: Reminder to please update any notes from your committee on Drive.

Administration Reports

Jackie Thornton, Principal

- Thanks for staff appreciation.
- 27 retirees joined the staff for lunch, was great to have them back.
- Successful parent coffee
- Will find out about timeline for new school day vote
- Bring parents in early for School Improvement Plan discussions
- Next year homeroom will shift to Advisory, with a stronger focus on academic skills
- Registration information will come to homes in mid-July

Sam

- Next Thursday kicks off events for Seniors: SOAR Assembly with entertainment
- Teachers/staff thank seniors through slideshows
- Commemorative is now at 6:30, then to Rotary Hill as a class for Senior Sunset with Ben and Jerry's. Using GoFan. Free ticket so it's only NCHS seniors and can get headcount.
- Wear gown, no cap. Remind messages will go out all week for senior parents and kids.
- Beach party on Friday. All food from Belgio's.
- Graduation on Sunday. Gates open at 1. Ceremony at 2. Procession at 1:40. Senior parents know what side to sit on.
- Bus circle is for drop off for medically fragile or can livestream in the cafeteria or at home.
- Next week yearbook distribution. Start with Seniors, then 1 class each day.

Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation- Sarah Tueting

- Thanks to Tracey for all her help
- Next year will need to increase budget
- Zelle donations helped cover the cost

- Consider other options to lower costs - discount at Guzman and Gomez is not as large as it was
- Future considerations: Staff dietary requests, if items can be cut in 2 or smaller portions.
- A vote was taken to approve \$337 in additional funding for staff appreciation. Amy Callahan made the motion, with Jolene Fiscella seconding. A vote was taken and the additional funding was approved.

Paige Haviland - Coat check

- Will inventory with Sam and create a binder and digital list
- Note that text communications with volunteers work better than email

Kristen Turner - Nominations

- Positions are as follows:

Executive Board Positions	2025-2026
President	Ashley Cook
Vice President	Urmi Picone
Secretary	Amy Schade
Treasurer	Marcie Dillon
Committee Chair Positions	
Dance Coat Check	Paige Haviland
	Peggy Bernar
Dance Decorations	Aimee Lippencott-Rodgers
	Kristin Schultz
Dance Refreshments	Anissa Danley
	Megan Benton
Nominations	Kristen Turner
Parent Coffee	Haley Lottig
Senior Class Party	Laura Burke
Staff Appreciation	Neva Grey
	Carmen Tapia
Lead Volunteers/Communications Chair	Jolene Fiscella

Registration Focus: Co-Chair	Jamie Schluckebier
Registration Focus: Co-Chair	Jing Kong
Young Hearts 4 Life 2023 : Co-Chair	Kristin Dubovsky
Young Hearts 4 Life 2023 : Co-Chair	Karen Hughes

Meeting Adjourned

Amy Callahan made the motion to adjourn. Kristen Turner made a second. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Thank you to all volunteers for the 24-25 school year and looking forward to 25-26.