

Caledonia School Band Boosters Bylaws

Articles of Incorporation in the State of Mississippi

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Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Caledonia School Band Boosters, hereinafter referred to as the Band Boosters.

Article II - Organization

SECTION 1

The organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION 2

The organization shall be nonprofit, noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. No commercial enterprises and no candidate shall be endorsed by it.

SECTION 3

The Band Boosters shall be democratic in considering all matters, courteous in hearing all proposals, and cautious in using each vote.

SECTION 4

These Bylaws shall govern all proceedings of the organization.

SECTION 5

The activities of the organization shall not conflict with policies of the Lowndes County School District in the state of Mississippi.

SECTION 6

The Band Boosters shall not seek to direct the activities of the band or take away any authority from the school administration, the band directors and their staff.

SECTION 7

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

SECTION 8

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article III - Objectives

The objectives of the Caledonia High School Band Boosters shall be

- To arouse and maintain an enthusiastic interest in the various facets of the instrumental music program of the Caledonia schools of Lowndes County, Mississippi.
- To lend moral support to the instrument music programs in the Caledonia Schools of Lowndes County, Mississippi.
- To provide supplemental financial assistance in areas to be voted upon by a majority vote of the Band Boosters in attendance of a formal meeting.

Article IV - Membership

SECTION 1

The membership of the Band Boosters shall be open to anyone interested in the progress and development of the instrumental music program of the Caledonia Schools of Lowndes County, Mississippi. Each family with a child in a school band shall be considered a member of the boosters and have one vote. Voting Membership shall be effective upon payment of the student band fees for family membership or annual membership dues for open membership (as determined by the Band Boosters on an annual basis).

SECTION 2

The Membership year shall run from July 1 through June 30.

SECTION 3

Membership is effective only for the Membership year in which dues are paid.

SECTION 4

Membership consists of adults only. Students are not Band Boosters and do not vote.

Article V-Officers

SECTION 1

The officers of this organization shall be president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.

SECTION 2

Any voting member shall be eligible to run for and serve as an officer and/or chairperson of any committee.

SECTION 3

Terms of office for all officers shall be one year.

SECTION 4

In the event that an officer cannot complete his/her full term for any reason, a replacement for that term will be appointed by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5

No member or officer may hold more than one office concurrently.

SECTION 6

No more than one office may be held per family unit (both spouses cannot serve as officers).

Article VI - Duties of Officers**SECTION 1**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with advice and consent of executive committee.

SECTION 2

The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in his/her absence. He/she shall serve as the chairperson of the fundraising committee and maintain all fundraising records.

SECTION 3

The Secretary shall keep the records and minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence, and perform such other duties as deemed necessary. Meeting records shall be maintained in accordance with Regulation S Section 501 (C) (3).

SECTION 4

The Treasurer shall receive all funds due the organization, deposit same, pay all bills as determined by the membership, and submit the books to the Executive Committee monthly. This officer shall secure an independent annual audit of the books. Financial records shall be maintained in accordance with Regulation S Section 501 (C) (3).

Article VII - The Executive Committee**SECTION 1**

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the organization six (6) members at large elected by the general membership. In the absence of an established Budget Committee, the Executive Committee shall also serve as the Budget Committee and shall develop the annual budget at their July meeting.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall have the emergency power to act for the membership between regular meetings of the Band Boosters. These emergency meetings will not be conducted for any purchases over \$750.

SECTION 3

The Executive Committee shall meet once monthly, in addition to the regular quarterly meeting of the Band Boosters. The Executive Committee and Officers are expected to attend all meetings. The Executive Board will hold regular board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

SECTION 4

In the event the Executive Committee finds reason for dismissal of a fellow officer (i.e., relating to matters detrimental to the functioning of the Band Booster organization), the Executive Committee will discuss further action.

Article VIII - Meetings

SECTION 1

The regular membership meetings of this organization shall be held on a quarterly basis with membership notification being at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Membership meetings may be held in conjunction with other band activities, such as winter and spring concerts or fund raising events.

SECTION 2

Special meetings may be called by the Band Booster President. Notice of the date, time, place and business to be transacted shall be given by the secretary to the members at least five (5) days in advance. Only that business for which notice has been given shall be transacted.

SECTION 3

A Quorum shall consist of those members present in addition to a majority (five members) of the Executive Committee.

Article IX - Standing Committees

SECTION 1

There shall be the following standing committees: Fundraising Committee, Budget Committee, Nominating and Membership Committee, and such other committees as the Band Booster President shall deem necessary.

SECTION 2

The Fundraising Committee shall be led by the Vice President and shall direct the fundraising efforts of the Band Boosters.

SECTION 3

The Nominating and Membership Committee shall present a slate of Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Committee to the regular April meeting.

SECTION 4

The Budget Committee shall set the budget for the year in July to be presented to the Band Boosters for approval.

Article X- Dues

SECTION 1

Dues shall be set annually by the Nominating and Membership Committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the membership present. Dues shall be payable annually, within the Membership (fiscal) Year (July 1 through June 30).

Article XI - Elections

SECTION 1

The Nominating and Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President at the regular February meeting of each year. Nominations may be made from the floor after the report of the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 2

Officers are to be elected at the regular April meeting. They shall take office at the regular July meeting.

SECTION 3

A majority vote of the members present shall constitute an election.

Article XII - Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases in which they do not conflict with the rules of this organization.

Article XIII - Amendments

SECTION 1

Amendments may be submitted in writing by any member at any regular meeting of the Band Boosters. Amendments shall be tabled until the next regular meeting, when they may be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

SECTION 2

Upon amendment ratification, the amendment wording will be incorporated into the body of the document and the amendment date will be added to the cover page of this document.