

**ABB Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Tom Haller, Beth Cassara, Linda Haley, Jean Hendry, Paul Howald, Kathy Howald, Joan Berres, Rebecca Steinebrey, Susan James, Dr. Cannava, Beth Kosse, Mary Hargreaves.

**Absent:** Rusty Walters

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Everyone was reminded that the next meeting will be in 3 weeks, on April 2, 2008. Beth Cassara announced changes to the minutes that were distributed via email. These changes include: The \$5000 check for the scholarship fund was a check from a company from their matching funds program. This check had not yet been received. Arapahoe has moved to the Centennial League, while Heritage and Littleton High Schools will remain in the Continental League. The State Marching Band Championships will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, or November 1, 2008.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jean reported that bingo earnings are now at \$59,000 for the year and that number is \$4000 over the budgeted amount. We are currently \$8000 below budget in all other fundraisers combined. All of the 25 scholarship applicants were awarded. One did not accept their award. Susan asked about parents making trip and fee payments with a credit card. Jean said that parents would have to pay the 2.5% fee on each transaction. Susan stated that many parents comment how much easier it would be to make payments, and they could still earn credit card points and rewards. It was suggested to only accept credit cards for trip and fees payments, not Scrip and grocery certificates. Jean and Susan will verify the details and set up rules for use of a credit card. Dr. Cannava stated that a refund would be coming from the CBA, as our Concert Band and Symphonic Band are going no further in competition towards the State Championships.

**Director's Report:** Pep band is over for the year. The boy's basketball team thanked the band for their performances and gave them a balloon arrangement and candy. WPE and WG are in full swing. WPE has been placing first at their competitions. The Dixie night at Luigi's was successful. The owner promises to host this again next year. Middle School Band Night was a success. We had some students express interest in attending AHS for the band program. Dr. Cannava said that LHS and HHS do not participate in the Middle School Band Night. He stressed that we definitely should continue with this. The Jazz Concert on February 28<sup>th</sup> was well done. The CU Honor Band Concert was very good.

The Freshman Showcase was well attended, and promising numbers of out-of-district students expressed interest in attending Arapahoe, as well. The State Concert Qualifying Festival was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Concert Band performed especially well, earning an excellent rating. Symphonic Band earned a high excellent rating. Wind Ensemble will proceed to the state championships. The CHSAA Concert Band Festival is April 4<sup>th</sup> at Rock Canyon High School.

Drum major competition continues. There were 7 students at the beginning, with 4 remaining. The student must have a 3.0 GPA to compete. The Blue Knights will be here for judging and to determine the two winners, on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Section leaders will be decided on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Mile High Jazz Festival was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. One judge rated Jazz I the best band out of 84 bands! Jazz I and Dixie performed at Dazzle's, with the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The March Band Concert will be tomorrow, the 13<sup>th</sup>. The Pre-Concert Ensembles will begin at 5:45. There are many ensembles this year. Nick Hinman is the student teacher.

All-State Band, with 6 students, is March 27-29, with the concert on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Winter Guard is hosting a competition at AHS on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The pit orchestra for the spring musical is under way. The first sing-thru will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Cannava has hired the judges for the Arapahoe Marching Invitational to be held on September 20, 2008. Requests for donations of air miles and hotel vouchers will be advertised soon. The Alumni Weekend is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising:** Tom stated that festival needs will be advertised soon after spring break. The Haller family will host a "Passionate Palette" party on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, for invited guests. Car Wash information will be advertised after spring break. Jean received a check from the phone book company for \$7127.00. Susan will divide this total and distribute it into all workers' share accounts.

**Trip Update:** Susan stated that there are 49 students and 4 family members current with payments. She says 7 more students seem interested. The next payment to the travel company is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. A partial refund will be returned to us in September if we do not have 100 students making payments. Some additions to the tours may be made, such as the Tower of London and changing of the palace guards.

**Bingo:** We will host a "must-go" before May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Color Guard:** Kathy said that fliers for the March 29<sup>th</sup> competition will be posted this week. They are expecting 500-600 audience members. Paul asked ABB to loan money to run the competition, which will be returned to ABB after the 29<sup>th</sup>. Details and amounts were presented, with a total amount of \$2500.00 requested. Linda Haley motioned to forward the money, and Beth Kosse seconded. The motion passed. Workers will split all proceeds from the day.

Fred explained his request for the new field show speakers, which were mentioned a couple of months ago. These speakers would benefit the entire marching band during competitions. He went over the specs, and spoke of a discounted price that he is being offered. The speakers retail for \$4600 per pair. They are on sale for \$3600 a pair, and have been further discounted to \$2800 per pair. This amount probably does not include shipping charges. He also stated he may need some new cords. He plans to tie the speakers to dollies and to place the dolly and speaker in a wooden frame while on the field. The dollies run between \$50 and \$100 each. The cords are probably inexpensive. Fred will check into the freight charge. Jean said that since the budget is so tight, we could purchase these speakers from the rollover or reserve funds account. This account currently has approximately \$39,000. It was voted that ABB would purchase these field show speakers, freight charges, and accessories, as needed.

**Hospitality:** Lynn Brown will be in charge of hospitality for the 2008-09 school year. The CHSAA festival at Rock Canyon High School will need a dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tom spoke about the budget for next year and asked chairpersons and board members to email Jean with financial needs for next year. Jean asked to have all requests by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Then, a draft budget will be sent out for review in early April. The budget will be further discussed and voted at the May ABB meeting. The major concerns for next year include: lower student enrollment, increased fuel and transportation expenses, and the possibility that ABB may now have to fund substitute teachers when Dr. Cannava is out for the day with different bands. The Slate of Officers for next year will also be presented to the general membership in early April and voted in May.

The Greeley Jazz Festival will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. The bands will take a charter bus. All bands and ensembles are scheduled for a professional recording session in Downtown Denver on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Transportation will have to be arranged for this event. The Wind Ensemble will be performing at the State Concert Band Championships on April 22.

Jean asked for approximately \$200 to upgrade the Quicken software that she uses for bookkeeping. This was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beth Cassara, Secretary, ABB.