

## Music honor society in works at GPS

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Those spearheading the formation of a Tri-M music honor society say such an organization boosts performance and academic skills.

Band teacher Tom Belanger and Gothenburg High School senior Ryan Ostendorf touted the benefits of the program Monday night to the District 20 school board.

Belanger will sponsor the society, through his membership in the National Music Educators Association and the yearly fee of \$110 will be covered through the band activity fund, he said.

Jan Gill will be the community member required and officers will meet monthly during their lunch hour.

General membership will meet monthly during lunch, Belanger said.

Ostendorf said membership is controlled through grades, recommendations and musical ability and quality.

Belanger said the society will benefit both the band and choir. He noted that performance quality and grades improved in the last two schools in which he taught through membership in the music honor society.

He added that some area schools, like Cozad, have a music honor society chapter.

At the end of the presentation, superintendent Mike Teahon said he would approve the request.

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