

2018 Executive Board Candidates

President:

Katie Washburn - I am a mother of 4, two whom have graduated from Williams Field, one who is currently a Junior, and an 11 yr old. I am a registered nurse and my husband is a firefighter for the town of Gilbert. I have lived in Gilbert all my life and have had the privilege of having one son who is a product of the WF football program. I have held multiple jobs within different booster clubs for all the sports my children have participated in. I have been in charge of concessions, team parent, sponsorships, and freshman rep. My total number of years is over 16 yrs experience. I have been with AZ Dynamics Gymnastics, Wham, Gilbert American Little League, Coast to Coast, and WF football. Each one of these organizations has given me the opportunity and the skills I feel that will help me to keep our football booster club going in the right direction. Due to the nature of my job i am very skilled at multitasking and delegating, I also feel that you need to be able to listen to those around you and work together to make the program the best it can be. I believe in the program that coach Campbell has established and want to help make it even better for not only our boys who are in the program now but for those that will follow them. This is a great organization and I feel that we can make it even better.

Vice President:

Steven Shepherd - I am married to my high school sweetheart, Julie Shepherd, and we have 5 wonderful children. I currently work for Gallagher Bassett as an Account Principal. I have been with Gallagher Bassett for 16 years. In my job I deal with CEO and CFO's of major corporations. I work with them to resolve issues on a daily basis. I believe this will help me while serving on the Blackhawk Booster Club. I would like to fill the Vice President role for the Blackhawk Booster Club. I have been involved with youth and youth sports for most of my adult life. While in college I was a referee for youth and high school football and basketball. During this time I learned about making tough calls and dealing with people and conflict. I have also coached youth football and basketball for many years. During these wonderful years I learned how to work with parents and youth. Coaching at any level is a privilege and getting to experience the ups and downs of a season has helped mold me into the person I am today. Another role that I have filled and enjoyed is a youth leader in the Boy Scouts of America. I have served in the scouting program for over 20 years. I have been a Scoutmaster several times and served in many other positions in the scouting program. I currently serve on a scout committee. I have worked with hundreds of young men and adult leaders. A key to scouting, whether a young man or adult, is being organized and being able to work with others. I posses these skills and believe it will benefit the Blackhawk Booster Club.

Treasurer:

Sandra Wearne

Hi, my name is Sandra Wearne. I am running for the position of Treasurer for the WFHS Football Booster Club 2018-2019 school year. I have held this position for the past year. Not much has changed in the area of my personal life since last year. First of all, I am the wife of an amazing husband who, thank heavens, supports me in all my adventures, crazy as they may be.

We are the parents of six terrific kids, three of which are still in the district. We have been involved with the WFHS football team for three years now and have LOVED every minute of working with these phenomenal boys and their amazing parents. Harold does the flags for every home football game and you can usually find us on the 40 yard line watching the game, or in the concession stand or sidelines doing the chains. I truly believe we have some amazing board members who consistently dedicate time and heart to making this program greater and believe I have added to the process over the last year. Some accomplishments have been to totally digitalize the bookkeeping for the last three years to make end of year accounting easier.

Catching up on and monitoring our taxes and non-profit status, keeping both the booster members, parents and coaching staff aware of paid and upcoming expenses via the board meetings. Since holding the position of WFHS Football Treasurer, I even more value the characteristics of integrity, honesty and accountability. I would like to continue to work hard to earn and keep the trust you have put in me to manage the finances and to continue to help make this program grow. I am a person who works well with others and value all opinions. I know I can be an asset to this team and program. I would appreciate your vote of confidence and would love the opportunity to continue serving the boys, and you all, as the Blackhawk Family. GO BLACKHAWKS!!

Secretary:

Carlye Medina

I am a mother of 4, our oldest is a sophomore at WF. Working with children, volunteering and helping the community is my passion. I work as a paraprofessional in a communication delayed classroom and my husband has been with In-N-Out Burger for 27 years. During my time as a freshman parent I was able to serve team meals and work in concessions. I knew then I wanted to do more for the program. I have enjoyed being secretary for football boosters for the past 5 months and also served as Co JV level rep with my two friends this past season.

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addition to football over the past two years I have served as a director on the Ambassadors Booster Club, the parent ran organization for WF, and currently serve as Vice President. I am proud of our school and believe in our coaches and football program and would love to continue to be a part of making it better for our WF players and families.

VP Concessions

Laura Fuhrmark - I would like to run for VP of concessions. I held the position for the 2017 season and would like to be in charge of concessions again I feel the concessions ran fairly smoothly and that I have learned some lessons. My son will be a Senior and I had an older son who graduated from WFHS so I am familiar with the program and school. I really enjoyed working concessions and working with all the volunteers to help the football program and players.

VP Sponsorship

Michelle Bugg

Our family has volunteered in youth sports ever since moving to the Valley in 2005. From coaching flag football teams, to holding Leadership positions in Little League, I've been blessed to develop close relationships with so many kids, and their families, within our community.

What's more, I've been the President of Southeast Diamondbacks Little League for the last 3 years, and held the positions of VP and Little Scholars for Southeast Pop Warner. As a result, I've developed substantial relationships within our local business community as well.

As the current Co-VP of Sponsorship, I am very passionate about this roll as I believe it's about more than just "Sponsorship". To me, it's about connecting Coach Campbell's vision of **The Program** with the capabilities and capacity of our community. For example, I believe it'd be great for all levels of **The Program**, from incoming 8th graders, to freshmen, JV, and Varsity, to benefit from how we engage our community. This is consistent with Coach Campbell's vision of wanting to minimize the burden on individual families participating in **The Program**.

I believe Sponsorship is multi-faceted and includes grants, individual sponsorships/donations, and community service. Since coming to Williams Field, I'm proud to have written Grant requests to the Cardinals and Diamondbacks that have resulted in \$8,000 for **The Program**. This season, with Coach Campbell's assistance we gained a 3-year sponsorship from Kona Grill resulting in over \$21,000 of support for Black Hawks Football. As for Community Service, I think it'd be awesome for all families participating in **The Program** to donate their time, passion, and resources, as a way to say, "Thank You", to our community of local businesses and individual contributors.

Although the VP of Sponsorship sounds like an "individual" position, I envision more of a committee approach to fulfill our mission. Having representatives from all levels interacting with our community on behalf of **The Program** casts a wider net of participation, while helping to develop a succession plan for those wanting this role in the future. In my heart I believe that, as an elected Board Member, all of us should be planning for the future and putting our successors in the best position to help the players, their families, and our community, for years to come.

That's the Program!

Thank you for your consideration,

Michelle Bugg

Tonja Barnhart

I respectfully submit my name for the Executive Board position, VP of Apparel. I am a proud Black Hawk parent of a current sophomore at WFHS. I have been an active booster member for the past two years and most recently served as a JV representative. I have spent 7+ years managing all purchasing and inventory (including apparel) of a multi-doctor dental practice here in Gilbert. My focus would be providing apparel options that would appeal to all, limiting outside purchases from retail competitors. This would help to generate additional income for the program as well as creating a sense of unity. I am aware this is a large commitment and would be grateful to serve the WFHS community.

Thank you,