

WAUBONSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Music Education Advocates Coalition

Constitution

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ARTICLES

Article I – NAME

The association shall be known as the Waubonsie Valley High School Music Education Advocates Coalition of Indian Prairie School District 204, hereinafter designated as “**MEAC**” or as the “**Coalition.**” MEAC shall be comprised of three autonomous groups known as the Waubonsie Valley Band Boosters Association (BBA), the Waubonsie Valley Choir Parent Association (CPA), and the Waubonsie Valley Orchestra Parents Association (OPA), hereinafter designated as the “**Associations.**”

Article II – PURPOSE

The purpose for which MEAC is organized is exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as defined in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereinafter be amended. The purpose of the Coalition shall be the advancement of music education at Waubonsie Valley High School (WVHS), Indian Prairie School District 204, and in specific furtherance thereof:

- a) To enhance music learning for all members of the Valley Waubonsie High School community through collaboration with the goals and objectives of the WVHS music faculty.
- b) To assist the Waubonsie Valley High School music faculty with the organization and administration of curricular and co-curricular music programs and events.
- c) To provide resources, financial and otherwise, to support, facilitate, and/or enhance the implementation and/or operation of curricular and co-curricular music activities as recommended and approved by the WVHS music faculty and supported by the Executive Boards and General Membership of the respective Associations.
- d) To promote communication, understanding, collaboration, and involvement amongst music students, parents/guardians, alumni, community members, and faculty connected with the Waubonsie Valley Music Department, and/or within the Waubonsie Valley High School community.
- e) To maintain a historical record of the activities, programs, achievements, student musicians, and faculty of the Waubonsie Valley High School Music Department.
- f) To promote and enhance through various media local community interest in music education and the Waubonsie Valley High School Music Department concerts and activities.
- g) To cooperate with the Waubonsie Valley High School administration and the Indian Prairie District 204 Board of Education.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

All parents/guardians of student members of curricular or co-curricular Waubonsie Valley High School music ensembles are members of the Coalition and the respective Association(s). All members have a vote in any business transacted at a Coalition General Membership meeting or a respective Association General Membership Meeting.

Article IV – GOVERNMENT

Section I AUTHORITY. Legal authority for the management, policies, actions, and funds of the Coalition and the respective Associations shall be vested in the elected members of the respective Executive Boards and the Waubonsie Valley High School Music Department certified faculty. The Executive Board officers, faculty representatives, and individual members may make recommendations regarding management, policies, actions and funds. The legislative power of the respective Associations and the Coalition shall be vested in the membership through the Executive Board officers and certified faculty. Provisions for the regulation of affairs of each Association shall be provided for in the By-Laws of each respective Association.

Section II EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS. In addition to the respective members of the music department faculty, the Executive Board for each Association shall consist of at least four elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. As presiding officer, the Association President shall be responsible for the leadership of the respective Association, plan and preside at all Executive Board meetings, and serve as the Association's representative on the MEAC Council. The title, term of office, duties, and responsibilities for each elected officer shall be provided for in the By-Laws of each respective Association.

Section III MUSIC EDUCATION ADVOCATES COALITION COUNCIL. The membership of the MEAC Council shall consist of the President of each Association, a faculty representative from each of the three performing areas, and the Waubonsie Valley High School Music Department Chairperson. The MEAC Council will coordinate, support, and promote performances and music education programs involving students from multiple Waubonsie Valley High School Music Department ensembles. The Coalition Council shall meet on an annual basis during the school year at a time and place identified by the Music Department Chairperson and agreed upon by the membership of the Council. Special meetings of the Coalition Council may be called at the request of an Association President, a faculty representative, or the Music Department Chairperson. The time and place for special meetings of the MEAC Council shall be coordinated and communicated by the Music Department Chairperson. The Music Department Chairperson shall appoint an Association President to serve in the capacity of Secretary for all Council meetings.

Section IV ASSOCIATION AUTONOMY. Within the Articles of this Constitution, each Association shall operate in an autonomous manner with respect to elections, meetings, activities, and finances. Any actions taken by the MEAC Council which affect the activities and/or expenditures of a respective Association and/or its Executive Board will require a minimum of 6 of 7 votes from the Council membership.

Article V – ELECTIONS

The manner of the election of Executive Board officers and the appointment of committee chairpersons shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the respective Associations.

Article VI – INUREMENT OF INCOME

No part of the net earnings of the BABO, CPA or OPA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except to those that the Association(s) shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

All funds credited to an individual student as a result of participation in a BB, CPA or OPA sponsored fund raising program will be deposited into a personalized student account under the management of an Association treasurer. Such funds may only be used by said student to defer the cost of participation in a Waubonsie Valley H.S. Music Department activity. Funds in student account:

- (a) May be transferred from Association to Association within the Coalition upon written request by said student's parents by June 30 of the graduation year.
- (b) Will, upon the graduation of a senior musician, be transferred to the account of a younger sibling, including an incoming freshman, enrolled in the Music Department provided the association is notified by June 30 of the graduation year.
- (c) Will be transferred to the general operations account of the Association administering said student's account on July 1 of the graduating year.

Article VII – OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, MEAC and the respective Associations shall not conduct or sponsor any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation:

- a) exempt from Federal Income Tax Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law,
- b) contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law,

Article VIII – ADVOCACY

The MEAC Council, the Executive Boards, and the General Membership of the respective Associations shall serve as advocates for music education within the curriculum of Indian Prairie School District 204, the serving the Naperville, Aurora, Bolingbrook & Plainfield communities, and the State of Illinois. No part of the activities of MEAC or the respective Associations shall be dedicated to the publication and/or distribution of political propaganda. Neither MEAC nor the respective Associations shall participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of a candidate for public office.

Article IX – DISSOLUTION & DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

As school affiliated bodies, MEAC, BB, CPA, and OPA exist solely with the approval of the Waubonsie Valley High School music faculty. In the event of dissolution of the Coalition as a result of the disbanding of one or more of the respective Associations, the Executive Board officers shall, after satisfying the liabilities of said Association and with the approval of the Waubonsie Valley High School administration, dispose of all Association assets via the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation in support of music education at Waubonsie Valley High School and in accordance with the regulations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 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 Coalition is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as said Court shall determine.

Article X – AMENDMENTS

Section I: Articles of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the MEAC Council. Association Presidents shall be bound to support or reject a proposed Amendment on the basis of the adoption or rejection of said proposal by the General Membership of the respective Association.

Section II: Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a majority vote of the MEAC Council, a majority vote of the Executive Board of the BB, CPA or OPA, or by a petition signed by 5% of the General Membership of a respective Association.

Section III: A respective Association can adopt a proposed Amendment and forward it to the MEAC Council by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present, providing the Amendment has been read at the preceding regular General Membership meeting of the Association, or written notice of the proposed Amendment has been distributed to the membership no less than 30 days in advance of the regular membership meeting, and all members have been provided with a notice of the membership meeting at which the proposed Amendment will be considered no less than seven (7) days prior to the vote.