

OTHS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

September 10, 2025

President Tiffany Ditchfield called the meeting to order with 17 members, 4 coaches, and Athletic Director Jon Leslie in attendance.

Coaches' Requests

The following requests were made:

- Coach Matt Gross requested new sweat suits for Boys Tennis at a cost of \$2993 for 20 sets. The existing sets are 11 or 12 years old.
- Glen Weatherford requested the following for Boys/Girls Track to replace equipment that has fallen into disrepair (total \$6000):
 - Hurdles \$2400
 - Pole Vault standards \$2100
 - High Jump standards \$875
 - Associated freight cost for all of the above \$625
- Kevin Augenbaugh requested the following for Girls Wrestling (total \$1650):
 - 25 singlets at \$39 each, for a total of \$975
 - 25 warm up jackets at \$25 each, for a total of \$625
 - Associated shipping cost for all of the above \$50
- Janell Nordtvedt requested 36 new warmup jackets and pants for Cheer, at a total cost of \$3800, including shipping.

The total of all requests is \$14,443. Discussion included information that the school's athletics budget provides a total of approximately \$13,000/year for uniforms, allowing 3 or 4 teams to replace uniforms each year on a set rotation. That budget does not include warmup suits. A motion to approve all requests was made by Josh Mammen and seconded by Carrie Price. All members present voted in favor.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 2025 meeting was made by Lisa Smithmeyer and seconded by MariJo Araujo. There was no correspondence. The treasurer's reports from June and August were presented. A motion to approve the June report was made by MariJo Araujo and seconded by Carrie Price. A motion to approve the August report was made by Kerry Bryson and seconded by Lisa Smithmeyer.

Administrative Reports

Membership (Stacey Soulsby) Membership for 2025-26 is currently at 86. The membership drive is ongoing. Members who join by September 12, 2025, will be entered into a drawing for \$100 of spirit wear.

Website (Nicole Heaver) All information is up to date.

50/50 Ticket Sales (Lisa Smithmeyer) A few volunteers are still needed for home football games. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Red and White night brought in \$110, and the Streator game brought in \$361. The Red and White night prize has not been claimed.

Pirates Chest Cash Raffle (Courtney Miller & Carrie Price) Tickets are out to teams. More are available if needed. Tickets will be sold through October 3. \$8,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at a drawing on October 10. As in

the past, teams receive 80% of the profits from ticket sales and Booster Club receives 20%. Booster Club will have a table set up that night for additional sales.

Spirit Wear (Tiffany Ditchfield) Tiffany thanked former Booster Club member Sara Whitaker for all of her past help with Spirit Wear sales. And, thank you to Julie Morey who will be helping with Spirit Wear going forward. There is a lot of fun new merchandise, and sales have been brisk! Red and White Night sales were \$3203 and Streater football game sales were \$2468. Homecoming shirts will be sold the week of the game, at a cost of \$15/ each.

Athletic Director's Report Jon Leslie reported that approximately 1 in 3 students are participating in fall sports and/or band. This coming Friday is a home game against LaSalle-Peru, and it is also junior high band night. Attendance should be high!

The athletic department is seeking a Booster Club volunteer to assist in outreach to advertisers on the Kingman Gym digital scoreboard. Mike Heuser volunteered to help.

Old Business

Concessions (Tara Schmitz) A few volunteers are needed for this week's varsity football game.

New Business

Homecoming The parade is Wednesday, September 24, and the game is Friday September 26.

Paint the Pirate Volunteers are needed to help paint the Pirate on the street in front of the school and to decorate the courtyard and area around the school. The date is Sunday, September 21, at noon. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Upcoming important dates:

- Homecoming Parade – September 24, 2025, 6 p.m.
- Homecoming Game – September 26, 2025

A motion to adjourn was made by MariJo Araujo and seconded by Josh Mammen.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Bryson