

Dakota High School Boosters
GENERAL Board Meeting: 2023/2024 Term Year
Agenda: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Board Members Present: Shari Burnham, Michelle Steinhebel, Dawn Schlitt, Joyce Cronin, Stephanie Gorecki, Rachel Lasater, LaShira Wade, Karri Rogers

Board Members Not Present:

Student Trustee: Mario Quaglia, Anthony Vernengo

Administrative Present: Shane Finney

Participants: Heather Khami, Joan Abraham, Phil Vernengo, Joanne D’Inello, Erica Gelios, Jason Gelios, Bella Russo, Tricia Hemerck, Shianne Dutt, James Nash, Kherre Kwolek, Dominik Zielinski, Christina Naden, Kinberly Heugh.

- **Call to Order & Welcome-** Shari Burnham, President
 - Meeting called to order at 7:45pm.
- **Committee Reports/ Old Business**
 - **President Report-** Shari Burnham
 - Board introduced themselves.
 - **Secretary’s Reports/Approvals-** Joyce Cronin
 - May 2023 General Meeting Minutes were presented for review. Motion to approve made by Dawn Schlitt. 2nd by Rachel Lasater. Motion approved.
 - **Treasurer’s Report/Approvals-** Dawn Schlitt
 - Multiple reports being presented.
 - May 2023 Treasurer report presented. Motion to approve by Rachel Lasater. 2nd by Shari Burnham. Motion carried.
 - June 2023 Treasurer report presented. Motion to approve made by Michelle Steinhebel. 2nd by Shira Wade. Motion carried.
 - July 2023 Treasurer report presented. Motion to approve made by Shira Wade. 2nd by Rachel Lasater. Motion carried.
 - August 2023 Treasurer report presented. Motion to approve made by Rachel Lasater. 2nd by Shira Wade. Motion carried.
 - **Vice President Report-**
 - Shari announced that Denise Duron has chosen to leave the Board. Her official resignation was acknowledged.
 - Michelle Steinhebel expressed her interest to step into position for remainder of year. She was voted into the position at Executive meeting.
 - **Sports Trustee Report-**Karri Rogers
 - Fall student athletes attended the “Life of an Athlete” presentation on 9/18 hosted by John Underwood. Students were given information on

proper school/sport/life balance as well as encouragement to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and every other illicit behavior that would impact their athletic career.

- Rivalry week: Dakota Football Teams are preparing for rivalry week Thursday and Friday against Chippewa Valley. Large crowds are expected at the Varsity game (played at CVHS).
- All fall coaches were sent introduction email with my contact information and offer to assist with any donation requests for their teams.
- Donation requests received:
 - Football-New headphones for gameday
 - Lacrosse-New uniforms with updated logo
 - Pending: Cheerleading coach asked for donation form to fill out for equipment for team.
- Winter sports start dates have been announced. Tryouts for multiple teams are scheduled between October 30-November 13. Coaches will be sent an introduction email by end of September. Would like to get information on parent meeting dates for teams to possibly speak about volunteer opportunities and involvement in the Boosters.
- Girls Varsity Golf is set to compete for the Macomb Championships on 9/20.
- All remaining teams have posted their schedules on the Dakota Athletics website.
- Plans are to email fall coaches with any updates/pertinent information after every board meeting.
- **Cultural and Fine Arts Trustee Report**-Michelle Steinhebel
 - Choir-Tryouts for MamaMia! have been completed. First rehearsal is September 18.
 - Homecoming Parade is September 22.
 - Holiday Concert is December 15.
 - Collage concert is October 19 & 20.
 - Band-Michelle asked Shane Finney if band has access to HUDL? Shane stated "Yes, they do."
 - 1st of 5 MCBA competitions this Saturday. They will compete on October 7, 14, 21, and 28. MSBOA is on October 10. If they qualify, States will be held at Ford Field on November 4th.
 - Homecoming parade is September 22.
 - Winter Drumline clinic is October 15.
 - Holiday concert is December 10.
- **Service & Scholastic Leadership Trustee Report**-Vacant, Mario Quaglia provided:

- Homecoming is in 2 weeks. Hallway decorating going on this week, classes no longer make floats. For the parade, Service groups will walk it. Mario is trying to get as many seniors as he can from the class to be in the parade for the history of the Class of 2024.
 - Key Club is looking for volunteer hours, contact Mario for help.
- **Volunteer/Donation Trustee-** Joyce Cronin
 - We approved the donation request from Football for \$10,129. This is to purchase 9 headphones and 2 charging stations for the coaches to use during practice and games.
 - We approved Lacrosse request for \$2433.38 to purchase uniform shorts with the new logo in 3 colors.
 - Volunteers can sign up in the Signup Genius for events. You can access it thru the weekly announcements or in our Weebly.
 - We are asking for each season, you only sign up for 2 shifts to allow more people the opportunity to volunteer. But if there is an opening 72 hours before a scheduled event, you can sign up even if you have already signed up/worked 2 events in that season. Craft show is considered its own season.
 - Volunteer credit is \$40 this school year.
 - It was asked if Craft show is still in need of volunteers? Girls Tennis lost their coach, but team is looking to fundraise. Shari asked if they could discuss this after meeting.
 - For student volunteering as a group for craft show, a parent or coach will need to be present to oversee that group. Shari would need to know how many students would be volunteering also.
- **Marketing Report-** Stephanie Gorecki
 - Posting on Facebook.
 - Will be updating our display case.
- **Concession Report-** vacant
 - New crowd control, stanchions were purchased to help create a better line. It is a work in progress. We are looking for ways to shorten lines.
 - With homecoming around corner, Phill Vernengo will oversee Cougar Fest.
 - Phil provided this information: the event will be inside the stadium, under the bleachers and at the other end of stadium. There will be food trucks and games. Phil is still working on food trucks but has confirmed Kona Ice and Dario's ice cream truck. There will be vendors with tables under the bleachers. It was just approved to hold event inside stadium. People will need to

purchase a ticket to enter even if they were not staying to watch game.

- Community Choice CU would like to pay for food items purchased at concessions, they are donating \$750 for this endeavor. They are requesting that as people are receiving free items, they are informed it was paid for by community Choice CU.
 - We have blankets back in stock, same weight, and quality but new design. Blankets are \$75. They can be purchased thru our online store or at concessions.
- **Craft Show Trustee Report-** Shari Burnham
 - Fall Craft show is Saturday, November 4th.
 - The show is sold out with 203 crafters selling out of 233 booths. It was sold out in July; Shari has removed the online registrations. There is a waitlist of 50 crafters, if any vendor cancels, she is filling from the waitlist. She has a crafter who has been in show for last 26 years miss out since they registered a bit later than others.
 - Shari will create the Signup Genius; it will be posted soon.
 - Last year there were 4700 shoppers, she is anticipating an increase in attendance.
 - Spring craft show will be March 16.
- **Student Trustee-** Anthony Vernengo
 - Homecoming tickets will be on sale as of the 23rd, they can be purchased thru pay school.
 - Theme for the game is Hawaiian.
- **School Administrative Report-Attending Administrators-** Shane Finney
 - Schools has been in session for 2 weeks.
 - Life of an Athlete was presented to 400+ students, it was great information. Takeaway is that kids do not sleep or eat enough.
 - Student section was flipped in the stands this year. This has been successful.
 - For announcements, he has 2 student interns reporting on sports as “Den Insiders”. They are reporting on what happened the previous week and announcing the schedule for the current week.
 - Working on the social media exposure.
 - This is Shane’s 2nd year as Athletic Director.
- **New Business Update-** nothing to report.
- **Open Discussion & Attendee Questions**
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Amendment to Minutes:

- Dance presented a donation request of \$1507.74 for new JV Dance uniform tops.
- Shane confirmed that they need them.
- Motion was made to approve the request by Shari Burnham. 2nd by Joyce Cronin. Motion carried 8-0.