

PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

BAND BOOSTERS, Inc.



PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION NAME

The name of this organization shall be Phillipsburg High School Band Boosters Inc.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Phillipsburg High School (PHS) Band Boosters shall be:

- a. To offer services and moral support to the PHS Band while promoting the musical education of the Band Members (Marching Band, Dance Team, Concert Band, Jazz Programs).
- b. To provide supplemental financial support exclusively for the PHS Band,
- c. To promote a positive PHS Band and Booster organizational image
- d. To cooperate with those in charge of the Department of Bands and with the Phillipsburg School District Board of Education.
- e. To maintain the fiscal health of the Booster organization
- f. To establish partnerships with the school administration, the board of education, and the local community

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ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the PHS Band Boosters is open to any adult interested in the welfare of the PHS Band. (High School students are not eligible for membership until after they have graduated from high school). Membership dues, which help cover liability insurance, shall be set by the Executive Board and announced at the June meeting. Open enrollment for membership shall be all year but must be a member by January 1st in order to vote in the May election. The membership year is defined as July through June.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The officers of the PHS Band Boosters shall consist of a: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording/Corresponding Secretary and Fundraising Chairperson. For a description of, each position, see By-Laws ARTICLE I. **Each Executive Board member is expected to read and sign the Constitution & By-laws to acknowledge that they will uphold them.**

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This Constitution and By-Laws must be reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee (created on an as needed basis) every two (2) years (even-numbered calendar years) during the first quarter.

Amendments or revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws must be read at two (2) consecutive General Booster meetings. If parties disagree during the first reading, **the By-Laws committee will meet again to discuss and possibly change the By-laws based upon everyone's comments. This is ONLY for a particular section and doesn't pertain to sections that weren't an issue. At the second meeting, the amendments/revisions will be reviewed that were questioned will be reviewed but NO discussion will take place on them.** At the second meeting, the amendments/revisions must be approved or disapproved by a simple majority vote of the members.

Any amendment or revision ratified will become active immediately following ratification.

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ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Band Boosters will be held on the first Monday of the month from September through June. In the event of a School closing, the date of the Booster meeting will be established as soon as possible at the discretion of the President and the Director of Bands. The date for July and August meetings will be established at the discretion of the President and the Director of Bands. The attendance of **fifteen (15)** band booster members shall constitute a quorum at all regular meetings and special meetings.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

PHS Band Boosters will follow Roberts Rules of Order.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

OFFICERS

President

- Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, appoint all committees, and have privileges to attend all meetings of the committees. The President and Vice-President will have (1) monthly meeting with the Band Director to discuss any and all present issues. The President shall be able to spend up to \$100.00 with a co-signature of (1) one other member of the Executive Board. Anything over \$100.00 must be approved by the President, the Vice-President and another member of the Executive Board.

Vice President

- Section 2 - The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in his or her absence. The vice president shall assist the president in his or her duties as needed. The vice president shall be responsible for the formation, staffing and overseeing of ALL committees. The Vice President will report on these committees during the monthly booster meetings. In the event the president steps down or can no longer serve as president, the vice president will fill in as Acting-President until a new president is elected (see Article III, Section 7).

Treasurer

- Section 3 - The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, showing each activity separately as well as a complete record of all funds. The treasurer shall notify the general membership of placement of all monies into any accounts. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all funds earned by band members from all fund-raising events. All cash that is received by the Treasurer shall be counted when it has been received and a receipt be issued immediately. If the Treasurer receives cash from a committee, it shall be counted with the committee chair present and signed for at that time. The treasurer will work together with the Fundraising Chair on all monies received and will appropriately document this. All deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt of funds. **The treasurer is responsible for all Charms transactions.** No blank checks shall be given out for shopping purchases. Reimbursements will only be made once the original receipts are handed in. Reimbursements will be made within 30 days of received receipt or the next booster meeting; whichever comes first. **In the event the treasurer is shopping, those receipts will be submitted to the President and Vice-President for approval and reimbursement.** An accounting shall be available at each meeting or through the band director. The Treasurer shall report member records at each monthly Band Booster meeting.

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Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Section 4 - The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall keep accurate records and minutes of all meetings and maintain the correspondence of the organization. It shall be his/her duty to send out all notices as directed by the president or by the band director. Minutes will be circulated within two (2) weeks after a Booster meeting. The agenda for each Booster meeting will be circulated via email to the general membership no later than one (1) day prior. The Secretary will determine that a quorum is present at all meetings.

Fundraising Chair

Section 5 - The Fundraising Chair will be the chair for the fundraising activities and shall help identify fundraising opportunities and shall work to ensure that all fundraising projects are equipped with volunteers and materials needed with the assistance of the Vice-President. The Fundraising Chair will submit all required forms to the appropriate organizations for approval. The Fundraising Chair along with the other members of the Executive Board and the Director of Bands will work to obtain corporate sponsors for the Booster organization. All forms, fundraisers, etc. must be forwarded to the Webmaster upon the approval of the event immediately following the booster meeting.

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ARTICLE II

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1 - The Executive Board shall consist of the above-mentioned officers.
- Section 2 - The Executive Board shall not consist of any two or more members of an immediate household.
- Section 3 - It shall be the duty of the Executive board to make proposals to be brought before the general membership for a vote.
- Section 4 - For removal of an Executive Board member, a formal, written complaint needs to be filed with the highest-ranking non-involved board member. The complaint will be reviewed by the Executive Board in the absence of the involved party. Findings by the Executive Board will be communicated to both parties allowing a chance for rebuttal. If the parties cannot come to an agreement/resolution on their own, the findings should be discussed at the next general Booster meeting. The attendees of that meeting may vote for impeachment/resignation, which will require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the membership at the current meeting.

Criteria for removal would include:

- a. Failure to perform duties of office
- b. Misuse of funds
- c. Blatant and/or frequent violations of the bylaws
- d. Any inappropriate behavior as outlined by the Phillipsburg School District Board of Education.

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ARTICLE III

TERMS OF OFFICE AND ELECTIONS

The term of office shall be for one (1) year for all Executive Board positions.

- Section 1 - The nominating committee shall present a slate of candidates for the Executive Board positions to the general membership during the March meeting.
- Section 2 - The officer elections will take place during the May Booster meeting by paper ballot in person.
- Section 3 - Nominations may be made from the floor on the day of the election. Both the nominator and the nominee must be present. The nominator must present his/her case for the nomination.
- Section 4 - Anyone not winning an office position may be nominated and run for the next position.
- Section 5 - Elected officers will assume their office during New Business at the June Meeting.
- Section 6 - It is the responsibility of the outgoing officers to provide transitional assistance during June and July.
- Section 7 - In the event of a vacancy of office or removal from office, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy.
- Section 8 - In order to be nominated for a position; the booster must have attended six (6) meetings of the prior year.

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ARTICLE IV

STANDING COMMITTEES

Chaperone Committee

- Section 1 - It shall be the duty of the Chaperone Committee to select members from the PHS Band Boosters to accompany the Band as chaperones whenever the Director of Bands deems necessary. The Chairperson(s) shall submit the names selected to the band director for final approval. In order for Band Boosters to be chaperones, he or she must be out of high school for at least four (4) years.

Nominating Committee

- Section 2 - The Nominating Committee shall have a minimum of three (3) members appointed from the general membership at the February meeting. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to select a slate of candidates for the Executive Board from the active members of the Band Boosters and to coordinate with the Secretary to confirm all criteria has been met.

Auditing Committee

- Section 3 - The duties of the Auditing Committee shall be to meet after the March meeting for the purpose of auditing the Band Boosters books and report back to the general membership at the April meeting. The committee shall consist of at least three (3) members at large. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President to organize the committee or to make a general booster population motion to hire an outside CPA for auditing purposes. **The treasurer and the Fundraising Chair from the year being audited can NOT be on the committee.**

Scholarship Committee

- Section 4 - The Scholarship Committee shall review and select the scholarship recipients from those Senior student(s) submitting his/her application for the Band Booster Scholarships. The committee shall consist of at least three (3) members at large of which no member is a Senior Parent

Band Banquet Committee

- Section 5 - The Band Banquet Committee shall help organize the Band Banquet. Duties include, but are not limited to making and sending out invitations, ordering and/or preparing food, decorations, planning a location, securing sponsors, etc.

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Hosted Marching Band Festival

- Section 6 - The duties of the Hosted Marching Band Festival Committee are to help organize the annual Band Festival including, but not limited to program sales, parking, concessions, etc. The committee will be made up of members at large to organize and propose motions for the general populations' vote regarding ads, student account breakdown, and other festival needs within a sufficient period of time prior to the festival.

Hosted Jazz Festival

- Section 7 - The duties of the Hosted Jazz Festival Committee are to help organize the annual Jazz Festival including, but not limited to admission pricing, concessions, advertisement, etc. The committee will be made up of members at large to organize and propose motions for the general populations' vote regarding the proposed expenditure for the event, any student account breakdown, and other festival needs within a sufficient period of time prior to the festival.

Equipment Crew

- Section 8 - The duties of the Equipment Crew are to help organize logistics surrounding away band competitions or band trips including the transportation of any food/refreshments, travel logistics, etc. The committee will be made up of members at large to organize and propose motions for the general populations' vote regarding the proposed expenditure for the event and other needs within a sufficient period of time prior to the event.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

- Section 9 - A committee shall be formed during the month of January every two years (even numbered years) to review and (if applicable) amend the PHS Band Constitution and By-Laws. This committee shall consist of the Director of Bands, the Band Booster president and a representative from each grade level (grades 8-12). If the required representatives are not available, then the executive board will act as committee members. The Booster President may be present for meetings however will NOT have input in them.

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Fundraising Committee

- Section 10 - The responsibility of the fundraising committee is to research possible fundraisers and to report to the Fundraising Chair the results of the research. If the fundraiser is considered viable by the Fundraising Chair and Vice-President, the fundraiser will be presented at the next Band Booster meeting. If time is of the essence the Executive Board may decide prior to the next month's booster meeting to accept the fundraising idea. During the next meeting the Executive Board must inform the Band Boosters of their decision. Each fundraising activity requires that there be a Band Booster sponsor who manages the given fundraising activity. It will be determined at that time how the fundraiser will be applied to either the general fund or the student allocated accounts.

Social Media Committee

- Section 11 - The responsibility of the social media committee is to maintain the various social media sites (e.g Facebook, Twitter, and any other means of electronic communication). This will include posting pictures, maintaining the list of email addresses, maintaining the website and sending out communications as required from the Executive Board or the Director of Bands in coordination with the Secretary. The committee will follow the guidelines provided under Article VIII ELECTRONIC & SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Uniform Committee

- Section 12 - The duties of the Uniform Committee are to assist the band director by issuing uniforms, establishing uniform fees, maintain the uniform room, ordering show shirts and providing for periodic cleaning of the uniforms. The committee will be made up of members at large to organize and propose motions for the general populations' vote regarding the proposed expenditures for uniforms and uniform related expenses. The uniform committee will also be responsible for enforcing the food guidelines for when the students are in full uniform.

Welcoming Committee

The duties of the Welcoming Committee will be to work with new parents and students to help them answer questions regarding the Boosters and the band. The committee will help introduce them to other Booster members, encourage them to become Boosters and help out on Committees.

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ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

- Section 1 - All officers are expected to attend all Band Booster and Executive Board meetings. All officers must see that their reports are prepared and presented at all meetings whether they attend or not.
- Section 2 - Special meetings may be called by the President or Vice President (in the absence of the President) and general membership must be notified of such meeting.
- Section 3 - Exiting officers shall have all materials (books, account cards, keys, login/passwords, etc.) associated with the board positions ready to be turned over at the end of Old Business at the June meeting to the newly elected officers. During the May meeting after elections; the incoming Board will shadow the exiting board during the remainder of the May meeting and the beginning of the June meeting so they can become accustomed to how the meetings are run. Officer certification shall be signed by the officers in June to be sent to the bank so that business may continue without interruption.
- Section 4 - One must be a PAID PHS Band Booster in good-standing in order to vote (in elections or Booster business), to be an Officer, or to Chair any committee. One does NOT need to be a paid booster to volunteer to help a committee at a **major event (i.e. Neil Boyer)**, although it is strongly encouraged.

ARTICLE VI

STUDENT ALLOCATED FUNDS

- Section 1 - Student allocated funds will be allotted to a student based on the extent of his/her participation (and/or parent's/guardian's participation) in fund-raising events. Funds allotted through working fundraising events (eg, concession stands, program sales, parking lot) will be credited to the designated Student allocated fund.
- Section 2 - Monies from Student allocated funds may be used for approved required uniform, or equipment/attire. The student's parent/guardian must provide a written request and have the request approved by the Treasurer in advance. If advanced approval was not obtained, the expense is at the sole responsibility of the student. No monies will be allotted out of a student allocated fund without this written request.
- Section 3 - Outstanding student payments (e.g., dry cleaning costs) owed can be deducted from the Student allocated fund upon the vote by and at the discretion of the Executive Board.

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Section 4 - Students shall have the ability to withdraw funds for the cost of band-related expenses for that year's trip(s). The Executive Board will determine, in advance, the date required for the fund requests to be submitted. The student's parent/guardian must request the transfer in writing to the Treasurer in order for the funds to be used. No monies will be allotted out of a student allocated fund without this written request. Additional incidental expense funds may be taken out of the student's allocated fund based on the Band Boosters' motion determining an appropriate per day amount for that specific trip. In the event a trip is canceled for whatever reasons, it is agreed that any money taken from the Student Allocated Fund, is returned to that students account by the parent/guardian.

Section 5 - Upon graduation, any remaining monies in the Student allocated fund, if chosen by the student, may be transferred to a **sibling's/first cousin account**, providing the **sibling/first cousin** is in the band the next school year.

He/She may also choose to put the monies into:

- a. Scholarship Fund (for the Melissa M. Genowitz Memorial Scholarship and Neil Boyer Scholarship)
- b. the Band Improvement Fund (See ARTICLE VII),
- c. the Phillipsburg High School Band Booster General Fund.

If no written decision is made upon graduation, the money will be considered abandoned and the Executive Board will determine where the funds will be allocated.

Section 6 - In the event that a current Band Member, in good standing, requests his/her Student Allocated Funds be withdrawn for a Choir Program, the Band Member and parent/guardian must submit a written request to the Band Booster Executive Board.

Section 7 - Only the Treasurer will be able to accept CASH for all fundraiser activities. It is encouraged that you submit these funds in Check or Money Order form: made out to the Phillipsburg Band Boosters; however, if CASH is the only means; it must go directly to the Treasurer and a receipt for funds will be issued immediately. If the Treasurer is unavailable, cash may go to the President and a receipt will be issued from him/her.

Section 8 - All Student Allocated Funds should be updated by at least the third (3rd) week of the month.

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ARTICLE VII

BAND IMPROVEMENT FUND

- Section 1 - The treasurer shall maintain a separate account of the Band Improvement Fund. The source of funding for the Band Improvement Fund shall be from student accounts if so designated by a student (Refer to Article VI) or donations from any individual or group that wishes to direct monies to the Band Improvement Fund.
- Section 2 - The Band Improvement Fund is intended to be used for the purchase of equipment or instruments that will be of long-term benefit to the band. Long-term is defined to be four years or longer. It is not intended to be utilized for consumable items (reeds, drum covers, etc.) or items which are used for a single season (flags, props, etc.).
- Section 3 - Requests for purchases to be funded from the Band Improvement Fund shall be made by the Director of Bands to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall review the requests and bring appropriate proposals to the general membership for a vote.

Article VIII

ELECTRONIC & SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

The Band Boosters recognize the importance of the Internet in shaping **positive** public thinking about our organization and our current and future activities. Social media sites allow the Band Boosters to connect to members and potential members in a very interactive way. The Band Boosters also recognize the importance of our Booster Membership joining in and helping shape conversation and direction through interaction in social media. The Band Boosters are committed to supporting honest, transparent, and knowledgeable dialogue on the Internet through social media.

All official social media accounts are managed by the **webmaster**. The **webmaster** is responsible for the security of passwords and upkeep of these accounts. The **webmaster** grants access to other Booster Members to administer groups on the platforms and to post content when applicable.

At no time; will a student be allowed access to the band booster's social media accounts. If they are in need of having pictures or announcements shared, all information will be provided to the Webmaster and the Band Director for approval.

Keep a friendly and professional tone when posting updates and having conversations with supporters. When posting or replying to a message, take the time to review the content to ensure it cannot be interpreted in any negative light. All comments should be responded to in a timely fashion as needed.

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ARTICLE IX

Non Permitted Activities Under US Internal Revenue Law

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW) or (by a Corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any further UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW).

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Phillipsburg High School Band Boosters, Inc., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 502(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

REVISION HISTORY

REVISED 1983	AMENDED 2000	REVISED 2010	AMENDED 2020
AMENDED 1983	AMENDED 2002	AMENDED 2010	
AMENDED 1984	AMENDED 2003	REVISED 2014	
AMENDED 1991	REVISED 2008	AMENDED 2014	
AMENDED 1992	AMENDED 2008	REVISED 2018	
AMENDED 1993	REVISED 2012	AMENDED 2018	
AMENDED 1994	AMENDED 2012	REVISED 2020	