

General Board Meeting 09/2026

02 SEPTEMBER 2026 / 7:00 PM / SHS CAFETERIA

ATTENDEES

To Be Added

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

Treasurer's Report

The meeting reviewed the treasury balances, including checking, concessions, and the video board money market account. The treasurer planned to discuss obtaining a better interest rate, and the group approved the treasury report for filing.

Secretary Report

The secretary reported that the minutes were attached to the agenda, distributed by group text, and posted on the website. Future minutes are expected to be circulated one or two days before meetings, and the report was approved for filing.

Concessions Report

The concessions committee reviewed strong Senior Night revenue and credited efficient operations and volunteer coverage for minimizing lines. The group also evaluated new card machines, discussed food-temperature problems, and noted that price increases had not prompted complaints.

9/11 Recognition Plans

The team discussed plans for the upcoming 9/11 anniversary observance. First responders will be invited to stand in front of the band during the anthem, and the O'Donnells are expected to display a large flag.

Ottawa Family Fundraiser

The team considered donating its share of the 50/50 raffle from the next Ottawa game to the family of an Ottawa coach whose two-year-old child died in an accident. Participants also discussed matching or increasing the donation and collecting additional contributions through donation buckets and a GoFundMe link.

Volunteer Report

Participants reviewed the recent effort to coordinate team volunteers and planned a digital meeting with coaches after winter dates are finalized. FNBO participation was identified as weak, leading to discussion of assigning specific teams and requiring two volunteers from each team.

The group discussed the volunteer-of-the-month recognition process, including flexible team assignments and continued participation by volunteers who want to help other teams. A \$50 monthly recognition budget was proposed and approved, with possible support from donated gift cards or spirit-wear items.

Spirit Wear Report

Black and Gold spirit-wear sales generated \$870 in revenue and a \$456 profit, with proceeds split between cash and credit-card payments. Participants planned to review pricing and product offerings based on customer feedback.

The group considered selling branded seat cushions to address crowded seating and comfort concerns. The proposed supplier required an order of 150 cushions at \$4.25 each, creating concerns about demand and storage, while lower-quantity alternatives and related branding ideas were discussed.

The team debated whether to rent merchandise or source it from vendors, with concerns about volunteer labor for collection and distribution. Participants agreed to research another vendor and discussed displaying merchandise on tables, hangers, clips, or a backdrop rack, with interest in offering all-sports items and fold-up hats or beanies.

Membership, Marketing, and Sponsorships

Membership was reported at 128 total members, with the membership-category breakdown and early-season revenue reviewed. Marketing attention will shift toward increasing sports exposure, while sponsorship receipts totaled \$17,000 and updated advertisements were placed on both boards.

Movie Night Review and Future Events

The team reviewed movie night attendance, family engagement, concessions, weather, and promotional performance. The event was considered a positive soft launch, and future improvements included earlier promotion, a spirit-wear or membership table, QR-code outreach, and possibly scheduling two events per year.

Food Trucks and Concession Opportunities

The team reviewed vendor payments and event revenue before discussing whether food trucks could support selected sports dates. Concerns centered on food trucks taking business from concessions, while a possible opportunity was identified during spring dates with multiple simultaneous games.

Facility Sound System

Participants described problems with the sound system, including intermittent shorting, uneven audio, delays, poor speech intelligibility, and differences between the field and stands. The equipment was identified as a mix of newer rack components and older speakers, and possible outreach to Upstaging or grant sources was discussed without a recorded resolution.

FNBO Challenge

The team reviewed the challenge fundraiser and noted that the 50-50 effort was affected by the cancellations of the games at NIU and unavailability of videoboard at DeKalb due to malfunctioning equipment. Ticket sales totaled \$325, the winner's share was \$162.50, and the payout process remained unresolved pending follow-up and transmission of the winner's information.

Participants discussed the difficulty of transporting fencing, racks, troughs, and other equipment back from events, especially while concessions were restarting. A larger donated or rented vehicle was suggested, followed by discussion of volunteer meals, admission, and the nonrefundable nature of fundraiser tickets.

Adjournment

The group opened the floor for final comments and questions before making a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.