

Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Date: September 11 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order, 7:00
2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors to ensure quorum (Currently 10 directors so 6 directors are needed to be present for a quorum per Article VI(I))

Andrew Katz	Present
Corey Ausfeld	Present
Therese Assalian	Present
Frank Ferrucci	Present
Terri Dutcher	Present
Sarah Ciesinski	Absent
Lori Birmingham	Present
Sarah Johnson	Present
Danielle Marquis	Present
Larry Gillooley	Present

**Community members attending: Bill Vacca, Frank Murray

3. Minutes: Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes from our June meeting

All in Favor: 9 Opposed 0 Abstain

4. Officers' Reports

- i. Co-President's Report Corey Ausfeld
 - a. Sponsor checks are on the way for the new season.
 - b. Do we have our own key for the outdoor concession stand yet, since we're the ones that run it? No, "difficult to obtain."
- ii. Co-President's Report Andy Katz
 - a. Thank you to Larry Gillooley for the invitation to the Fall coaches meeting.
 - b. Also following up with sponsors, new and old.
- iii. Vice President's Report Therese Assalian
 - a. The Council of Captains in on hold, since John Moskov now has a new role in the district.
 - b. Discussion about creating a document for coaches about Booster Club and its many roles.
- iv. Treasurer's Report Frank Ferrucci

- a. Financials are posted on the Booster Club website and have been emailed to each of us.
 - b. We closed our first year of operation with a positive reception and balances.
 - c. August was quiet financially except for early XC needs.
 - d. Discussed next step for taxes, as a nonprofit.
 - e. Discussion among all about the role of fundraising among teams, the Booster Club, and the school district.
 - i. What is the purpose for individual teams? Often, to obtain items that are not provided by the district (coats, warmups, equipment)
 - ii. Where does the money go? Why are parents still asked to fund things? Again: the District does not cover everything, nor are teams' covered equally.
 - iii. How are seniors helped by fundraising, since they are about to leave? Well, all underclassmen indirectly contribute to the perks that seniors get at Senior Night festivities, banquets, and parting gifts. For the greater good in a cyclical world.
 - iv. How do smaller teams benefit, or those with a smaller window to fundraise?
 - v. Bottom line from AD/District(?) Why would/should District provide if teams fundraise anyway? Umm...addresses above. Among teams, there are "haves" and "have nots", not always based on level of success or participation.
 - vi. Coaches control fundraisers; not our place as a Booster Club to tell them not to.
 - vii. There is a fundraising form filled out that goes through the AD as well.
 - viii. Fundraisers are for things that go above and beyond what the district can/will cover. Team meals, out of section travel, practice time. Sometimes, families pay costs for sports beyond what the district does, to have their children represent Niskayuna.
 - ix. Booster Club tries to help with "the extras" and is happy to do so, when it is financially feasible. the shared partnership of public education also suggests the school district has a mandate as well.
 - x. There are other things we've done in our first year, like provide free tickets to sectional championships; fund buses to sectionals for cheer team and others; contribute toward Senior Nights, teams photo shoots, banquets; provide grants and very generous scholarships to 4-6 senior athletes at Awards Night.
- v. Secretary's Report Terri Dutcher
- a. Ideally, the Booster Club Gala program is posted on the website.
 - b. Minutes & voting results from emails and texts will be written separately from the minutes, covering the month between meetings.

5. Committee Reports

- i. Banquet Committee Sarah Ciesinski
 - a. Keep in touch, as banquets will be starting in late October for Fall sports.

- ii. Concession Committee Lori Birmingham
 - a. Successful so far.
 - b. PepsiCo has donated a new refrigerator system with its contract for beverages.
 - c. Volunteers are needed for a couple of the later football games at this point; teams will receive 10% of earnings.
 - d. Broken Inn (hotdog stand), Adirondack KettleKorn, and Kona Ice are returning this year, as is our partnership for pizza from Uncle Rico's. Meat & Co. is a new vendor for a couple of games.
 - e. It is possible to have the Concession stand open for Senior Nights; contact [Lori Birmingham](#).

- iii. Membership Committee Danielle Marquis
 - a. Memberships have been reset from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. The first year, the membership was from our inception Jan 2023-June 30, 2024.
 - b. Renewal letters were sent out, though the numbers aren't as high now as last year at this time. Parent Square announcements help, as do initial team meetings.
 - c. Contact at District Office might be Matt Leon, since John Moskov is no longer able to be our liaison.

- iv. Fundraising Committee Sarah Johnson
 - a. Gala plans for April 2025 are already underway.

- v. Budget Committee Frank Ferucci, nothing to report

6. Athletic Director's Report

Larry Gillooley

- a. Covered the results of fall sports to this point.
- b. The construction of the entrance to our stadium has begun, causing some issues with space of parking and in the entrance to games.
- c. Many games being played on the turf this year.
- d. Huge game coming up this Friday, vs. Shaker.
- e. Much discussed under the treasurer's report, letter e: questions about fundraising and such.

7. School Board Member's Report

Jessica LaFex, unable to attend

8. Team Director Reports, nothing to report here.

- i. Alpine Ski Boys Vacant

ii.	Alpine Ski Girls	Vacant
iii.	Baseball	Vacant
iv.	Basketball Boys	Vacant
v.	Basketball Girls	Vacant
vi.	Bowling Boys	Vacant
vii.	Bowling Girls	Vacant
viii.	Cheerleading	Vacant
ix.	Crew Boys	Vacant
x.	Crew Girls	Vacant
xi.	Cross Country Boys	Vacant
xii.	Cross Country Girls	Vacant
xiii.	Field Hockey	Vacant
xiv.	Football	Vacant
xv.	Golf Boys	Erin Massaroni
xvi.	Golf Girls	Michael Barberick
xvii.	Ice Hockey	Vacant
xviii.	Indoor Track Boys	Vacant
xix.	Indoor Track Girls	Vacant
xx.	Lacrosse Boys	Christina Calabrese
xxi.	Lacrosse Girls	Sarah Ciesinski
xxii.	Outdoor Track Boys	Vacant
xxiii.	Outdoor Track Girls	Vacant
xxiv.	Soccer Boys	Vacant
xxv.	Soccer Girls	Jean Foti
xxvi.	Softball	Jason Isabelle
xxvii.	Swimming/Diving Girls	Karen Splendido
xxviii.	Swimming/Diving Boys	Vacant
xxix.	Tennis Boys	Vacant
xxx.	Tennis Girls	Vacant
xxxi.	Volleyball Boys	Matt Petrangelo
xxxii.	Volleyball Girls	Amanda Jeffs
xxxiii.	Wrestling Boys	Vacant
xxxiv.	Wrestling Girls	Jocelyn Rockower

9. Unfinished (old) Business

10. Privilege of the Members (Any member may raise issues, concerns, or ask questions for a maximum of 3 minutes per member and for a cumulative maximum of 30 minutes for all members. The President or other Directors should attempt to address any issues but this time isn't to debate with members) **NONE**

11. New Business

- i. Approvals since June Board Meeting

- a. Donation of \$3000 toward the creation of a Bocce court for the Unified Sports program
 - b. Donation to the Licht Family
 - c. Donation to the Sunkes Family (BSpa AD)
 - d. Donation toward Summer League fees
- ii. Topics from the floor
- a. Brainstormed list of items that the Booster Club could fund for the general good
 - i. Golf cart to carry things to the concession stand.
 - ii. Golf cart to carry things to the fields for teams (district?).
 - iii. Ice machine.
 - iv. Potable water in place of using the hose outside the concession stand?
 - v. Updated camera system for filming and editing games.
 - 1. Question: weren't there new boxes of cameras last fall, when the Concession stand and Massaroni booth were being refurbished?
 - 2. Would the editing equipment be available to all teams? How would it be shared?
 - b. College Counseling partnership, fundraiser discussed. Will continue next time.

12. Executive Session None

13. Announcements from the President Next meeting will be held on October 9, online.

14. Adjournment, 8:15

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Dutcher