

**Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen
Band Booster Meeting
April 25, 2016**

I. Welcome from Booster President Matt Hart at 6:30 PM.

- Mr. Hart thanked everyone for coming to the last booster meeting of the school year. Tonight's meeting is in the band room without facilities for the PowerPoint, so he thanked the group for accommodating the change.

II. Director's comments: Jon Bowman

- Mr. Bowman began by thanking the Winter Guard (WG) and Indoor Percussion (IP) parents for supporting the groups during the last month. WG had a tremendous season as they travelled to Daytona, FL and Dayton, OH, and Sharon O'Neal, John Johnson, and Rachel Johnson were excellent chaperones and provided whatever items were needed. John Johnson had the girls back home in record bus time. Thanks also go to Buffy Reddick and Cindy Becton for helping on the trip. Special thanks also go to Sara Nipper for chaperoning the IP group and Mrs. Ray for helping on part of the trip. Our gratitude also goes to Doug and Vicky Oliver for driving the 18-wheeler on the trip to Dayton. Our appreciation also goes to Greg Garrett for volunteering his time to go on the trip as well.
- Both teams had amazing experiences, and WG ended with an 8th place finish in the nation. The WG felt unsure after their first performance but gained confidence as they progressed to the semi-finals. The IP group had a good performance and relaxed and had fun at their semi-finals and finished 28th in the nation. This is an amazing finish for such a young team. This experience in Dayton will help guide the IP and WG groups on ways to improve for the 2016-2017 season.
- The school board has added an allowance in the band budget for an administrative assistant. This person will do extra duties for Mr. Bowman such as collecting forms and rental fees. Rachel Johnson will move into this role in July.
- Tamara Oglesby will take Rachel's place in as the head of uniforms. This position is paid by the Boosters, so for auditing purposes it will help that she is not a band parent and allows us to operate within the provisions of our By-Laws.
- Special thanks to Ken Overman and the Central Office staff for working diligently on the school budgets. Because of their careful planning, great changes are happening in the band and school system. The band will be purchasing new trumpets, mellophones, and baritones this year and will be able to purchase more instruments next year. All instruments will be silver and will be strictly cared for by the students.
- On April 26 the Wind Symphony will play at Whitehead Auditorium at VSU. Please come at 7:30 for a great concert. Students have worked very hard to prepare.

