

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
November 21, 2008 – Minot, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on November 21, 2008 at the Minot Holiday Inn. President Lyson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Following several additions to the agenda, motion by Eastgate to accept the agenda. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

A copy of the minutes from the October 22, 2008 Board of Directors meeting was provided to the Board for review. Motion by Swiontek to approve as read. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken:

Moe – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Maus – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report with review of the balance sheet, savings-investment report and the budget through October, 2008. Motion by Schatz to approve the report. Second by Swiontek. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following applications for cooperative sponsorship programs:

- a. Strasburg and Zeeland in small groups music, 7-12 (no fee) 2008-2009.

Motion by Maus to deny. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken:

Moe – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Maus – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion to deny passed, unanimously.

- b. St. Mary's and Shiloh Christian in wrestling, 7-12 (no fee) 2008-2009.

Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote was taken:

Moe – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Maus – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

- c. St. Mary's and Shiloh Christian in girls' tennis, 7-12, (no fee) 2008-2009.

Motion by Eastgate to approve. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

- d. Kidder County Steele and Kidder County Tappen in volleyball, 7-12, (no fee) 2009-2010.

Motion by Looyesen to approve. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

- e. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in girls' swim & dive, 7-12, (no fee) 09-10
f. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in softball, 7-12, (no fee) 08-09
g. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in girls hockey, 9-12, (no fee) 08-09
h. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in gymnastics, 7-12, (no fee) 08-09
i. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in girls' golf, 7-12, (no fee) 09-10

Motion by Schatz to combine letters e through I and approve the applications. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

Motion by Schatz to approve these coops. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

- j. Wyndmere and Lidgerwood in volleyball, 7-12, 09-10.

Administrators Chris Swenson from Wyndmere and Mark Wisnewski from Lidgerwood were in the audience to answer questions concerning this coop request. Swenson was asked to explain the reason for the application and why it was meeting resistance from members of their communities. Swenson stated with the two schools working on consolidating in the future, they are forming cooperative sponsorship programs now, even though there has been some resistance with the coops. Mark Wisnewski of Lidgerwood also indicated there is a plan to have the two schools meet and facilitate what will be taking place in the future. Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – no; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – no
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – no

The motion passed, 8-3.

- k. Dickinson and Dickinson Trinity in softball, 7-12, 08-09.

Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

- l. Park River and Fordville-Lankin in boys basketball, 7-8, (late fee)08-09

Motion by Maus to deny. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – no; Ranum – no; Knodle – no; Moe – no
Looyesen – no; Sanstead – no; Jacobson – no; Swiontek – no Lyson – no

The motion failed 2-9.

Motion by Swiontek to approve. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – no; Schatz – no; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – no

The motion passed, 8-3.

m. Wyndmere and Lidgerwood in boys' basketball, 7-12, (late fee) 08-09.

Motion by Maus to deny. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – no; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion to deny passed, 10-1.

Preliminary softball regulations had been presented to Board members at the October meeting for review and approval at the November meeting. The athletic administrators of the schools sponsoring softball have indicated issues with scheduling and how the teams would qualify for the state tournament. They have requested approval of the regulations be tabled until the January Board meeting. Schatz indicated the importance of having their programs in order by the January meeting. Motion by Schatz to table approval of the regulations until the January Board meeting. Second by Maus. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board held audience with Supt. Rick Diegel and Athletic Administrator Todd Kosel of Edgeley High School. This delegation appeared before the Board to question the authority of the Board to change enrollment numbers determining the divisions for competition, particularly in the fine arts. The Executive Secretary shared a letter from NDHSAA Attorney Gary Thune in which he shared an opinion the Board did have the authority to determine classifications for sanctioned activities. The delegation asked the Board to consider rescinding the original motion to change the number to 400. Valley City Supt. Koppelman spoke in response to the information that had been presented by the Edgeley delegation.

Maus reported on the minutes of the Re-alignment Committee:

The Re-alignment Committee met in Valley City on November 12, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. Members present were: Maus, Ranum, Jacobson and Schatz. Swiontek participated via speaker phone. Also in attendance were Supt. Mitch Carlson, LaMoure HS; Supt. Rick Diegel, Edgeley HS; Supt. Dean Koppelman, Valley City HS; and Athletic Director Al Cruchet, Valley City HS.

The Committee agreed to drop the super "8" concept for now, as it is a tournament format issue.

The two options being presented to the NDHSAA Board for consideration are:

1. An 80-40 plan which consists of the top 40 schools by enrollment and the next 80 schools or remainder of schools by enrollment.
 - a. Each category would provide four boys' teams and four girls' teams to a state tournament.
2. Three divisions for activities

The Committee recommended NDHSAA Board approval on the following timeline:

1. 2009-10, will remain as per Board action to move Valley City down a division.
2. 2010-11, implement a new plan consisting of one of the two named options.
3. Provide an update report to the membership in January and ask for input anytime from January to March.

4. Organize four regional meetings
 - a. February 11, 2009—organize meetings for member schools from the NW and SE.
 - b. February 18, 2009—organize meetings for member schools from the NE and SW.
 - c. Members of the Committee and staff will be represented at the meetings.
5. March 13, 2009—Board decides which plan to propose to the membership.
6. March 20, 2009—Present plan to District Chairs.
7. April 15, 2009—Board finalizes all aspects of the plan.

The Staff was instructed to:

1. Provide a breakdown of schools as per the two options listed above.
2. Provide a list of activities and indicate the number of districts/regions and the number of schools involved in each activity.

Chairman Lyson asked the Board if anyone would like to make a motion to rescind the motion to change the number for division to 400. Maus shared he was not making a motion but wanted to remind the Board part of the committee plan is to review the numbers. Looyesen asked if any other members of the Board wanted to share their opinion on moving fine arts back to 325. Eastgate shared he had no problem with making fine arts division at 325. Maus stated concern if there is a change now, it would compromise the forward movement of the entire plan. Motion by Looyesen an enrollment of 400 shall be used for athletic participation and enrollment of 325 shall be used for fine arts participation for the 2009-2010 school year provided all activities are addressed for future years. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – no; Schatz – no; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – no; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, 8-3.

Motion by Jacobson to accept the report with the exception of fine arts. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary reviewed the hardship application for a Dickinson student and the ruling declaring the student ineligible. Minot Athletic Administrator Pat McNally spoke to the Board concerning the circumstances involved in the family move from Texas to North Dakota. Ranum clarified the realtor specifically provides documents that indicate the school system in which the resident belongs. Looyesen informed the Board of legislation introducing a compact that will allow eligibility for children of military families being transferred. Swiontek asked why is one child attending Minot and one attending Des Lacs-Burlington. Ranum shared this was a logical choice for this family. Motion by Schatz to approve the appeal. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary reviewed the hardship application for a Dickinson student and the ruling declaring the student ineligible. The Board held audience with Dickinson Athletic Administrator Calvin Dean who was present to appeal this ruling. A packet of documents was given to the Board reflecting the atmosphere of the school from which the student has transferred. Motion by Swiontek to deny the appeal. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – no; Sanstead – no; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion to deny passed, 9-2.

Staff member Carlsrud addressed the Board concerning Minnesota offering on-line rules clinics for coaches and officials. The question is how we will handle issues with reciprocity as well as North Dakota officials receiving credit for taking their on-line rules clinic. Staff member Schell informed the Board of the program called Articulate that is being used by Minnesota and Michigan. Moe indicated he thought individuals would miss the interaction with coaches and officials with the association staff. The Board indicated it should be a staff decision as to how to handle attendance credit for those that are taking the online

The Executive Secretary presented the bid for the purchase of a new association vehicle. Motion by Looyesen to approve purchase of a 2009 Dodge Caravan. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

Swiontek presented information as reported to the Fine Arts Committee:

- a. Music Awards – There needs to be a review of the quota system
- b. Rules Clinic Attendance – Class A music has experienced weak attendance, St. Mary's and Bismarck in particular.
- c. Region Managers – some are not aware they are the manager. There seems to be a lack of region meetings for fine arts.
- d. Advisory Committees for Music and Speech – There has been almost a total lack of response from the committee. These committees have previously been handpicked with no format for selection or replacement. It appears to be difficult to use incumbent committee for rules revisions. Speech has been responsive but does not have a replacement policy for members serving on the committee.
- e. State B Music – There was a miscommunication with MSU concerning the hosting of the State Music Contest because of no venue contracts or documentation in the office for fine arts.
- f. State A Music – There are different structures for EDC and WDA State Music. If the structures are different (not parallel), it really is a region instead of state activity. Each region has a handbook. There needs to be a determination how NDHSAA policy works as a foundation for competition. EDC allows more entries than the rule book states.

- g. Plays – there is a concern of content such as portraying alcohol and tobacco use. Awards have been a concern and the award needs to be for actors rather than an entire cast.
- h. Music and Speech Judge Certification and Compensations – Noncertified officials have been used in the past which is contrary to the regulations.
- i. Late fees – There needs to be a meaningful late fee structure in place for scheduling all fine arts events.

The Fine Arts Committee expressed support for staff member Bubach in the enforcement of the rules and policies. President Lyson indicated each Board member would be willing to go back to their regions to help with this endeavor. The Committee wishes to have a meeting in January to receive an update.

Ranum presented an update from the District Chairperson's meeting held earlier in the day. The approved recommendations will be reflected in the District Chairperson minutes and also sent to the Board.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board of a request from Minot HS concerning a letter received from Nike. They are sponsoring a Nike Cross Country Nationals and have invited an athlete from Minot. The issue is Nike is asking each participant to bring a letter signed by their individual school athletic director allowing them to receive singlet, shorts, warm-up top & pants, running shoes, spikes, long sleeve top – total retail value \$375. The Board indicated this is outside the jurisdiction of the NDHSAA rules, therefore there is no rule that prohibit this practice.

The Board was informed the National Guard contract is completed minus the signing by the NG. The contract was for \$27,000 for the first year but because of the fact the National Guard has a different fiscal year and is not allowed to deviate. The contract for the first year will be for \$23,623. The Executive Secretary recommended to accept the contract as presented. Motion by Looyesen to accept the recommendation. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously (Sanstead left the meeting).

The Board reviewed a By-Law amendment proposal that has been prepared by NDHSAA Attorney, Gary Thune. This amendment addresses the re-transfer rule. Motion by Jacobson to go forward with the proposed amendment. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Knodle – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Lyson – yes

The motion passed, unanimously

Staff member Carlsrud informed the Board the NDOA is requesting the increase of fees by 2½%. This will be presented at the January meeting giving member schools an opportunity to provide input to the Board.

The Board discussed preparation for the January Board and committee meetings as well as the January Membership meeting.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Letters received regarding the Wyndmere-Lidgerwood volleyball coop
2. A letter from Montpelier supporting the District 5 request concerning placement of Valley City
3. A letter from Strasburg questioning eligibility concerning the transfer of students from Bottineau to Linton, but no formal request for investigation has been received at this time.
4. North Sargent letter in agreement with LaMoure and Edgeley in their presentation which took place earlier in the meeting.

Jungling was present to report on the National Federation. The uniform verification stamp program was put on hold because of the current economy.

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

1. The Executive Committee needs to meet to address the situation in which three football teams dressed more than the maximum number for post season.
2. The Fine Arts and Personnel and Finance Committee will be meeting in January.
3. The re-alignment Committee will meet. This committee may need to schedule more than an hour for their meeting.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2009 in Bismarck.

With no further business, motion by Looyzen to adjourn. Second by Eastgate and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
Asst. to the Exec. Sec.