

GCHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2026 *(In Person & Zoom)*

Attendance

- Liza Shapin – Choir Director
- Kamal Talukder – Band Director
- Kim Bosque – President
- Dawn Kolman – Vice President
- Athena Sykes
- Luis Torres
- Brad Rossbach – Student Teacher for Band
- Lisa Rock (Zoom)

Meeting started: 7:10 PM

Treasurer's Report

Steve Serres couldn't attend but sent over the treasurer's report.

Current balance: \$5,112.06

Open Board Positions

- Nikki Slovnik will be taking over as **Volunteer Coordinator** and **Spirit Wear Coordinator**.
- She's already been added to communications about Wind Ensemble SuperState shirts and the online store.
- Kim and Dawn will help Nikki get settled into her new roles.
- Liz Vergin asked for more information about the **Fundraiser Coordinator** position, and Kim shared a general overview.
- Secretary position still open

Choir Update (Liza Shapin)

- **Choir Concert:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - Athena to put together donut holes to sell
- **Choir Banquet:** Friday, May 15, 2026 - 5:00 PM
 - Boosters will provide:
 - Mostaccioli from Ron's Italian Ovens

- Cake
 - Salad (with croutons and tomatoes)
 - Fruit
- **Volunteers:**
 - Kim and Dawn will be there to set up and serve the meal.
 - Mrs. Rock will also help.

Summer Camp

- **Dates:** May 27–29, 2026 8:30 AM -12 Noon
- Includes both Central and North choirs
- Students from both schools will be together all three days
- Schedule: 8:30 AM -12 Noon
 - May 27 – Central
 - May 28 – North
 - May 29 – Central

Snacks

- Liza requested snacks for students on Central days.
- North Boosters may provide snacks for their hosting day.
- If not, GCHS Boosters will cover snacks for the North day as well.

Band Update (Kamal Talukder)

- **Band Concert:** Thursday, April 30, 2026
 - Will feature a piece written by and guest player Oliver Talukder
 - Oliver will also perform with the Concert Band
 - Next year's marching band show will be announced after the senior slideshow
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes will be for sale

Band Banquet

- **Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026
- Setup starts at 6:15 PM
- Dinner begins at 7:00 PM
- Kamal will:
 - Print and provide table numbers
 - Request tables
 - Resend SignUp Genius to parents
- Boosters will purchase two cakes

Additional Updates

- Boosters approved purchasing **Show Dots**
- Brad Rossbach will hand them out to students at the band banquet

Pre-Camp

- **Dates:** July 28–30, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 PM–4:00 PM
- Possible outing to Classic Cinemas in Fox Lake (Kim will check pricing)
- Boosters will host **Charcuterie with Mr. T** during the parent meeting on 7/30/26

Band Camp

- **Dates:** August 3–6, 2026
 - Noon–9:00 PM
- **August 7, 2026**
 - Noon–5:30 PM

Notes

- Schedule changed due to football starting earlier
- Dinner will be served Monday–Thursday
- No dinner on Friday because students leave early for the showcase
- Boosters will set up a fundraiser at The Freeze
- Kamal asked if **\$1,600** would cover meal costs
- Kim and Dawn confirmed they can make that budget work

Fundraisers

The Vine Fundraiser – April 20, 2026 11AM - 9PM

- Dawn and Kim will put together raffle baskets
- Both will be there all day
- Kim will send the raffle prize details to Kamal for promotion
- Small choir and band groups will perform
- Jazz Band performance depends on the weather
- Next year's date proposed as 4/12/27 because works for band/choir/theater

Additional Fundraisers

- **Nothing Bundt Cakes:** At the Band Concert on April 30
- **Color Guard Car Wash:** Planned for summer
- **Pasta Fundraiser:**
 - Kim will reach out to Debbie Mayerson for details
 - The goal is to launch by April 27

- Will be promoted at both spring concerts

Miscellaneous

- **Senior Portraits:**
 - All but one student has had their portraits taken with Kristin Cashmore at Bella Vie
 - Boosters will purchase the remaining student's yearbook photo from Vince at Total Image
- **Concert Flowers:**
 - Leftover wooden flowers from ILMEA will be given to seniors
- **Volunteer & Spirit Wear Coordinator:**
 - Nikki Slovnik officially added
- **Parent Communication:**
 - Boosters plan to use a QR code linked to a Google Form for parents to sign up for direct communication
- **Senior Gifts:**
 - Purchased and engraved

Upcoming Events

- Choir Concert – April 28, 2026
- Band Concert – April 30, 2026
- Choir Banquet – May 15, 2026
- Band Banquet – May 20, 2026

Next Meetings

- Thursday, May 14, 2026
- Thursday, June 25, 2026
- Thursday, July 23, 2026