

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Denise Fonner, Jody Cook, Crissy Hayes, Matthew Bannon, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morissette, Sophie Freeman

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve November 2025 minutes made by Jody Cook. 2nd by Matthew Bannon. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Welcome to Sophie Freeman, who is doing a student teaching practicum at Central this semester. She is a music education student at UIUC.

Marching Band Report: (Gwendolyn Breg) The closet has been organized and all uniforms have been returned.

New uniform update (Jennifer Currey): All uniform parts were ordered 12/22/25, the expected ship date is 180 days (6 months) from that date. The original bid from DeMoulin did not include drum major uniforms, which will add another \$6407 to the budget (10 jackets, capes and shakos; drum majors will use previously budgeted bibbers and shoes). Options were to ask the boosters to pay the difference or ask the school district to pay. After consulting with the CFO, the additional cost was approved to be covered by adding it to the original budget, this is the best outcome.

The 2026-2027 Unit 4 calendar has not yet been finalized, so there are no dates for any marching band rehearsals, camps or events yet. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Next jazz gig will be 1/23 in the commons. This is the pre-Purdue jazz fest concert, participating groups will be stage band, jazz ensemble, and Oak Park. Beloit will not be attending this year. Performance schedule to follow; Cathy will reach out to the roadie crew for setup, although students might be able to start setting up during 8th hour. The Purdue jazz fest will be the next day; several students will travel separately so that only one bus is needed. Future dates: EIU jazz fest on 2/7, Swing Central on 2/27. The Daniel Thies family is the new sponsor of Swing Central at the country club, many thanks to them.

Website: (Jessie Bhalerao, via email update) Winter Guard information has been added to the website, please contact Jessie if anything else needs to be added or changed.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Still collecting fees for Cedar Point, marching band, jazz band and winter guard. 1099s are being generated for JT, Justin Siegmund and Abby Mitchell.

Orchestra Report: (Becca Guyette, via email) Nothing new to report. Mr. Currey distributed audition music for next year; these materials are the same as the ILMEA audition music. Auditions are due 3/25, which is the Wednesday after spring break.

Concert Band Report: (Matthew Bannon) Nothing new to report. Still waiting on new ILMEA audition materials, it will be distributed as soon as it arrives for next year's band auditions.

Choir Report: (Mieke Blackwell, via email) Nothing new to report.

(Ann Marie Morissette) The choir will attend the Illinois Sings conference; this is being paid for through a grant from CU Schools. The uniforms have all been fitted and altered; we now have established a vendor account with Yong's for further alterations.

Booster Business:

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook) The net profit was around \$10k, which is pretty consistent with the profit from last year. Leftover fruit was donated to Daily Bread. There is a concern that the 10lb boxes did not, in fact, hold 10lb of fruit. Maybe we need different boxes for next year or change the wording for how much fruit you actually get. The concerns that doing two back-to-back major fundraisers would result in less income overall were largely unfounded.

Mattress Fundraiser: (Beth Allender) Beth heard back from Tim, the Custom Fundraising Solutions representative. We have not yet given a firm yes to this endeavor. Tim, the rep, wants to meet for an official launch meeting sometime next week; there will be a parent meeting 5-6 weeks before the event, and a "kid kickoff" meeting 3-4 weeks before the event, where students will be given information about how to market and sell the event and signs and mattress costume will be delivered. After discussion, it was determined that this event is relatively low risk to the music program, so let's go for it. The parent meeting will hopefully be combined with the Cedar Point parent meeting; this will hopefully be scheduled for the first week of March.

Cedar Point Trip: (Cathy Hong, Beth Allender) There are 105 students committed to the trip, as well as 8 chaperones (more male chaperones are needed). There will be 3 buses. The next step will be to complete district paperwork; assistance is needed from all 3 directors. The roommate selection process will begin soon. Beth received an email from a family who has requested a scholarship to attend this trip. After discussion, it was decided to provide support to this family, as well as consider the creation of a scholarship program where qualifying students could apply for financial assistance for future trips, similar to the existing summer music camp scholarship program. Jody Cook made a motion to provide scholarship support for the 2026 Cedar Point trip to the requesting family. Motion seconded by Denise Fonner. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Requests: John Currey has two requests. 1) Maybe we want to move on starting the purchases of silver instruments, starting with sousaphones. We can purchase sousas from the Music Shoppe/Smith-Walbridge camp for around \$8400. ISU (host of S-W camp) also might want to purchase the sousas, so maybe we think about expressing intent soon. New baritones are also needed. Discussion tabled for the present. 2) The combo instructor is an aide at Central. He has been working on a volunteer basis, Mr. Currey would like to offer some sort of financial compensation at the end of the year, recommends \$1000. Discussion tabled for the present.

New Business: Music awards night needs to be scheduled asap, will discuss at February meeting. Commons space needs to be reserved for mattress fundraiser on 4/18.

Band Director's Report: Nothing to report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 pm
March 11 meeting also scheduled

Motion to adjourn by Denise Fonner; motion seconded by Matthew Bannon. Meeting adjourned.