DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2026

IN-PERSON MEETING

Board Members: President; **Bob Klumpp**, Co-Vice President; **Erica Ries**, Co-Vice President; **Melissa Gilligan**, Treasurer; **Rene Weber**, Secretary; **Jenny Girouard,** Concessions; **Melissa Gilligan,** Student Representatives: **Josh Jones, Jake Zahniser, Taylor Larason**

- **Opening Comments and Introductions from President Bob Klumpp**
  - **Theme:** Motivational Quotes: "Resilience"
    - "No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear." ~Greg Kincaid
    - "On the other side of a storm is the strength that comes from having navigated through it. Raise your sail and begin." ~Gregory S. Williams

- **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - Motion to Approve – Bob Klumpp
  - Second to Approve – DeAnna Zahniser

- **TREASURER REPORT, Rene Weber, Treasurer**
  - Accounts: General $53,394.45 / Teams $203,855.86

- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE, Steve Glesenkamp, Athletic Director**
  - Jake Conklin, Strength & Conditioning Coach, is here to speak about weight room upgrades. When deciding on upgrades to the weight room I would like to focus on equipment that is versatile, for all levels, and is usable for everybody. Sometimes the need for specialized equipment is necessary when we cannot get needed training from existing equipment. I appreciate your support.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **CONCESSION:** (Rene Weber/Melissa Gilligan)
    - Almost finished with winter sports and the remaining concession events are covered with volunteers.
    - Spring Schedules – still in process. Please note at least our first 5 events outside will not have water, due to inconsistent temperatures.

  - **FUNDRAISING:** (Erica Ries)
    - Payne's Fundraiser – February 16th – Please mention Delaware Athletic Booster Dine to Donate credit. Next event is Monday, March 16th from 4-9 pm.
    - Send any team related fundraising to Jenny Girouard jennygirouard@outlook.com to be added to a monthly fundraising email.
    - Brick fundraiser is ongoing. Form can be found on Athletic Department Website. Brick will be installed in 2026.

- **TEAM REPORTS**
  - **BASEBALL UPDATE:** (Chris Otten)
    - No update.
  - **BASKETBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Bobbi Burris)
    - No update.
  - **BASKETBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Aimee Byers)
    - No update.
  - **BOWLING UPDATE:** (_____)
    - No updates.
  - **CHEERLEADING UPDATE:** (Katie Stephenson)
    - No update.

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- **CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** (DeAnna Zahniser)
  - Parent Committee is meeting to help plan the Lincoln Mile – community run in August.

- **DEMPSEY UPDATE:** (Amy Madden)
  - Girls wrestling took 3rd
  - Spencer Conrad OCC State Tournament
  - Thanks to boosters for having concessions open during tournaments.
  - Cade Canter, Dempsey Athletic Director, presented on Dempsey Middle School Branding – looking for Pride Branding at the middle school – most of our OCC MS have their logo and school pride reflected in their building. We'd like to see more of that in our halls. Reached out to art teachers to see if they have any ideas. The athletic department at the middle school could use some new equipment, and new chairs for the gymnasium. We want kids to have a good experience and representation of pride.
    - Mentioned to check at Willis in the Pacer Space, may be able to assist with signage at a very reasonable cost.

- **FOOTBALL UPDATE:** (Allyson Lash)
  - Lifting going great with an average of 60 guys in weight room.
  - Have volleyball floors, with 30 players & coaches setting up the floors
  - Golf outing on June 26th
  - College showcase on May 8th

- **GOLF (BOYS):** (Matthew & Melissa Stroupe)
  - No update.

- **GOLF (GIRLS):** (Tom Bixler)
  - No update.

- **GYMNASTICS UPDATE:** (Robyn Kress)
  - No update.

- **LACROSSE (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Sarah Nieman) emailed
  - Our season starts on Monday, February 16th
  - We are rolling out our "Pick a Date to Donate" calendar in March.
  - 52 Boys signed up – February 28th Pub Crawl fundraiser
  - Mulch fundraiser through March

- **LACROSSE (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Steph Wheeler)
  - Season opens on March 17th against Hilliard Darby
  - 34 players this season
  - Working on our calendar fundraiser

- **SOCCER (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Leanna Shorter)
  - Information night on March 2nd.
  - Off season lifting ongoing.
  - Meeting with new coach for fall season.

- **SOCCER (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Jenny Artemus)
  - New coach Jim Dougherty met with parents.
  - 8th grade athlete meeting coming soon
  - Excited for fall season
  - Off season lifting ongoing.
  - Tournament in July.

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- **SOFTBALL UPDATE:** (Steve Shipp)
  - All set for Floria trip, over $10,000 raised.
  - Ready for season to start

- **SWIM/DIVE UPDATE:** (Paige Markward)
  - Placed 2nd in OCC
  - Great times, divers did great!
  - Sectionals Friday for boys, Sectionals Saturday for girls.

- **TENNIS (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Toombs) emailed
  - Schedule complete. 21 Dual matches, 1 Doubles Tournament, plus an OTCA Match.
  - Team store open February 6th – February 16th
  - Open Courts going on each Friday until regular practice starts on March 9th.
  - Weightlifting going on twice a week.

- **TENNIS (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Laura Waltz & Tara Brown)
  - Working on schedule for fall.
  - Weightlifting going twice a week.
  - Will get some Open Courts going in March.

- **TRACK & FIELD (BOYS & GIRLS) UPDATE:** (_____)
  - Track Parent Meeting – February 12th

- **VOLLEYBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Amy Lenocker)
  - No update.

- **VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Davis)
  - Nothing to report.

- **WRESTLING (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Jill Powers)
  - Great season
  - Won Logan Invite
  - Senior night February 18th- 9 boys - against Berlin
  - Dual at Scioto
  - Marysville sectional on February 28th, nearing the end of the season

- **WRESTLING (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Carissa Krauss)
  - Girls have been doing well, taken 1st the last 2 tournaments
  - Senior night on February 18th – 7 girls
  - Heading into tournament season
  - Evelyn Krauss hit 100th win!

➢ **STUDENT ATHLETE UPDATES:**
- Taylor: Tuesday is Red Out for Basketball – we're also hosting a blood donation drive.
- Jake: Lacrosse start of the season meeting.
- Josh: N/A

➢ **OLD BUSINESS:**
- AEDs: Grant has been approved and we will be getting our lighted Outside AED box within the next week.

➢ **NEW BUSINESS:**
- Scholarships for Delaware Athletic Boosters are due at the end of February, link in SchoolLinks.

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- Spring Sport Schedule Posters – continue with posters for spring season. Good news is that it should be easy to "replace" winter posters with the updated spring posters. Will be looking for our volunteers to distribute once posters are finished.
- Student Representatives for Athletic Boosters – Presentation of process. Deadline for coach recommendation is April 10th, 2026. Interviews with Student Athletes will occur between April 13th – 30th. 2026-27 Athletic Booster Student Representatives will be announced at the May Athletic Booster Meeting. Steve Glesenkamp will send a message to coaches for the nominations.

- Athletic Department Needs – DAB help support needs of the Athletic Department from funds raised through concessions. Bob Klumpp Motion: To approve the use of $20,000 from the Delaware Athletic Booster general fund to support needs of athletic department. Second: Jenny Artemus
  - Yes: 10 Parent Reps, plus DAB Executive Board (Bob, Melissa, Rene, Erica, & Jenny)
  - No: zero

  Motion passes.

- Delaware Athletic Booster Annual Meeting - April 20, 2026 – Nominations & elections of 2026-27 officers, all positions will be open, as well as looking for fundraising and concession committee members.

➢ **OTHER BUSINESS:**
- Dempsey M.S. athletic department needs, addressed in Dempsey update by Cade Canter.
- March Meeting needs to move, due to a schedule conflict- March 9th

➢ **NEXT MEETING**:
- Monday, March 9th at 7pm Hayes Cafeteria – LOCATION CHANGE.

➢ **MOTION TO ADJOURN –** DeAnna Zahniser Second: Rene Weber Time: 7:56 PM

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