

MIDLOTHIAN HIGH BAND BOOSTERS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be called the Midlothian High School Band Boosters, hereafter referred to as the **Boosters**.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITION

Band: Is defined as Marching Band (musicians, alternates, runners, and any other fall season auxiliary unit), Jazz/Stage band, Concert band and Symphonic band and any other group under the purview of the Midlothian High School Band Director.

Band Year: Is defined as June 1 – May 31 (this is due to the change in officers and the need for immediate coverage for the next calendar year).

ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be solely for educational purposes to:

1. Promote appreciation of the band,
2. Encourage and support excellence in performance,
3. Promote fellowship among band members and their families and friends.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1: All students in the Band, as described in Article II, and the Dance Team benefit from Boosters support; therefore, the parents of Band and Dance students are required to join the Boosters. Parent membership dues are set at \$25.00 per family. Membership is also open to any individual; dues are set at \$25.00.

Section 2: Each student family or individual member shall pay annual dues in one of the categories established as follows:

Basic Membership Level:	\$25.00	Half Note Level:	\$75.00
Quarter Note Level:	\$50.00	Whole Note Level:	\$100.00

Section 3: All parents of Band and Dance students, as well as, individual members have voting privileges.

Section 4: Standing Members: Shall include the Midlothian High School Principal, the Dance, Guard and Percussion Instructors, and the Band Director. The requirements of Article IV, Section 2 shall be waived for standing members. Standing Members shall have voting privileges.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. All officers shall be members of the Boosters and shall be the parent or guardian of a student in the Band program.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she shall have authority to act for the organization in making emergency decisions.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President shall also act as the Ways and Means Chairperson.

Section 4: The Recording Secretary shall keep the records, minutes and attendance of all meetings.

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Section 5: The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for handling incoming and outgoing correspondence. This includes meeting notices, newsletters and other mailings. The Corresponding Secretary will record minutes in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the organization's funds and shall make disbursements for items approved by the organization or by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain adequate records and keep a balanced account in the name of the organization. He/she shall make a year-to-date report to the organization of all funds received and expended at each general meeting and a full report once a year at the first general membership meeting (August) following the end of the band year. He/she shall keep full and accurate books of the account which shall be the property of the organization.

Section 7: The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for the compliance with the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Band Booster organization. He/she will be the final arbiter in discussions regarding the legality or interpretation of the constitution, the Bylaws and Standing Rules as they affect the business of the Boosters. The Sergeant at Arms shall be authorized to appoint an assistant to act in his/her absence.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Not less than 90 days prior to the May General Membership meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five members, or three if five cannot be found, one of whom shall be designated as Chairperson. The President may not serve in any capacity on this committee. This committee shall present a list of at least one nominee for each elected office at the April meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the May meeting. The Nominating Committee shall also submit a list of standing committee chairpersons to be appointed by the President. All members of the Nominating Committee may be eligible for election to any office to be filled at the upcoming annual election.

Section 2: The election shall be by show of hands at the May general membership meeting, unless more than one candidate is seeking the same office. In the case two or more people seek the same office, the vote shall be by written ballot. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be responsible for tallying the vote should a written ballot be required. A majority vote of those members present is necessary for election. *(See Article VIII, Section 3)*

Section 3: The term of office shall be for one band year. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two full consecutive terms in the same office. This rule may be suspended by a two thirds General Membership vote for a member to serve one additional year. Officers shall assume their office at the beginning of the band year.

Section 4: The President shall appoint all standing committee chairpersons and parent sponsors to serve for the band year.

Section 5: If any office becomes vacant during the year, the Executive Board shall appoint a replacement as agreed by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 6: If any committee chair becomes vacant during the year, the President shall appoint a replacement.

Section 7: A recall of any elected official may be accomplished by a majority vote of all members during any General Membership meeting.

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ARTICLE VII: STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and the Band Director. They are authorized to make decisions when it is not feasible to communicate with the entire membership.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall plan and carry out activities to promote the welfare of the band. In addition, the Executive Board shall approve any changes to the Standing Rules by a majority vote of its members at any meeting where the Band Director is in attendance.

Section 3: A quorum for the Executive Board is defined as 4 members of the Board.

Section 4: Each Standing Committee shall be headed by a chairperson. Committee chairpersons shall be responsible to the Executive Board. Standing Committees are listed in the Standing Rules.

Section 5: Ad hoc committees shall be assigned as the need arises. The President shall task ad hoc committees in writing.

Section 6: All Committee Chairs shall be members of the Band Boosters.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1: General membership meetings shall be held in August, September, October, November, March, April and May in the Band room and as deemed necessary by a majority of the Executive Board unless otherwise determined by the President.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall meet prior to the general meetings and/or as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 3: Business shall be conducted by a majority vote of a quorum of active members. A quorum is defined as 10 active members.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of a quorum of the members at any regular general membership meeting (See Article VIII, Section 3). The amendment must have been presented at the general membership meeting preceding the regular general membership meeting at which the vote will be taken.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern this organization in all cases in which they do not conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of this organization.