



Band Booster Board Meeting (September 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM)

Attendees: Patrick Kiser, Tom Nielander, Jeannette Wilson, Barbara Pyle, Jeanne Ann Hartzog, Kristin Ricciuto, Kara Doyle.

Meeting called to order by Patrick Kiser at 6:32 pm.

Secretary

- Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Farragut band website. [Meeting Minutes - Farragut High School Band](#)
- All minutes taken by the Recording Secretary are posted on the website after they have been approved by vote no later than one month plus one week after the recorded meeting.

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurers

- Budget updates & Financial statements as of Aug 31, 2025:
 - No changes to approved 25-26 budget line items
 - School account booster funds = \$0.00
 - School director account Coupon book = \$0.00
 - Tax accountant has been notified that the prior year books are ready for FY24-25 taxes.
 - All financial backup is stored on the Booster Google Drive as well as Quickbooks Online.
 - Bank Balance on 9/8/25 - Checking: \$38,127.51 Savings: \$27,549.25
- Status of annual compliance documents
 - SSO Financial Information - Submitted (7/23/25)
 - SSO Tax Return - Submitted (7/12/25) and Approved (7/18/25)
 - SSO Bylaws - Submitted (7/12/25) and Approved (7/18/25)
 - SSO Information - Submitted (7/12/25) and Approved (7/18/25)

VP Fundraising

- Fundraiser Recaps:
 - Giveback Nights:
 - SuperChix, 7/14: \$ 188.17
 - Salsarita's, 7/24: \$182.79

- Flying Biscuit, 8/6: \$150 (he rounded up from \$106)
- Yard Sale & Car Wash: \$13,000ish
 - We did end up selling the remaining all access passes (3), cabinets and Lexus wheels. Might be a taker for the ping pong table.

Upcoming confirmed fundraiser(s):

- Upcoming Dine to Donate:
 - Chipotle: 9/16 5-9 pm (will begin promoting/reminding 9/13)
 - Blaze Pizza: 10/02 5-9 pm
 - Texas Roadhouse: 11/03 3-10 pm
 - McAlister's Deli: 12/02 5-9 pm
 - Mellow Mushroom: 1/15/26 4-10 pm
- Other Fundraising:
 - KCS Coupon Book Sales: 9/4-9/24 (underway)
 - Fruit Blitz: 11/8
- Potential Fundraising Plans
 - On-line Program
 - Evaluating appropriate timing for Givebacks supported campaign.
 - Considering November/December to align with end of year giving
 - During Concessions:
 - Traveling Toms Coffee Truck
 - malmaroad@travelintomscoffee.com - owner
 - 423-963-0444
 - Smiley Swirl Truck
 - Soft serve - no contact info yet
 - Andy's custard would like to partner with us, placing Smiley & Forget the Scoop on hold
 - Forget the Scoop - Naomi has contact info
- Sponsor Program
 - 19 of 19 spaces of full size banners filled
 - ½ of a four square shared banner (need two more to fill)
 - 0 of 6 for the new size yet ~1ft x 5ft
 - Still connecting with potential sponsors

VP Outreach

- Signup status - All communicated chaperone and concessions signups are created.
 - Chaperone - All chaperone sign-ups are live and have been posted to the website.
 - Status of background checks - Kara got those completed for everyone who signed up.
 - Snack Suppers - Lee is creating the signups for home game meals as each game comes. She is posting on social media, and Naomi will share in the Buzz.

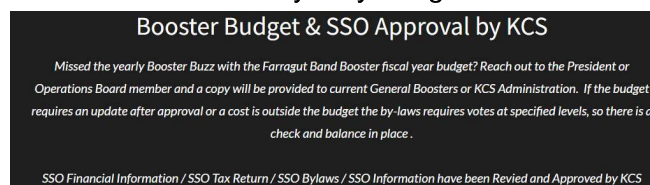
- Fruit Blitz - This signup is also already live!
- Buzz / Social Media Notices:
 - Still aiming to send the Buzz each Sunday evening. Last week's was late because of the holiday and needing to gather information
 - Working to change up the graphics and wording on social media posts to get people's attention to encourage sign-ups.
- Bacon & Co - Orders were finally delivered. Communication was worse than usual this time around. They had a system change which contributed, but it has yet to be a smooth process since I took over merchandise last year. I had a great meeting with Tim Hill from SM Athletics here in Farragut. They can run a store and package orders just like Bacon. I am excited to see what they can offer us.

President and VP Operations

- Banquet:
 - Confirmed Date: May 7, 2026
 - Time: 5:30-9:00 pm
 - Location: The Venue at Lenoir City
 - Caterer: Takeout-Thyme
 - Deposits submitted to hold the date with The Venue.
- Concessions
 - Jamboree sold \$960.
 - Powell game sold \$4100. 60 Chick Fil A sandwiches, 60 hot dogs, 30 BBQ pork sandwiches sold out. Will continue to compare historic data from Square to make upcoming orders.
 - Had the right amount of volunteers for the Powell game. Great teamwork. Lots of new and familiar faces learning setup. Glad to have an instruction folder as our guide.
 - Andy's Custard would like to partner with us. Great deal on custard cups for the next game. (We'll sell the remaining Blue Bunny cups at the Expo.)
 - Need adult volunteers for all concession spots on 9/12.
 - Jeanne Ann Hartzog (Concessions Lead) opted not to have a credit card issued by KTVAFCU.
 - Looking for one or two other people to volunteer for concessions as co-lead(s). Ideally would be 2-3 people to share the responsibility.
- Pit Crew
 - Shirts ordered and received. Several have been delivered to Pit Crew members.
 - List of members submitted for background checks.
 - Finalizing props. Fabrication is ongoing.
 - Have ordered vinyl for backdrop and are awaiting delivery.
- Band Camp - Saturday, September 13
 - Need chaperones

- Pit crew will be there to help move the front ensemble and props down to the field. Confirm time we need props down to the field.
- Any other support needed?
- Pre-game Snack/M meal Provided by the Band Boosters
 - The boosters typically provide the food for one of the pre-game snacks/meals for a home football game each year. We are planning to provide the food for the home game against HVA on Friday, October 3 (right before fall break).
 - We are planning to purchase an entree from Takeout Thyme and fruit from Costco or similar.
- Knox County Band Exhibition
 - Scheduled for Tuesday, October 21. Make-up date is October 28.
 - We need parent volunteers for:
 - Pre-event concessions prep and site setup
 - Unloading and parking
 - Concessions
 - Stadium Chaperones
 - We need student volunteers for:
 - Pre-event setup
 - Unloading
 - Concessions support
- Positions for 2026/2027 School Year Board and Committees:
 - Upcoming Board Votes in Spring
 - President - Incumbent: Patrick Kiser . Nominations welcomed.
 - Recording Secretary - No incumbent. Nominations needed.
 - VP Fundraising - No incumbent. Nominations needed.
 - VP Operations - No incumbent. Nominations needed.
 - VP Outreach - Incumbent: Naomi Brown . Nominations welcomed.
 - Treasurer - No incumbent. Nominations needed.
 - Assistant Treasurer: Incumbent: Barbara Pyle. Nominations welcomed.
 - Committee Chair Positions*(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled)*
 - Upcoming spring openings by Reporting Relationship:
 - Fundraising
 - Sponsorship: Need volunteer to chair.
 - Outreach
 - Chaperone: 2025/2026: Barbara Pyle
 - Kathy Nagy interested for 2026-27.
 - Operations
 - Concessions: Need volunteer to chair.
 - Uniforms: 2026-27: Andrew Smith and/or his mother interested in helping.

- Pit Crew: Need volunteer to chair.
- By-Law items *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show)*
 - No updates proposed in the meeting.
 - Future updates:
 - Consider removing requirements for two assistant treasurer positions unless required by TN or KCS. Potentially alter wording to cover if there are two on how to work job duties.
 - Consider changing timeline for positions to better align with the school year when people's students are active in band. Use language to reflect specific date or calendar year.
- Vote(s) *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show)*
 - No items requiring a vote in the meeting
- Budget
 - FY 2025-2026 budget vote was held at the spring concert and approved
 - For more budget information, see the two sections on the website in the Booster section around access to the yearly budget.



- Next Booster Meetings -
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 - **Tue. 14 Oct2025 @ 7:00PM**
 - **Tue. 18 Nov2025 @ 7:00PM**
 - Booster General Meeting -
 - **Tue. 09 Sept 2025 @ 7:15PM**
 - **Tue. 16 Dec2025 @ concert, will out brief and conduct any votes**
- Activities & Dates: *(See Directors' Calendar for most up to date information and other activities)* <https://www.farragutband.com/calendar>
 - 15Aug25 - Knox Jamboree @ FHS (tba on final time start)
 - 23Aug25 - Home/Away game on a Saturday (Sevier County)(Burke-Tar Stadium)

- 29Aug25 - **Home** game (Powell)
- 04Sep25 - Away game (Upperman)
- 04 to 24Sep25 - KCS Coupon Book Sales
- 12Sep25 - **Home** game (Bradley Central)(8th Grade Night)
- 13Sep25 - **Band Camp (8-4pm)**
- 16Sep25 - Dine to Donate at Chipotle
- 19Sep25 - Away game (Maryville)
- 20Sep25 - Competition (Clinton)
- 26Sep25 - Away game (Bearden)
- 27Sep25 - Competition (Karns)
- 02Oct25 - Dine to Donate at Blaze Pizza
- 03Oct25 - **Home** game (HVA)
- 06-10Oct25 - KCS Fall Break
- 17Oct25 - Away game (Cookville)
- 18Oct25 - Competition (TBD)
- 21Oct25 - Knox Co. Exhibition (Location FHS)
- 23Oct25 - **Home** game - Senior Night and Homecoming (Oak Ridge)
- 25Oct25 - Competition (MTSU)
- Oct25 - Away game (Cookville)
- 28Oct25 - **Weather Date if 21Oct25 canceled for Knox Co. Expo (Location FHS)**
- 30Oct25 - Away Game (Cleveland)
- 03Nov25 - Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse
- 08Nov25 - Fruit Blitz (Requires Parent Drivers)
- 11Nov25 - Knoxville Veterans Day Parade (TBD)
- 02Dec25 - Dine to Donate at McAlister's Deli
- 07Dec25 - Farragut Christmas Parade (TBD)
- 15Jan26 - Dine to Donate at Mellow Mushroom
- 05-07Feb26 - All East
- 23Feb26 - PreCPA/Winter Concert
- 09-13Mar26 - KCS Spring Break
- 09-12Apr26 - All State
- 04May26 - Spring Concert@ 7pm
- 05May26 - Jazz Cats Concert@ 7pm
- 7 May26 - Band Banquet @ 5:30-9 pm (The Venue at Lenoir City)

Directors' Notes

- General Items:
 - Status of uniforms - Mr. Smith has touched base with FJM. Will confirm the final time and date for delivery.
 - Mr. Smith will double check the status of media releases for students. We did not get to send out pictures from the day the fire truck was here during band camp.
 - Charter buses have been reserved for the away football games at Upperman High School and Cookeville High School as well as the MTSU Band competition. Nami motioned to utilize funds raised by Coupon Book Sales to cover these

unanticipated costs. Jeanne Ann seconded. All members voted in favor - none opposed.

- Outstanding Band Fees
 - No update for this month as school transitions fee collection over to the Givebacks system. Mr. Smith to follow up when information is available. As of the end of June, approximately 90 of 145 enrolled students had paid band fees in full and 7 students were still awaiting confirmation of band participation.
- Mr. Smith is working on three grant applications.
 - Morgan Wallen Foundation Grant - Like the grants to be a combination of music and athletics.
 - Need parent advocate
 - Mr. Smith to reach out to baseball coach to pitch joint application.
 - Grammy's Music Teacher of the Year
 - If Mr. Smith is selected in the top 10, the band program would receive \$10,000.
 - Due in December
 - Country Music Awards Music Teacher of Excellence - \$5,000
 - Parent letter of recommendation
 - Administrator letter of recommendation
 - Due in February/March
 - Mr. Smith is going to contact the grant writing support personnel in the KCS office to determine if there are other opportunities.
- Corporate Sponsor Program

Meeting adjourned by Patrick Kiser at 6:55 pm.