

**Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Date: September 13, 2023 – 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting Location: Virtual**

1. **Call to Order**, 6:30
  
2. **Roll Call of Officers and Directors** to ensure quorum (Currently 11 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
Greta Jansson	Present
Lori Birmingham	Present
Sara Najafipour	Absent
Danielle Marquis	Absent
Larry Gillooley	Present

Community members in attendance: Christine Bowers, David Bowers, Sarah Ciesinski, Jean Foti, Jessica LaFex, Amanda Jeffes, Noiko Moriyama, Jocelyn Rockower, Karen Splendido

3. **Minutes:** Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes from our June 14, 2023 meeting by the President and seconded by Co-President.

All in Favor: 10   Opposed 0   Abstain 0

**4. Officers' Reports**

- i. **President's Report** Andrew Katz
  - a. Presence at Back to School Nights would help publicize the Booster Club, to inform parents at different school levels of its existence. We will have tables at the HS & MS nights, minimally, with the directors volunteering.
  
- ii. **Co-President's Report** Corey Ausfeld
  - a. Concessions were open at the recent girls' soccer Hall of Fame weekend tournament
  
- iii. **Vice President's Report** Therese Assalian
  - a. Large vendor order was received for indoor and outdoor concessions
  - b. Much work was done to get the Tower up and running for concessions at football and other events held outside. Lots of construction debris to clear.
  - c. There is running water in there now.

- d. Sideline Store is now affiliated with the Booster Club, including an opening 25% discount posted on our website. There are credits extended to the Booster Club based upon sales. In the past, these credits were used to give school personnel working at games Niskayuna gear (as per Larry Gillooley).
  - e. Long range: there is hope to eventually consolidate and have stores for individual teams available.
- iv. **Treasurer's Report** Frank Ferrucci
- a. Financial Reports are posted on the website, including team account totals, donations, expenditures, etc.
  - b. Highlights:
    - i. The spring online auction raised \$1100
    - ii. The Broken Inn May donation totaled \$2000+
    - iii. Girls soccer had a deposit of \$1000.
    - iv. Boys' Volleyball had a deposit of \$3800.
    - v. There were some monetary transfers from the former Booster Club
- v. **Secretary's Report** Terri Dutcher
- a. Minutes are approved and posted after approval at each meeting

**5. Committee Reports**

- i. Audit Committee Nothing to Report
- ii. Banquet Committee Greta Jansson
  - a. Only one spring team availed itself of Booster Club for banquets.
  - b. Plan is to reach out to fall sports prior to banquets, so let them know how the club can help.
- iii. Budget Committee Frank Ferrucci
  - a. Created quarterly, posted online
- iv. Council of Captains Nothing to report
- v. Council of Coaches Nothing to report
- vi. Concession Committee Lori Birmingham
  - a. Concessions have been very active with football, volleyball, XC and girls' soccer.
  - b. Any team that volunteers to work concessions gets a 10% cut of the proceeds.
  - c. We are staffing all home football games, hope to have volunteers for the Senior Nights of other sports. There is some contact among teams that have done this indoors in the past; the outdoor concessions have been the same but not as established.
  - d. Generally, 2 volunteers each for jv/varsity indoor games; 6 volunteers for football.

- e. Hoping to find some general vendors who could supply more all at once, as opposed to having directors make runs to BJs, stores, etc.
  - f. Signage needed, especially for companies that are contributing products; (Papa Rico’s pizza, Broken Inn, Kona Ice, etc)
- vii. **Executive Committee** Nothing to report
  - viii. **Fundraising Committee** Nothing to report
  - ix. **Membership Committee** Danielle Marquis (given by Corey Ausfeld)
    - a. 10-15 new memberships over the summer.
    - b. More expected after fall sports sign ups and Parent Square announcement.
    - c. There is hope among some members to have signage for our corporate sponsors, much like the football team has put up 25 signs of their sponsors (unaffiliated with this booster club)
  - x. **Nomination Committee** Nothing to report
  - xi. **Special Committees** None
  - xii. **Ad hoc Committees** None
6. **School Board Member’s Report** Jessica LaFex 7:04-7:08
- a. Update on Rosendale emergency work after flooding
  - b. Iroquois construction is ahead of schedule
7. **Athletic Director’s Report** Larry Gillooley
- a. Tower construction team took care of lighting, other electrical, and water issues that needed to be addressed, as well as the new roof
  - b. The district is down one field because of the baseball/softball fields, so there has been jockeying around among the teams for practices and games. As well as predominant use of the turf field, the football team now also uses one or two of the front fields that were soccer and field hockey.
  - c. In answer to questions about uniforms—since some teams hold fundraisers to update/upgrade: there is a four year cycle of uniforms, with varsity teams getting priority. Often the older varsity uniforms are passed to the JV teams. This cannot be done with modified uniforms, given the size disparities.
  - d. The more contact in a given sport, the more often there is need for uniform turnover.
  - e. Coaches can request, and sometimes a new look is provided with a new coach.
  - f. In general, everything needed to compete is provided by the school; anything above and beyond is for a booster club/parents’ group to provide/fundraise for.
  - g. XC Eikeden was held at Iroquois for the 15th year.
  - h. Many teams were competing before the school year began.
  - i. The annual Hall of Fame, girls’ soccer was again hosted here.
  - j. Question: Are coaches evaluated yearly? Yes, by the AD—but they are protected by the teachers’ contract. Head coaches assess their assistants.

## 8. Team Director Reports

- 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
  - a. There have been some preseason events & training with South Colonie.
- xxii. Outdoor Track Boys Vacant
- xxiii. Outdoor Track Girls Vacant
  
- xxiv. Soccer Boys Vacant
  - a. The team completed a shoe fundraiser over the summer.
  - b. They will be having an upcoming fundraiser through Adrenaline
  - c. The JV and Modified teams will work the concession stand on Soccer Senior Night, October 10.
  
- xxv. Soccer Girls Jean Foti
  - a. The girls' team worked concessions during the recent HoF tournament
  
- xxvi. Softball Jason Isabelle
- xxvii. Swimming/Diving Girls Karen Splendido
  - a. Great start to the season, there has also been work by the team at concessions.
  - b. A fundraiser is coming up.
- xxviii. Swimming/Diving Boys Vacant
- xxix. Tennis Boys Vacant
- xxx. Tennis Girls Vacant
- xxxi. Volleyball Boys Matt Petrangelo
  - a. Continued success with the bottle drive.
  - b. Upcoming fundraiser with Adrenaline.

- xxxii. Volleyball Girls Vacant (item in new business)
- xxxiii. Wrestling Boys Vacant
- xxxiv. Wrestling Girls Vacant

9. **Unfinished (old) Business** None

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)

**11. New Business**

- i. Report on items from the summer/since June's meeting
  - a. Allocation to softball
    - i. Pictures have been provided of the work done to the softball fields last spring, partially funded by a grant from this booster club.
  - b. Allocation to Boys Golf and Girls Golf
    - i. Coach Smith had ordered some team shirts; the golf teams will be working concessions and have a fundraiser to help finance these.
  - c. Loan to Boys volleyball program for (special) uniforms, which came in before the fundraiser deposit.
- ii. Appointment of Amanda Jeffes as Girls' Volleyball Team Director
- iii. Appointment of Jean Foti as Girls' Soccer Team Director
- iv. Topics from the floor
  - a. Niskayuna/Schenectady girls' wrestling
    - i. Jocelyn Rockower was present as the representative of the combined Niskayuna-Schenectady girls' wrestling team. Since two schools are combined, they have created a booster club (much like our hockey team).
    - ii. Is it still possible and appropriate to have a team director? There ARE Niskayuna students on the team (again—like hockey).
    - iii. There are seasonal things the board should be aware of, and there is also collaboration with the Niskayuna boys wrestling team.
    - iv. This will become an item for discussion at the next meeting.

12. **Executive Session** None

13. **Announcements from the President** Next meeting is on October 11, 2023

14. **Adjournment** 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Dutcher