

***Ramsey High School
Ramsey Band & Color Guard
Parents Association Inc.
Ramsey, New Jersey***

October 1, 2002 Update
Articles of Incorporation

Article I

Name-

Section I – The legal name of this corporation shall be the Ramsey High School Band and Color Guard Parents Association, Inc., which shall also be known as the Ramsey Band & Guard Parents Association.

Article II

Organization Form-

Section I – The Association shall be incorporated under the statutes of the State of New Jersey as a non-profit tax-exempt organization.

Section II – The principal place of business shall be in the town of Ramsey in Bergen County, New Jersey.

Article III

Objective-

Section I – The corporation is organized exclusively for the purpose of supporting the Instrumental Music and Color Guard programs of Ramsey High School, Ramsey, New Jersey, an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section II – Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section III – The Corporation shall operate as a non-profit organization solely for the benefit of the programs stated in Section I. The officers of the corporation shall serve without compensation, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to, or be distributed to, any of its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payment to non officers for services rendered, and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section I.

Section IV – No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services ren-

dered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section V – The activities of the corporation shall be to:

Encourage and maintain and enthusiastic interest in the Instrumental Music Department and Color Guard Activities program of Ramsey High School, Ramsey, New Jersey.

Lend all possible support, both moral and financial, to those programs stated in Section V (a).

Cooperate with the Ramsey Board of Education, and those instructors appointed by the Board to supervise the programs stated in Section V (a), to assist in maintaining the highest degree of efficiency and purpose.

Build and maintain an organization of interested, active parents to promote and support these activities.

Section VI –

The annual scholarship awards are the awarding of two Big Blue Spirit awards of \$300.00 each.

One band member and one color guard member who are role models for their “Big Blue” peers, have a good relationship with the staff, displayed dedication to the Band or Guard Program and represents the high ideals of “Big Blue” and have been recommended by the Ramsey High School Music Department. And the Band & Color Guard Parents Awards of \$300.00 each for those graduating members who either major in the field of instrumental music or performs in the color guard of their enrolled college for one full season. This shall be awarded to the student/s upon notification of the college administration after one completed semester of that student.

The Association shall when deemed necessary donate to the McDonald Scholarship Fund and amount equal to that amount which makes the \$2,500.00 a whole amount.

The annual scholarship awards shall not exceed 4% of gross revenue and be limited to a maximum of \$4,500.00 per year.

Article IV

Officers-

Section I-

The Officers of the Association shall be Presidents or Co-Presidents, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Past President/Co-President.

If in the event there is no Past President/Co-President available to fill the office of Past President/Co-President, the previous Vice President shall assume the role and duties of the Past President/Co-President.

If in the event there is no Past Vice President available, any former Executive Board Member can assume the role and duties of the Past President/Co-President.

Section II – The initial officers of the corporation, all citizens of the United States and residents of Ramsey, New Jersey 07446, shall be:

Co-President

Widette Sullivan 276 North Island Avenue

Co-President

Susan Dailey 72 North Island Avenue

Vice President

Helga Burke 294 Grove Street

Treasurer

Brian Smith 160 N. Spruce Street

Recording Secretary

Marilyn Taylor 11 Valley View Drive

Corresponding Secretary

Lorraine Tracy 7 Quail Run

Article V

Membership-

Section I – The membership of the Association shall automatically include any interested parent or legal guardians of all students enrolled in good standing in the Instrumental Music or Color Guard programs of Ramsey High School. All members of the Ramsey High School Band and Color Guard are students of Ramsey High School. Scholarship awards are limited to this student body.

Section II – Special membership will be available for the Band Directors, Band Front Director, Band Council President and Color Guard Representative.

Section III – Members at Large

The Executive Board at its discretion shall appoint a minimum of ten Members at Large to attend meetings and present a quorum for conducting business at the Annual, General and Special Meetings of the Association.

Section IV - Financial Review Member at Large.

The Executive Board shall appoint at its discretion one member at large to review the Treasurers report every six months and report to the Executive Board and the General Membership the results of that review.

Article VI

Annual Meeting

Section I – The President or Co-Presidents shall notify the membership by letter of the date and agenda for the Annual Meeting two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.

Section II – The Annual Meeting shall be held in April.

The election of new officers in April shall permit the smooth transition of Officers; the time being used as a learning transition between outgoing and incoming Officers. The newly elected Officers shall attend all Executive Board Meetings as well as General Meetings.

Article VII

Quorum -

Section I – A majority of the Executive Board, as defined in the By-Laws, and ten additional members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at the Annual or Special Meetings of the General Membership.

Article VIII

Elections –

Section I – A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) or more members of the Association shall be selected by the President or Co-Presidents in February prior to the Annual Meeting. They shall interview candidates for nomination and cause a mailing to be sent to all members, listing all candidates and their qualifications for office. This mailing shall be completed no later than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section II – Additional nominations may be made from the floor after a report of the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Section III – Officers will be elected by plurality vote.

Section IV – Officers will maintain their terms for approximately one year from date of their election to the date of the next annual election. Except as requested and approved by the Executive Board, no officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section V – In the event of Co-Presidents it is desirable and in the best interest of the objectives of the Corporation that one be the parent or guardian of a member of the Instrumental Music Program, and one be the parent or guardian of the member of the Color Guard Program.

Article IX

Authority –

Section I – The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this Association in all cases in which they do not conflict with the existing Articles of Incorporation or by-laws of this organization.

Article X

Dues –

Section I – Dues may be established by a majority vote of the members present.

Articles XI

Amendments –

Section I - These Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall be adopted upon 2/3rd vote of those present at the General, Annual, or Special Meeting of the General Membership.

Section II – The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Committee for By-Laws at a General, Annual, or Special Meeting who will investigate the proposed amendment and distribute to all Association members a copy of same. The proposed amendments may then be voted upon at the next General, Annual, or Special Meeting.

Article XII

Dissolution –

Section I – Upon dissolution of this corporation, the Trustees shall, after payment of all liabilities, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes and in such manner or to such an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section II – Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.