



Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting December 14, 2015

I. President Matt Hart

The meeting began at 6:30 with a welcome and thank you to parents for attending the called December booster meeting.

II. Director's Comments: Jon Bowman

- Mr. Bowman was at a conference and unable to attend the meeting.

III. President's Comments: Matt Hart

- Approval of November 2015 minutes was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Kevin Ruane to accept the minutes. Second motion was made by Darren Smith. Motion carried.
- Next, Mr. Hart discussed the proposal for two by-laws changes for the election of new officers. The first by-law change involves a change in calendar year. To help ease the transition for booster officers and band staff, it was proposed at the November meeting that officers assume duties at the start of the calendar year from January to December. This change is for article V, Section 1. If passed, elections would be held at the November meeting.
- The second by-law change allows band parents of freshmen members to participate in the November elections, for parents will not have to be members for six months prior to elections.
 - The proposal is as follows: Section 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The voting members shall elect from among their number a President, Vice-President, Secretary. The meeting of the voting members to elect officers shall be at the annual meeting. The election of officers shall be decided by the majority vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting of the Band Boosters. Candidates will be nominated by written ballot at the October ~~February~~ meeting. Election of officers will be at the ~~March~~

November meeting and treasurers appointed within 30 days. Before acceptance of an elected office, each candidate will have read and understood the responsibilities required of their position, and will be a voting member in good standing for at least six months with current band student prior to running for office. Only one voting member per household may serve as an officer. New officers-elect may hold meetings to pre-plan for their term of service; with approval from current officers they may attend their meetings to insure an easier transition of leadership. Each term of office will be from the first day of January ~~June~~ until the thirty-first day of December ~~May~~.

- Mr. Hart then opened the floor for questions. No questions followed.
- A unanimous vote passed the motion for by-law changes.
- The nominating committee led by Jennifer McNeil shared the nominations for 2016 band officers. The nominations for the three positions were as follows: president-Matt Hart, vice-president-Brian Spray, and secretary-Mica Brooks. The floor was opened to other nominations. None followed. A motion was made by Laurie Abney to close nominations and second made by Kevin Ruane. Motion carried.
- Elections for the officers will be at the January 25th meeting.
- The next meeting will include more information about the Chicago trip and spring band events.

IV. Vice-President's Comments: Brian Spray

- No comments from Vice-President.
- No comments from committee members.

V. Final Comments: President Matt Hart

- Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Next band booster meeting: January 25 @ 6:30