

BROWARD WILDCATS BAND BOOSTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 28, 2021
ANNUAL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM FOR ALL BOARD POSITIONS FOR ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR
2021-2022

19 Attendees present:

Board Members in attendance – Erika Miller, Rob Abel, Sylvia Smith, Stephanie Andrade, Lori Ramirez, Niurka Concepción, Katya Diaz. Kimberly Raymond and Esther Rosenberg both ABSENT.

Non Board Members in attendance - Veronica Diaz, David Smith, Gabe Dominelli, Oleg Gorokhovskiy, Tomas Nadorfy, Victoria Chodrow, Michelle Bernstein, Lisa Saponaro, Mezanne Moo Young, Mike McGovern, Kity Laboriel, and Johnnie Tracey, Band Director, Western High School.

Meeting Called to Order by President Erika Miller at 7:09 PM. Erika proceeded to make the following statement: “My name is Erika Miller, President, Broward Wildcats Band Boosters Association. In accordance with Article 4, Section 7, Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Bylaws, I hereby arrange for Vice President Ron Abel to preside over the Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Annual Meeting, called for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the 2021-2022 academic school year.”

Vice President Abel followed with: “In accordance with Article 3, Section 1 and Article 4 Section 3, Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Bylaws, I hereby call to order the Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Annual Meeting to elect officers and directors for the 2021-2022 academic school year, which is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2021, in accordance with "Amendments to the Bylaws", Line 1, passed on March 22, 2017. Also, in accordance with Article 4, Section 3, Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Bylaws, directors will be elected by a majority of current directors. Those directors, elected on March 11, 2020, are:

Erika Miller, President;
Ron Abel, Vice President;
Sylvia Smith, Treasurer;
Lori Ramirez, Secretary;
Stephanie Andrade, Financial Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator;
Niurka Concepción, Social Media Coordinator;
Kim Raymond, Board Member At-Large;
Katya Diaz, Board Member At-Large;
and Esther Rosenberg, Historian.

Finally, in accordance with Article 4, Section 5, Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Bylaws, a quorum must be attained by at least 51% of the board members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed. Since we have 9 current board members, which is the maximum allowed, we would need to have 5 board members in attendance this evening to conduct business.”

The Vice President confirmed the presence of 7 of the 9 Board members and established a quorum to conduct business.

The VP described the process for the meeting. Before he could start the election, Oleg Gorokhovskiy asked to present an objection. He was allowed and voiced numerous contentions. His first was that the current meeting is invalid as the position of President was chosen and given a title and was already listed on Booster bank account. He is concerned that Bylaws are not listed on the website, this current meeting to hold elections is invalid as there was a President chosen. This current meeting is invalid as VP has already resigned and not valid to vote in current meeting. He stated VP sent resignation in text message form. Information for students was provided to Kity Laboriel that was not supposed to occur and it was wrong. He is a concerned parent as he has a child in the program. He questioned why all board meeting minutes were not placed on Booster website for all to see. He questioned why wasn't a notice of elections sent to everyone? Kity Laboriel jumped in with same sentiments and added that there were no board meetings held last school year. Lisa Saponaro stated by Zoom chat that the world experienced a worldwide pandemic and we need to bear that in mind. Kity L. placed concern that parents had donations and there were no board members responding to collect donations last school year. She stated that the current attempt to hold the meeting is incorrect and not valid.

David Smith and Ron Abel both pointed out that any appointees made were in fact done in error as the process did not adhere to Bylaw rules and as such are all invalid. This meeting held today is to correct all errors and validate a new Board for the new school year and in time for July 1st.

A gentleman identifying himself as attorney Gabe Dominelli commented that the President Erika Miller and Vice President Ron Abel should not be allowed to preside over the meeting and cast votes as they had resigned from the Board. David Smith reminded him that their intention was to step aside from a board that did not exist in accordance with our Bylaws and they had not resigned from the actual presiding board of directors.

Niurka Concepcion commented on how unhappy she was with the situation and abstained from voting for Social Media and Marketing Director position and only casted a vote for President Kity Laboriel. Niurka stated that she doesn't want to hold the position any longer and it was requested that she resign by providing written correspondence.

Oleg G. requested the Bylaws and a copy of these meeting minutes. Sylvia asked for him to provide his email to the Broward Wildcats Band Booster email. He also stated he will be registering a complaint to Western's Athletic Director and to the Principal of the School.

Ron listed positions and nominations placed for each position.

NOMINATIONS AS FOLLOWS

President – Stephanie Andrade & Kity Laboriel - 6 votes placed in favor of Stephanie Andrade (Erika Miller, Ron Abel, Sylvia Smith, Lori Ramirez, Stephanie Andrade & Katia Diaz), 1 vote in favor of Kity Laboriel (Niurka Concepción). Stephanie Andrade confirmed in position.

Vice President – Victoria Chodrow unopposed. MOTION by Sylvia, Second by Katia, All in favor, Victoria Chodrow confirmed in position as no other contenders.

Treasurer - Sylvia Smith unopposed. MOTION by Stephanie, Second by Katya, all in favor, Sylvia Smith confirmed in position as no other contenders.

Secretary – Mezanne Moo Young unopposed. MOTION by Katya, Second by Stephanie, All in favor, Mezanne Moo Young confirmed in position as no other contenders.

Financial Secretary – Erika Miller, Victoria Chodrow & Tomas Nadorfy - (before vote was placed, Tomas & Victoria withdrew their nominations) – MOTION by Katya, Second by Sylvia, All in favor, Erika Miller confirmed in position as no other contenders.

Social Media and Marketing Director– David Smith, Kisha Jackson. - 6 votes cast for David Smith (Erika Miller, Ron Abel, Sylvia Smith, Lori Ramirez, Stephanie Andrade & Katya Diaz), 1 abstained, Niurka Concepción. David Smith confirmed in position.

Board Member at Large – Veronica Diaz unopposed. MOTION by Sylvia, Second by Katya, All in favor, Veronica Diaz confirmed in position as no other contenders.

Board Member at Large - Historian – Kisha Jackson unopposed. Motion by Katya, Second by Stephanie, All in favor, Kisha Jackson confirmed in position as no other contenders.

2021-2022 Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Board Of Directors:

Vice President Ron Abel announced the 2021-2022 Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Board Of Directors:

President: Stephanie Andrade

Vice President: Victoria Chodrow

Treasurer: Sylvia Smith

Secretary: Mezanne Moo Young

Financial Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator: Erika Miller

Social Media and Marketing Director: David Smith

Board Member at-Large: Veronica Diaz

Board Member at Large - Historian: Kisha Jackson

MOTION made by Katya Diaz to adjourn the meeting. Second by Sylvia Smith. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.