



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2021  
(VIA GOOGLE MEET)**

**Called to Order:** Meeting was brought to order via Google Meet at 6:14 p.m.

**Attendees:** Ed Powers, Kristin Sayles, Robin Winters, Jenni Ripplinger, Katie Belinson, Marci Hartle, Becky Giesecke, Sarah Gamble, James Friesema and Jody Flynn.

**Absent:** Tom Bucher and Ken Downey.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Secretary's minutes were sent out for December for review. One small correction as to number of years Jenni has served on Boosters. A change from six to seven years was made. Otherwise a motion was made to approve the December minutes by Jenni and seconded by Katie. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenni went over her January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Financial Overview for the past month. She also was in receipt of thank you cards from the Ferguson and Salley families and read them to all of us. She will get them to Robin to be attached to the minutes at some point. She also received a donation letter from the Boone Farm Bureau asking us to donate to their foundation. We all agreed that we would not be doing that since we are considered a charitable organization ourselves.

Jenni now has gift certificates on hand. Jim said that he would put something in his North newsletter that GCs are available to purchase but ONLY for merchandise sold by Boosters. If anyone would like to purchase GCs, they can go to our general email at [bnhsboosters@gmail.com](mailto:bnhsboosters@gmail.com) or contact Jenni, Marci or Jan.

After discussion was had on the various items above, a motion was made by Robin to approve the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Becky. All directors approved.

**AD Report:** Jody advised that we have gone from Tier 2 to Tier 1 to Phase 4 now. A big meeting will be held on Wednesday regarding resuming all winter sports. Basketball will be discussed regarding possibly resuming w/players wearing masks and a maximum of 50 spectators being able to attend and they also needing to get District approval as well. There are still unknown questions at this time regarding cheer and dance and whether it will be feasible for this year because there are big expenses associated with those two sports in regards to choreography and music. Details to follow.

Jody also mentioned that we are hopeful that winter sports might be extended to middle of March but IHSA will have answers on Wednesday. Everything looks to be moving in the right direction. Low risk sports such as bowling and swimming practices continue and will be able to compete as early as next week. No concessions to resume at this time at sporting events at this time until further notice.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Robin had one new annual membership to report of Ed & Jackie Powers. She mentioned that all directors need to be current on their annual dues and can send out a reminder if need be or if you are not sure.

**Scholarship:** Becky said she will meet with Jenni next month to get details. Marci Hartle said she would serve on committee as well. Committee as of this date is Becky, Robin, Sarah and Marci. More details to come.

**Merchandise:** It was mentioned that Marci had 24 masks that needed to get reprinted. She didn't like the way they looked. They were completed and she presently has those on hand. Discussion was had about what to do with them. It was decided that she will get them to the school, Jody will put them out during the basketball games at the table where admissions are done, collect money, if any sell, put in a separate envelope for us. They are to be sold at \$10 each. Jenni made mention that she may have a sign available still from the golf outing that she can provide as well.

Ed also gave Marci an inventory spreadsheet that she could use if she wanted. She has not had a chance to review it yet. She will review it and give feedback to Ed if interested. Jenni also mentioned that when she was working on the merchandise credit card reader and setting it up, it had a place in there for inventory as well if Marci was interested in using that as well.

**Concessions:** Sarah spoke with Amanda from Boone County Health Department. When Sarah is ready to resume concessions, she just needs to call Amanda up and she can reactivate her certificate on the spot and would be good to go. Otherwise nothing else to report.

**BCMS:** Not present. None to report.

**Fundraising/Social Activities:** Blue Thunder Open – Still set for Friday, June 25, 2021. Becky will get started on it in a couple of months. Becky also mentioned that Timber Pointe has made some improvements and will have some new things this year.

Thunderfest – Discussion was had about a flyer that Jenni had provided to all of us, prior to meeting, of an idea to still make some money during pandemic. Katie mentioned an idea about possibly putting out a newsletter or mailing to membership, etc., via FB too, about what we have done with Boosters as far as wish lists, our difficulties with the pandemic and not being able to raise money like we normally would do, i.e., Thunderfest, but if you would still like to help out Boosters, we could list in the letter the means by which people could still make a monetary donation if they wished. Robin said she didn't mind conducting a draft letter to be reviewed and sent out. Nothing confirmed. Mention about 8to18 blasting out something regarding joining programs/meetings. Jodi said he would look into. Jim mentioned that he has a recurring section specified in his newsletter about Boosters as well if we need to add anything to it.

#### **Old Business:**

Wish lists. The wrestling wish list item was taken out of the mix, it was not approved by the District. Katie mentioned to speed up the process, lumping the sums all together as one which amounted to \$9,939.87. She also appreciated Ed sending out the breakdown of money that each entity would pay as well as getting Jenni's financials, just for this particular month, earlier than normal for her review. 😊 A motion was made by Katie to round up to \$10,000 for the wish list items to be purchased for this year and Becky seconded. All directors approved. Jodi thanked everyone on behalf of the coaches and said that it was greatly appreciated. Ed thanked Jodi for everything that he does and Jim thanked Boosters as a whole for everything that we do in giving back to the school which in turn helps out the kids. Jenni said that we have in CDs around \$30,000 that we will roll over. So we are good with funds as we stand.

Robin mentioned how amazing the school looks aesthetically with the graphics on the doors as well as the painting on the walls. It totally got a facelift and looks awesome. Everybody agreed. Jodi mentioned that they are happy that they got it done just in time for the return of the kids.

**New Business:** Jenni said that she thinks that we need to update our yearbook ad for Boosters. Becky thought it might be a good idea to have our past 2020 scholarship recipients included somehow on the page. Katie said she wouldn't mind helping with that project.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Katie and seconded by Sarah at 7:07 p.m.

**\*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021, via virtual\***