

Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: September 16, 2026
Meeting Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order, 7:04pm
2. **Attendees-** Andy Katz, Corey Ausfeld, Frank Ferucci, Francesca Pardi, Lori Birmingham, Madisyn DaParano, Katie Giangjordano, Kim Tully, Matt Ronca, Joi Jackson
3. **Minutes-** no minutes to approve
4. **Athletic Directors Report-** Matt Ronca
 - Fall season is underway with over 800 students across all levels registered/trying out for teams.
 - New Varsity head coach Pete Furey got his first win this past Friday, a 51-18 victory over Colonie!
 - Today was the first Section 2 AD meeting, where NYSPHSAA presented scholar athlete team awards for last school year. Niskyauna was one of 11 schools in all of section two to be awarded School of Distinction, a very exciting recognition!
 - Matt will be taking over Nisky athletics Twitter page, let him know if we'd like him to share any of our info.
5. **Officers Report-**
 - i. Co-President's Report Corey Ausfeld—No report
 - i Co-President's Report Andy Katz -
 - a. Meetings with Matt Ronca, new AD, have been productive and we're off to a good start this school year.
 - b. Attended the fall coaches meeting in August, as well as the Farmers Market, to share info on what the Booster Club does, and how we can support teams.
 - c. Working with Lori to promote online store.
 - d. Worked with the district on schedule for Nisky Digest to blast 4 emails this school year that'll be standalone messages related to the Booster Club. The first one was Monday this week, another will be early December, a 3rd in spring and one towards the end of the school year.
 - e. Been working on a few different sponsors with barter relationships. Polar Beverage donated water to the concession stand, a couple local restaurants who barter their membership will provide food that we will be selling at the concession stand at some of our larger football games, and we are receiving a \$200 gift card donation from Price Chopper.

- ii. Vice President's Report Lori Birmingham–
 - a. Credit from BSN, how do we want those credits used, we have used some to give back, such as tumblers for those who help us like the custodians, gear and merch that we sell at concessions to bring revenue back to the Booster Club.
 - b. New rep John wants to reach out to coaches to have team stores open for the various seasons through BSN, we'd get cut so win-win if coaches are interested.
- iii. Treasurer's Report Frank Ferrucci-
 - a. Summer was quiet, as expected, but good membership activity in August!
 - b. Concession sales will really be gaining these next few weeks of fall.
 - c. Close to budget on membership.
 - d. Accounts by sport team, pretty much every team has a balance which is nice to see.
 - e. Frank and Andy discussed when is a good time to remove past years financials from the website, and the thought is that we start removing a school year each year, so this year, we would remove the 23-24 school year.
- iv. Secretary's Report Katie Giangjordano
 - a. Summary of electronic votes from 8/11/26, 8/30/26, 9/5/26, 9/10/26

6. Committee Reports-

- i. Social Media Committee Lori, from Carol Ann Morrison-
 - a. This past month we've seen increased views as well as 20 new followers!
 - b. New initiative in the works with Mrs. Youngs who teaches marketing at the high school to integrate some of what her students are working on, with the social media needs of the Booster Club. More to come but sounds like it would be a great colab!
- ii. Concession Committee Madisyn DaParano–
 - a. As of the 10th, we've sold over \$4,100 in concessions between the inside and the outside. Looking ahead, we have three more football games, senior nights, and then the sectional soccer games, and the cheer competition coming up.
 - b. Looking into purchasing the food warmer/crock pot to help with efficiency at concessions.
- iii. Fundraising Committee Francesca Pardi-
 - a. Created a master membership tracker and exported all the membership from 2023 to current, we can see who comes back every year, who drops off.
 - b. Francesca and Eleana have a goal of 100 members by September 30th. They're asking us to email it to 10 families encouraging them to join the Booster Club.
 - c. When the blankets and the socks come in, Eleana and Francesca will be packaging everything and having people do pickups for their membership packages including concessions credits .

iv. Fundraising Committee Francesca for Eleana Allen-

- a. Inquiring with Andy about potentially offering an alumni membership, at the \$75 price point. Suggests vote at October meeting.
- b. Regarding sponsorship, Francesca has emailed almost every individual sponsor. She's hopeful to at least retain 75% of the sponsorship goal from last year and 3 to 5 new people. In the October meeting she'll follow up on her progress with this.
- c. Been in contact with the Mohawk Club about whether they can offer us a sports package. \$28- \$35 range per person, and if more sports teams want to start committing to Mohawk, she will gladly make an investment in Nisky themed decor, and Mohawk will house it. Matt and Kim will look into the district policy on alcohol being available for purchase by parents at these banquets. Francesca will get the package info to Matt to send out to coaches.
- d. Francesca will look to get a quote from Mohawk Club for Gala/Awards (tentative date April 15th).

7. School Board Member's Report- Kim Tully

- The first Board of Education meeting was last night, off to a good start.
- Notes the elimination of Regents exams coming down the pipeline, more info to share when it becomes available.
- Last night the Board reached an agreement for the new NTA contract, good success!
- Work on AI policies at the board level happening now, developing them slowly. Our policy committee will meet to discuss that, more to be shared as the process continues.

8. Team Director Reports- No Reports

9. Unfinished (old) Business- None

10. Privilege of the Members- Joi Jackson shares her concern regarding the number of girls cut from the modified volleyball team this year and how we can support those athletes who still really want to play. She will be speaking to the Principals and is looking for support from the Booster Club and possibly Matt Ronca, to look into options such as additional modified teams, expanded opportunities, and school-based developmental programs so that more students have the chance to continue developing their skills. Joi is hoping this could lead to possibly the creation of club teams or open gym time for these situations. Matt and Kim both are open to keeping this conversation going and Andy will monitor the situation and see if there is a role for the Booster Club.

11. New Business- None

12. Executive Session- None

13. Announcements from the President- There has been great energy with this group and Andy is excited for the work we do and year ahead!

14. **Adjournment** at 8:12pm Motion to adjourn by Corey, 2nd by Lori, unanimous

Next meeting, October 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted, Katie Giangiardano