

North Allegheny Baseball Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 (originally scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2025; moved due to scheduling conflict)

Location: Virtual

Link: <https://meet.google.com/tj-civc-cvd>

Time: 6:00 PM

Attendance

- **Officers:** Nicole Williamson, Blake Kohler, Jamie Lopez, and Erin Mullen
 - **Committee Members:** none
 - **Coaching Staff:** none
 - **Parents:** none
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President's Report

2025–2026 Apparel Store

- Design options approved by Board and Coaching Staff.
- Store launch by **October 1**, open through **October 14** for holiday delivery (same as last year).
- TigerFest Apparel Budget: Needs a significant increase since only Nike items will be sold (last year's budget ~\$950. Per budget review and based on last year's sales, the estimated budget for 2026 increased to \$1,615.32. All present unanimously voted for this increase.

Community Service Updates

- **Bazzy & Bubba's Backpack Brigade:**
 - Donated 18 backpacks and school supplies (physical and cash donations).
 - 6 players delivered items.
 - BSN is interested in contributing backpacks next year.
- **Toys for Tigers:**
 - Per request of UBO, donation has increased from \$175 to \$200. This is the amount that is budgeted for each child.
 - Each grade (9–12) to shop for a total of 4 children.
 - Consider inviting middle school participation.
 - Low player volunteer participation last year—need ideas to boost involvement.
- **Apraxia Walk:**
 - **Date:** Saturday, October 11, 2025.
 - Donation link on NA Baseball website.

Class of 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

- **Date:** October 2, 2025, at Trinity Center, Greek Orthodox Church (McCandless).
- Boosters paid/paying \$150 for half-page ad honoring inductees **Mike McKnight (1991)** and **Adam Dobies (2003)**.
 - Heck will create an ad as he creates the Banquet guide.

Monthly Newsletters

- Resume this month. Include:
 - **Banquet:** June 16, 2026, at The Camelot (Warrendale). Board unanimously approved. Owner is sending the paperwork to complete to Nicole's home address.
 - **TigerFest:** Sunday, March 8, 2026, 11:00 AM–2:00 PM (Volunteer setup at 10:00 AM).
 - **Photography Schedule (Madia):**
 - MMS: 11:00 AM
 - IMS: 11:20 AM
 - CMS: 11:40 AM
 - Freshman: 12:00 PM
 - JV/Varsity: 12:30 PM

- Include “We Need Your Help!” section with volunteer form link for YETI raffle gift card collection and sponsorship outreach.
- Note: Players securing **Grand Slam (\$500)** or **Home Run (\$1,000)** sponsorships qualify for booster fee reimbursement.

Senior Player Awards

- Continue same award amounts as last year (IRS 1099 threshold increases to \$2,000 effective Jan 1, 2026).

IRS 990

- Awaiting draft return.

Google Sign-Up Form

- Updated and sent end of August.

Athletic Department Updates

I3 Education – Payment & Registration Solution

- No cost for machines (4 units). We would have to let AD know when we would need to use it. If there will be a rental payment next year, we need to take that into account.
- Can process memberships, sponsorships, apparel sales, and track inventory. We could potentially use it to track TigerFest sales.
- Integrated with PayforIt Schools; funds go directly to the Boosters bank account.
- Potential for TigerFest use.
- **Action:** Nicole is to ask about transaction fees, and then we will decide if we want to set up a demo at a future meeting or on an alternative date.

Booster Role vs. Athletic Department Role

- Boosters support teams financially/emotionally (meals, equipment, banquets).
- **Not involved** in discipline, playing time, or coaching decisions.
- Complaints → Athletic Director **Bob Bozzuto (412-527-0208)**.
- District fully manages program.
- **Coach Bus Rentals:** Boosters pay capped at \$1,750 per bus (exceptions possible).
- **Postseason travel:** District-funded.
- **Athletic Insurance:** Secondary coverage available; contact AD office.
- **Logo Use:** Only official Tiger/Paw logo; AD approval required for outside vendors.

Communications & Media

- *This Week in Tiger Sports* podcast, hosted by John Phillips (2/month).
- Snap Mobile app being added for ticket purchases.

Senior Recognition

- Plaque with 8x10 photo: **\$34/player** (up \$1).
- Nameplate only: **\$13** (up \$1).

Additional Updates

- New trainer: Angela Vendetti.
- Title IX Disclosure Act due **9/30/25**.
- AD covers cost if no bus is available.
- Booster photographers require AD approval (lawsuit issues).
- No alcohol at banquets (violation reports last year).
- Do not schedule banquet on religious observation days

Capital Improvement Projects

- **Current:**
 - NASH & NAI weight rooms.
 - NASH Championship Plaza & Drive.
 - Baierl Center/Newman Stadium signage updates.
- **Planned:**

- Newman Stadium D-Zones.
 - Storage at tennis court & MMS softball.
 - NASH track/javelin upgrades.
 - Bleacher replacements:
 - Visitors: May 4, 2026.
 - Home: June 8, 2026.
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Facilities & Environmental

- AD exploring gym air conditioning:
 - Phase 1: Elementary gyms & NASH.
 - Phase 2: NAI gyms.
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Programs & Fundraisers

- **Team Up with the Tigers:** Student leadership program. Reach out to AD Office for additional information.
 - **Toys for Tigers Fundraiser:** Spaghetti Dinner, Nov 9, 2025, 1–5 PM, NASH Cafeteria.
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Treasurer's Report

- Bank Balance: \$40,933.06 (as of 9/3/25)
 - Outstanding Deposits: BSN will not provide a check for the summer apparel sale as it falls below \$100. Instead, BSN will apply this credit towards a future order that is placed.
 - Outstanding Checks: \$150 Hall of Fame
 - All gear is purchased and paid for the 2026 season.
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2025–2026 Budget Discussion

- **Revenue Last Year:**
 - Fundraising: \$32K (YETI raffle \$26.6K).
 - Sponsorships: \$17K (goal this year: \$22K). We would like to start trying to get sponsorships as soon as possible.
 - Player dues: \$21.4K
 - **Budget Concerns:**
 - Need similar/increased YETI and sponsorship revenue to maintain balance.
 - Options if shortfall:
 - Require more tickets per player.
 - Add fundraisers.
 - Reduce expenses (gifts, meals, drinks).
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Fundraising Committee Report

- YETI Raffle and Sponsorships remain the primary focus.
 - Need volunteers for gift card collection (Google form sent).
 - Encourage families to ask local businesses (provide flyers if recognition requested).
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Future Meeting Dates (All at 6:00 PM, Virtual unless noted)

2025: Oct 5 • Nov 2 • Dec 7

2026: Jan 4 • Feb 1 • Mar 1 • Apr 5 • May 3 • Jun 7 (No July meeting)