

Gates Chili Band Boosters, Inc.
By-Laws of Organization

Article I – Definition of Terms

Henceforth, the term's *band* and *chorus* will refer to the group of volunteer families or persons that support each of those groups. The Music Boosters serves as an “umbrella” organization to coordinate the efforts of band and chorus families.

Article II – Name

The name of this organization is Gates Chili Band Boosters, Inc. The organization may, at its pleasure, change its name by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article III – Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to support the development of the Gates Chili High School Band(s) and the High School Chorus(es) through fund raising, and to participate with the school district in the advancement of music activities.

Article IV – Organization

Each group (band and chorus) will be-represented on the Board of Directors.

Article V – Finances

The fiscal year of the organization will be July 1 through and including June 30.

An audit of all financial records may be held upon a change of Treasurer(s) or upon request of the Board of Directors.

Article VI – Membership

The original membership of this corporation shall be the persons who are named in the Certificate of Incorporation as Directors until the first annual meeting.

The membership is composed of parents or guardians of students that participate in one of the groups referred to in Article III. However, membership is also open to *other* residents of the Gates Chili School District.

Article VII – Meetings

All general membership meetings shall be open to the public and the dates shall be published in the Gates Chili Central School District calendar.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called as follows:

- By the president as deemed necessary
- At the request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors, the president shall call a special meeting as requested.
- All committee meetings shall be at the discretion of the chair of such committee.
- There will be an annual members meeting.

Article VIII – Voting

Most voting is based on consensus of those members present when the vote is taken. A vote by secret ballot will be honored if requested by anyone present. All other voting shall be by show of hand.

Members who are parents or guardians of students in one of the organizations will be the only members with voting privileges.

Article IX – Election of Board of Directors and Officers

A slate of the Board of Directors and officers shall be presented and elected at the annual meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at this time.

Article X – Board of Directors

The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than five (5) or more than thirteen (13) members, at least one member from each group (band and chorus). The current Board of Directors shall determine the numbers of members of next year's board. This number is to be stated when nominations are being accepted.

A Board of Directors member must be a parent or guardian of a student that is participating in one of the groups mentioned in Article III.

Board Members may be removed or added by a two-thirds vote of the entire current Board, with cause.

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization.

The Board of Directors may make or change any rules and regulations concerning its meetings as it may, in its discretion, determine to be necessary.

The President of the organization shall be the chairperson of the Board of Directors.

All officers shall be members of the Board of Directors.

The Director(s) of the Gates Chili High School Band(s) and Chorus(es) shall be permanent, non-voting members of the Board and will not be included in the maximum number of positions but will hold veto power over any decision that involves students or school policy.

Article XI- Officers

The officers of the organization shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members in attendance when the vote is taken. The officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall also include the Volunteer Coordinator and the Uniform Coordinator.

President:

- Shall preside at all membership meetings.
- Shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent.
- Shall see that all books, reports, and certificates as required by law are properly kept and filed.
- No person shall hold the President's position for more than two consecutive years.

Vice President:

- Shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise the position of president, become acting President of the organization.
- Shall be a non-voting member of every committee either temporary or permanent. Each committee shall report to the Vice-President.
- Shall schedule fund raising events.

Secretary:

- Shall record all minutes of every meeting of the membership, Board of Directors, and officers
- Shall create a permanent file for minutes of all meetings.
- Shall serve notices to members of the organization as directed by the President.
- Shall submit to the organization any communication which is addressed to the secretary of the organization.
- Shall attend to the correspondence of the organization and shall exercise the duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Treasurer:

- Shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities or the organization.
- Shall render, at such times as the Board of Directors determines, a written account of the finances of the organization, which shall be affixed to the minutes of such meeting.
- Shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.
- Shall maintain a detailed summary of student credits accumulated and allocated through Music Boosters fund raising events and school functions.

No officer or member shall be entitled to receive any salary or compensation.

Article XII – Expenditure of Music Boosters Funds

The Music Boosters organization cannot support personal music endeavors by band or chorus students regardless of that student’s participation in Music Boosters fundraising events.

Music Boosters funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Special needs for music department trips
- Refreshments purchases associated with band and chorus events such as field shows, concerts, parades, trips, etc.
- Annual scholarship to one band and one chorus senior student
- Donation to school events such as the “Prime Time” event held after the senior ball
- Purchase of recognition awards
- Purchase of supplies for fundraising events
- Purchase of flowers and letters for senior students
- Special equipment requested by the Music Directors and not funded by current school budget

Students may request that credits earned through Music Boosters fundraising events be applied to the cost of participation in school events. Examples include:

- Major trips
- Any outing organized by the music department staff requiring student funding
- Darien Lake Band event
- Dinkles and marching band/chorus T shirts

Any senior with unused credits at the time of graduation will surrender those credits to a sibling or the Boosters general fund, without exception. Requests for credits for personal use will not be honored.

Article XIII – By Laws

The By Laws of this organization shall be made available upon request.

The By Laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of at least 50% of the Board of Directors.

These By Laws were:

- Revised May 15, 2000
- Approved June 5, 2000 meeting to be effective July 1, 2000
- Revised March 2001 to better define Use of Student's credits
- Revised June 2004 to reflect resolution by Board in agreement with GCHS administration regarding use of student credits
- Revised May 5, 2008 to reflect 1) combining band and chorus funds from separate accounts to one combined account; 2) Article VIII, Voting, eliminate separate voting for band and chorus to reflect a unified organization.
- Approved May 5, 2008 to be effective July 1, 2008.
- Revised March 3, 2009 to expand use of student credit for chorus students.
- Approved March 3, 2009 effective immediately.