



Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2025
9:00 AM

Attendance:

Sam Szopinski, Haley Lottig, Ashley Cook, Marcie Dillon, Jolene Fiscella, Amy Schade, Tracey Cowart, Kristin Schultz, Paige Haviland, Neva Grey, Marc Willensky, Jena McKinnon, Jackie Thornton, Karen Hughes

Zoom: Emily Kirschner, Melissa Vasich, Jill Schmidt

President's Report - Ashley Cook

- Ashley introduced Marc Willensky, member of the Naperville 203 School Board. Marc introduced himself to the group and welcomed any community comments or feedback. Marc is a 14 year resident of Naperville with a finance background.
- Conferences are coming up next week.

Treasurer's Report - Marcie Dillon

- The bank balance is \$18,135.34
- Changes are mostly due to Zelle donations for Home & School support and Staff Appreciation.
- No charge for Directory Spot this year. Instead asked for \$20 voluntary donations, which are processed through Zelle. No way in Zelle to track what it's for. In future, ask donors to add a note in Zelle to differentiate.
- The August and September 2025 financials were voted upon. Neva made the motion to approve, seconded by Paige. A vote was taken and the financials were approved.

Secretary's Report - Amy Schade

- Haley made a motion to approve the August minutes. (Home & School did not meet in September.) Paige made the second. A vote was taken and the August minutes were approved.

Principal's Coffee - Haley Lottig

- Initial goal of the coffees was to welcome to the building and come to the meeting
- Now better in person, on Zoom or both?
- Try to focus on a topic
 - Fall is heavy with student services content (course planning, college)
 - Possibly hold off until there is a specific topic to discuss

- Possible Q and A with questions in advance, or topic and Q and A
- Possibly early second semester

Student Activities - Sam Szopinski

- Homecoming was a success
 - 2,054 in attendance with 173 guests (mostly from North)
 - North had 1800 in attendance
 - Fundraiser for Senior Class Council
 - Proceeds pay for Senior Class t-shirts, Senior Sunrise with drinks, Senior Commemorative with ice cream, donate back to Central as a class gift with what is left
 - Covers costs of dance
 - DJ and stage are \$13,000
 - Other schools have even higher costs for stages, up to \$20,000
 - Supplies for dance, decorations, giveaways (assemblies, prizes), tickets for families who can't afford the cost
- Winter dance cancellation was not a financial decision
 - Tried to do new things to improve attendance
 - Not meeting student needs as shown by attendance
 - Adapting activities to be meaningful to current students
 - Added Senior Sunrise and Sunset based on student-driven interest

Coat Check - Paige Haviland

- Coat check went well even with so many students
 - Even in warm weather, kids check purses, flowers, keys, jackets
- Good location, good volunteers
- Paige will work on getting someone to take over her role and write a manual
- Recommendations for next year:
 - Tell the kids get their bags by 9:45 - DJ can make an announcement
 - Thick sheet protectors for next year
- Order 400 bags with Mr. Bentley

Directory Spot - Ashley Cook

- \$5452.50 from the District from donations made at registration
- Lower than years past
- Now available to all rather than charge at registration
- Worked with North and District to use that model
- Donations dropped off
- Can remind throughout the year to consider a \$20 donation

Senior Class Party - Gigi Roth

- Gigi is the building liaison for the senior party - Laura Burke is chair
- 336 students out of 600 are already registered
 - Very good number for this time of year

- Treasurer is in transaction and working on report
- Committee chair positions are filled
- Monthly meetings are scheduled
- Parents meeting is November 17
 - Drawing for parents that show up; kids will benefit
- Monthly communication to parents and students
- Theme: Let the Good Times Roll
 - New theme after about 13 years
 - Greens, purples, golds

Dance Decorations - Kristin Schultz

- Minimal expense
- Council was very organized with clear ideas and plan
- Closet is organized and labeled
- Had enough volunteers to clean up
- Suggestions: Junior class council members to meet with senior. Juniors didn't know where to put stuff. Passing of the torch.

Staff Appreciation - Neva Grey

- Grab and Go on Thursday breakfast
- Set up at 8
- Fewer Zelle donations than last year
- All set with food and funds
- Suggestion: Advertise before the winter break for the staff appreciation at start of January

Principal's Report - Jackie Thornton

- Looking to centralize information
 - Parent Resource Guide - who to contact when
 - Feedback: Add senior information, information about blended classes, make it clear to freshman parents that their path may well change, but want to think about it early
- Parent Resource Guide - who do you contact when
- Jackie will update Sign Up Genius link in this weekends YH4L email
- Send information to families about pathways that navigates to School Links
- School Improvement
 - Attendance, cell phones, school appropriate language
 - Share data with parents, but with context to understand if it's good, improving, needs improvement, etc.

Young Hearts for Life

- 97 volunteers in morning, 92 in afternoon
- Monday night - 2 training sessions at 5:30 and 7
- Training is determined by YH4L
- Suggestions: Consider a daytime training - some people can volunteer during day but can't do evening training, a third shift could be helpful

- Will cut off a time for student registration so no last minute confusion with students or parents
- 1100 students were registered as of yesterday morning
- Happens during PE
- Lunch is ordered for 131 - Tracey will confirm
 - Lunch will be put out in stages and refilled as needed

Meeting adjourned

Jena made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristin Schultz made the second. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.