

Ridge Point Band Boosters  
Monthly Board Meeting - Virtual  
December 1, 2020 @ 6:30pm

**MINUTES**

**Board Present:**

President	Brenda Prezas
Vice President	Monica Ray
Treasurer	Kristen Belbin
Asst. Treasurer	Simonette Wolf
Communications Director	Kristen Blomstrom
Secretary	Heather Sanderson
Parliamentarian	Open Position
Member-At-Large	Mary Blanchard
Member-At-Large	Seema Weinig

**Board Not Available:**

All present

**Directors:**

Luis Saldaña

**Other Attendees:** Sole Jackson, Wendy Chopin, Linda DiPaola, Alka Parekh, Shanda Guillory McClure, Nisha Shah, Betty Yavar, Ryan Issa, Michelle Ruben, Sara Nguyen

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**Call to Order (Prezas)**

- Called meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- Approval of 10/6/20 Meeting Minutes. Kristen Blomstrom motioned. Monica Ray seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Board Reports**

**Directors (Saldaña/Burson/Baños)**

- In phase 1 audition for All-Region Band, we had 18 students advance to phase 2 auditions. Non-phased instruments as well as phase 2 auditions begin Saturday.
- Mr. Saldana shared general information regarding playoff and remaining games. He will share more details with all parents as he learns more. Most likely we will do standstill halftime performances due to limited rehearsal time.
- We will have some type of UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest this year. We will have a judge on campus for a F2F performance. There will not be a virtual option to perform. There will not be a State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

- Ridge Point Solo and Ensemble Contest will be virtual. Solos will be performed through Smart Music. Students are encouraged to use different technologies to create multi-track performances.
- We will have UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. UIL will provide more details about how this will be done in January.

#### **President (Prezas)**

- The new RPBB Vice President, as of 11/10/20, is Monica Ray.
- The new Band Banquet Committee Chair is Shanda McClure.
- The RPBB Parliamentarian position is open. Ms. Prezas anticipates that it will be filled soon.
- Will we use concert uniforms anytime soon or this school year? Mr. Saldana said he is still unsure if we will wear the uniforms this spring. The band will be participating in the UIL concert and sight-reading contest in the spring. He will be sending out a survey to parents to see if everyone has appropriate clothing for the contest.
- We need to order more band shorts for online freshmen and those that ordered extras. Incorrect announcement was made in November 1st Newsletter as to which students were to receive.

#### **Vice President (Ray)**

None

#### **Treasurers Report (Belbin/Wolf)**

- Kristen emailed the Financial Review Statements to the board for October/November today.
- Overdue band fees: We have 26 students that owe us money totaling \$2,158.26. Kristen emailed these parents on 10/29/20 & 11/1/20 with the amount owed. Mr. Saldana will reach out to the parents to work out payment plans with them.
- Should we start charging late fees on these overdue band/guard fees? We haven't charged late fees in the past. Mr. Saldana will speak with the parents to help families through our scholarship program if needed. Brenda may also contact families by phone. Then we could talk to Ms. Breaux to see if we can find a way to collect fees at this time.
- Kristen will research if we are able to use Venmo or Chase Bank as a payment method for band fees.
- We owe 88 students refunds due to not ordering gloves & band shoes. All of these refunds are \$85 or less, most of them are \$10. We will send refunds in the spring.
- Kristen Belbin proposed that since the fees have been reduced, the band budget should also be reduced. It should be reduced the same percentage as the fees, and we should decrease the budget by 80%. See the Summary attached to the Meeting Agenda email. Kristen will review the bylaws, and the board will vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

### **Check Approvals/E motions To Ratify**

- Passed 10/08/20. Payment to UPS Store #6085 in amount of \$300.00 to renew our mailbox (#131). This will cover 15 months and will come out of the Boosters funds in the budget.
- Passed 10/21/20. Payment to Leonetti Graphics \$560.00 for RP band and guard show shorts and percussion shirts for the students. 50% deposit was required to place the order. Also, a payment to Leonetti Graphics for \$560.00 for the final payment on the shirts and show shorts once order is completed. Total payment to Leonetti Graphics \$1,120.00
- For the two previously passed E-motions, Brenda Prezas motioned. Mr. Saldana seconded. The motion was passed.
- Payment to Leonetti Graphics not to exceed \$600 for band shorts. Simonette Wolf motioned. Monica Ray seconded. Motioned passed.

### **Communications Report (Blomstrom)**

None

### **Parliamentarian (Open Position)**

None

### **Secretary (Sanderson)**

None

### **Member-at-Large (Blanchard/Weinig)**

None

### **Committee Reports**

None

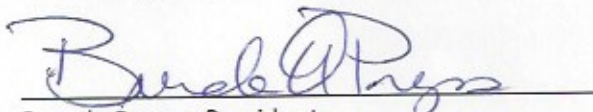
### **New Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.
- Next board meeting is set for January 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Minutes typed by Heather Sanderson



Brenda Prezas, President