



BOEC Minutes January 26, 2026

Meeting @ old district offices on Weaver 6:00 pm

i. Call to order / rollcall

Present Scott Weiss, Christiana Weiss, Rebecca Anderson, Katie Eder,
Bradwyn-student council.

Whitney Bermes- Communications Director with the City of Belgrade present to listen and discuss the City's plans for 4th of July 250th Celebration. She is heading the 250th planning committee.

Scott gave a brief synopsis of BOEC's mission to Whitney.

ii. Approval of minutes from Dec 01, 2025 meeting--Rebecca Anderson

a. 1st Christiana, 2nd Kate

iii. Standing items and Old Business

December 2025 BUSKING at the Mall

Christiana said that busking went well. The players earned their own tips for this event. Whitney recommended the library or Albertsons for future locations.

Concessions at the Brick

Scott talked about how well concessions at the Brick went. The very first event for BOEC was on the busiest night of the year. Although hectic, it went very well. There will be many more dates planned for concessions, a few in February and getting busier in the spring. Please go to BelgradeOrchestra.org or follow social media links to SignUp Genius to participate. This is open to any member of BOEC to earn funds for any musical need. Kids generally come with a parent and all money made by both of them, goes into the students BOEC account.

Scott discussed how the payouts work for concessions. They take about a month to roll in.

iii. Student Council report- Bradwyn

He enjoyed working the concessions.

At school, there have been challenges learning music, and challenges for HS students getting to class on time after Rock Orchestra. Less students at the semester change.

Scott had a meeting with Trey Olsen, BSD44 Assistant Superintendent, and will have another meeting as BOEC plans for musical events develop.

v. Financial Report—Tori was not present today but left financials with Scott. There have been no changes since last meeting.

vi. Continuing Business

a. 4th July Quincentennial Celebration AKA 250th

Scott described what the BOEC has envisioned for the 250th. BOEC would like to gather students and adult amateur musicians from the community and create a small orchestra and chamber orchestra to play patriotic songs. Additionally, BOEC can coordinate bands and other musical participants. BOEC envisions this event to be much like the Fall Festival but with music and fireworks!

BOEC would love to partner with the City of Belgrade, Belgrade Community Coalition, Panther Music Boosters and the schools. Rebecca has made initial contact with the local Second String Orchestra to ask if their members would like to be involved.

Whitney described that she and the city are in the very early stages of planning. She let us know that the Federal government is helping to fund celebrations to take place this year. There are opportunities to plan many events revolving around 250th.

March 14 Pie day @ Senior Center

April Earth Day Park clean up

Library to have speakers on history throughout the spring/summer.

Police/Fire Dept Softball game might be under the 250th celebration.

The city's 250th committee meeting happens on Wednesdays. Not open to the public but plans develop there.

b. Mentorship program

Reach out to elementary teachers via PMB with a flyer for mentorship program. Discussed \$20 per half hour lessons give by older orchestra student mentors to elementary 4th grade and under. We would likely reserve practice rooms at the HS.

vii. Director of Media Report

i. Website updates; adding a tab for agenda and minutes. There is a QR code on flyers that leads to SignUp Genius for concessions, instruments for sale, member spotlight, mentorship application and all things on the website. Forms can be printed from there.

ii. Fixxology fundraiser Feb 13th 5-7pm flyers to go out. 20% all sales for those 2 hours.

iii. Chipolte night TBA for May; 25% sales, must mention BOEC.

viii. New Business

- a. Scott described developing a Chamber group club outside of school.
- b. Discussions for a campaign to make community aware of BOEC and the events and services we are offering. Discussed a paid marketing on FB and a newspaper ad.
- c. Scott went to PMB to discuss possibilities of 250th. There was some interest.

Next PMB meeting 3rd Tues of the month.

x. Open Forum/Discussions

Suggestions from Whitney to participate in GIVE BIG Gallatin Valley

Question came up if we were aware of a Chamber Dinner that the orchestra has participated in the years past. No one has heard of the orchestra teacher mentioning it. Renee and Annie are the contacts at the Chamber.

Christiana contacted Barabel, teacher and symphony member to work on a collaboration for String Jam scholarship.

Rebecca mentioned a State-sponsored scholarship program that needs to be looked into.

Whitney talked about the Kai Siefert Foundation Scholarship for music students. There are 2 rounds, one due end of January and one late summer. Go to KaiSiefertFoundation.org

xi. Next BOEC meeting Feb 23rd 6pm @ the old district office on Weaver.

Adjournment 7:43pm