

Nixa R-2 Band Boosters
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Articles of Association (Amended February 23, 1999)
By-Laws Amended January 22, 2007
By-Laws Amended October 15, 2007

Article I: The Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association was formed for the sole purpose of raising funds and providing volunteer support to further the educational opportunities of the band program in the Nixa R-II School District, educational opportunities being within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Article II: The Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article III: No part of the net earnings of the Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt for Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article IV: All assets of the Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association are permanently dedicated to the educational opportunities of the band program in the Nixa R-II School District. Should the Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association dissolve, the Executive Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the association, dispose of all of the assets of the association exclusively for the purposes of the association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Board of Trustees, shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the association 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 V: The Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association is nondiscriminatory in its membership in regard to age, religion, race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin.

Article VI: The Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association is formed by the adoption of these Articles of Association and the Nixa R-2 Band Boosters Association bylaws.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 24th day of February, 1999.

Kenneth Stewart, President

Janette Clinton, Treasurer

Craig Finger, Director of Bands
Nixa R-II School District

Mission Statement

Parents and community members of Nixa can be a proud and vital part of the growth and development of the Nixa band student. In positive cooperation with the administration, directors and students, it is believed that the band booster organization can be a model partnership between the home and school, with the ultimate goal of promoting music education in the Nixa R-II School District.

The Nixa Band Boosters are a non-profit organization providing enthusiastic interest in and support of the Nixa R-2 band program. Including the endorsement of the band program of the Nixa R-2 school system and a commitment for auxiliary* financial assistance.

**Auxiliary - helping provide additional help when needed, a supplementary organization.*

Beliefs

1. Music is a lifelong and essential part of the human experience.
2. Active participation in music promotes personal expression, cooperation, and creative growth.
3. Music promotes cognitive as well as emotional and social development.
4. Music encourages self-discipline and self-efficacy.
5. Every person deserves the opportunity to experience and participate in music.
6. Music is a vital and integral part of a comprehensive curricular education.
7. Music education is enhanced with relevant use of technology.
8. Our community values music education.
9. Creating music with others promotes self-discipline, cooperation, and communication.
10. Music inherently presents the opportunity for people to identify and bridge cultural differences.
11. Music transforms and exalts the human spirit.

Objectives

1. Sponsoring of projects stressing educational and musical value.
2. Alleviating the work load for the director(s) through the establishment of various committees.
3. Providing additional financial assistance for the band program. To provide opportunities that the school would not otherwise be able to.
4. The main concern of the Nixa Band Booster Club is the success and expansion of the band program in the Nixa R-II School District.

Parameters

1. The Nixa Band Boosters are a non-profit organization.
2. The purpose of the Band Boosters is to provide enthusiastic support and additional financial resources beyond what the school district is able to provide.
3. The members representing the booster organization should not engage in conversations with official school representatives regarding school policy, band policy or personnel unless approved by the director. Doing so forfeits membership in the organization.
4. Any action that will involve the band program of the Nixa R-II School District should be approved by the faculty member(s) charged with management of the band program as designated by the Nixa R-II Board of Education.

Nixa Band Booster Club By-laws

I. Officers

A. Process of Election

1. President conducts the election the last meeting of the current school year.
2. Terms run consecutive to the school year with the exception of the first years' officers who will be carried over to the following year for continuity during establishment of the Nixa Band Booster Club.
3. Election process begins with open nominations for each officer with a second and majority vote.

B. Officers and Responsibilities

1. The executive committee consists of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Band Director.
2. President – Presides over meetings, is liaison between Director and Booster Club and oversees committee activities.
3. Vice-President – fills in when the President is unavailable. Assists President in duties. Monitors adherence to the school district's fundraising policy.
4. Secretary – Responsible for dealing with correspondence, and records of meetings and activities.
5. Treasurer – Duties include receipt and care of incoming funds and the paying out of moneys to debtors.
6. Head Director – School Board designated faculty member charged with management of the band program and all of its activities.

II. Committees

- A. Various committees will be established as necessary. Committee chairs will be appointed by executive committee.
- B. All volunteers must complete a volunteer guidelines agreement form prior to any actual student contact.
- C. Action Plans are to be filled out prior to any formal booster action.

III. Membership

- A. The Nixa Band Booster Club is a non-profit organization open to the public at large.
- B. There are no monetary dues or fees.
- C. Membership is open to all individuals and businesses. You do not have to have a child in the band program to participate in the booster club.

IV. Adopt the Band

- A. Parents, community members and businesses can “adopt” the band boosters at different monetary levels.
- B. The Adoption program must be maintained in accordance with the Nixa R-2 School District fundraising policy.

V. Meeting Times and Frequency

- A. Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month while school is in session. If for any reason school is not in session, the meeting will be held the 4th Monday. No meetings, except ones called by the President of the Executive committee will be held during summer vacations.
- B. Meetings will be held at the Nixa High School Band Room unless other arrangements need to be made.
- C. Meeting times will be from 7pm to 8pm.

VI. Formal Plan of Meeting

- A. President sets agenda one week prior to general meeting for approval by Executive Committee.
- B. Call to order by President or Vice-President, if President is unavailable of membership meeting.
- C. Reading of the Officer Reports (Secretary and Treasurer) with second an approval by membership.
- D. Directors Reports
- E. Committee reports of activities.
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
- H. Adjournment

VIII. Treasury Procedures

- A. Financial Bookkeeping
 - 1. Three members of the Executive Committee (excluding the Director) will be designated as signers on the checking account. Only one signature is to be required on checks, however, expenditures will be approved by the Director and two members of the Executive Committee, or by a vote of booster membership as a whole.
 - 2. Itemized receipts and proof of expenditures. All expenditures should have a receipt.
 - 3. The treasurer will maintain any student trip accounts if designated by the director.
 - 4. Student trip account funds are to be used for major trip expenses only.
- B. Purchasing Authority
 - 1. Purchases are to be made after voted approval by the membership at large.
 - 2. There are times that purchases may need to be made prior to monthly meetings, including during the summer months. The executive committee has the authority to make such purchases with a majority approval. Efforts should be made to keep these situations to a minimum.
 - 3. The director at times may need to make purchases without booster approval. This situation should only arise in emergencies or if contact with the executive board has been attempted and timing of the response does not coincide with the necessity of the purchase and should not exceed \$250.