

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
November 20, 2009 – Minot, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on November 20, 2009 at the Minot Holiday Inn. President Schatz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Helvik.

Following several additions to the agenda, motion by Jacobson to accept the agenda. Second by Looyesen and carried unanimously.

A copy of the minutes from the October 21, 2009 Board of Directors meeting was provided to the Board for review. Motion by Eastgate to approve as read. Second by Moe. The motion passed unanimously.

Eastgate indicated his absence at the November 6, 2009 meeting was not noted on the minutes. Motion by Sanstead to approve the minutes as corrected. Second by Ulland and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report with review of the balance sheet, savings-investment report and the budget through October, 2009. Motion by Looyesen to approve the report. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Internal Revenue Service Form 990 was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Ulland to approve submission of Form 990 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Applications for dissolutions of cooperative sponsorship programs were reviewed.

a. Fessenden-Bowdon and New Rockford-Sheyenne in junior high football, 2010-2011. Representatives from Fessenden-Bowdon were present to respond to any Board questions. This dissolution is dependant on a future coop application with Harvey. Motion by Maus to approve the dissolution. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Goodrich and McClusky (Sheridan County) for volleyball, 2010-2011. The Board reviewed correspondence explaining their lack of numbers to continue the coop. Motion by Eastgate to approve the dissolution. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following applications for cooperative sponsorship programs:

- a. Devils Lake and Park River for girls' hockey, 9-12, 2009-2010.

This was reviewed by the Executive Committee and is being brought to the full Board. A letter of explanation was reviewed. Motion by Eastgate to deny. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion to deny failed, 3-7.

Motion by Ranum to allow the Devils Lake and Park River coop for girls' hockey. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried, 7-3

- b. Turtle Lake-Mercer, McClusky and Underwood in boys' and girls' cross country, 7-12, 2010-2011 (no fee)

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

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

Motion carried, unanimously.

- c. Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in girls' basketball, 7-12, 2009-2010 (late fee).

This was brought to the full Board by the Executive Committee. Representatives Dennis Dockter of Harvey and Jon Bertsch of Fessenden-Bowdon addressed the Board to explain the situation which has brought them to this request. Motion by Moe to deny. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in football, 7-12, 2010-2011 (late fee)

Motion by Moe to deny as similar requests have previously been denied. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in boys' basketball, 7-12, 2010-2011, (no fee)

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in wrestling, 7-12, 2010-2011 (no fee).

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in girls' track & field, 7-12, 2010-2011 (no fee)

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

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

h. Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in boys' track & field, 7-12, 2010-2011 (no fee)

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

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

i. Drake-Anamoose and Goodrich in volleyball 2010-2011 (no fee)

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

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

j. Turtle Lake-Mercer and McClusky in volleyball.

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

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board held audience with Bradley Foss, athletic administrator of the Hazen Public Schools to address their request to reconsider their application for a girls' hockey coop with Dickinson. Calvin Dean, athletic administrator of Dickinson Public Schools addressed the Board. Motion by Looyesen to reconsider. Second by Swiontek.

Maus – no; Eastgate – no; Ranum – yes; Ulland – no; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried, 7-3

Motion by Ranum to approve the coop application for Hazen and Dickinson in girls' hockey. Second by Sanstead. Eastgate indicated these appeals are not taken lightly but there is a deadline and a process with guidelines that allow for consistency from year to year as the Board positions change. Swiontek indicated this situation did not involve an administrative error nor did they have control of the timeline. Ulland emphasized the importance to be more proactive in planning. Schatz shared some situations have become gray. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – no; Eastgate – no; Ranum – yes; Ulland – no; Moe – yes

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

Motion to approve the coop carried, 6-4

The Executive Secretary reported to the Board on a formal complaint filed by the Superintendent of Turtle Lake-Mercer concerning Four Winds use of an ineligible student in the second semester of the 2007-2008 year. The Executive Secretary determined a violation had occurred and asked the Executive Board to set penalty. President Schatz reported on the decision of the Executive Committee:

1. Four Winds will not be eligible for post-season for the 2009-2010 year
2. Four Winds must return any awards from district, region and state in the 2007-2008 school year
3. Current probation has been extended to the 2010-2011 school year

4. Any subsequent violation could result in suspension from all competition for a period of one year

The Executive Secretary shared with the Board a proposed membership application form for approval. This form will help address graded elementary schools requesting membership in the event they submit a coop application. Also, as per the Constitution & By-Laws, there may be a need for an application form for all members. The Board indicated this is a managerial situation. The Board has been made aware the staff will be using an application form for the purpose of record keeping with graded elementary schools.

Swiontek reported on behalf of the Fine Arts Committee:

Item 1. Held audience with Bismarck Public School music teachers. They requested a change to the number of vocal entry allotments for A music contests. Recommended: Increase the overall A allotment for vocal music entries at the regional events to 90 events per member high school and advance 50% at the regional to the state competition. This item will also be placed on the fine arts review committee's agenda at the spring meeting.

Item 2. A instrumental MVP registration report. Brian informed the committee there has been some resistance by advisors in the state to using this system but he has reminded those advisors the NDHSAA has already endorsed the mandatory use of the system.

Item 3. A 9th grade music participation is an issue for the large school districts that have middle schools with 9th grade students. This was also discussed in item 1 as well. The committee did not have a problem with 9th grade students participating with their respective high school as long as the districts followed their district attendance boundaries.

Item 4. Brian reported the NDHSAA office has received some complaints from the member schools regarding MVP registration for Fine Arts Activities Report. Some districts have stated it is very difficult to register students. Brian stated that Brenda and he have been working on the problems, but overall it is working well. The committee reaffirmed its position that anything new is going to have some minor issues but they will be worked out and the system will be an excellent program for the entire state.

Item 5. Brian provided some information regarding the regional drama competition in which two schools tied for 1st, but the tie breaking procedure was not used at that level. Through use of the rule, a reversal of places caused the 2nd place team to be awarded 1st place. There was no action by the committee, as this will be addressed by the full board.

Motion by Looyesen to approve the Fine Arts Committee report. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the information concerning the statement on medical appliances recently approved by the National Federation of High Schools. This is an awareness item.

The Board heard a request from St. John High School to reconsider the switch of the Division B girls' and boys' basketball seasons. Swiontek referenced the decision that was made by the District Chairpersons to continue with the plan as currently in place. This will be addressed when the report from the District Chairperson meeting is given.

A proposed officials' fee increase which was tabled from the previous meeting was shared in the form of a spreadsheet reflecting the requested increase. This proposal is a 2.5% increase recommended by the NDOA and tabled from the previous Board meeting. Motion by Ranum to approve the proposal. Second by Sanstead. Swiontek asked if the NDOA would consider a two-year cycle rather than an annual. Carlsrud indicated the assigned mission of the NDOA Board is to annually review and report to the NDHSAA Board. The Executive Secretary shared this could be a directive from the Board. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Ranum shared the results of the District Chairperson's meeting. Fifteen of the sixteen districts met with the following recommendations to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board of Directors for consideration:

1. Eliminate summer coaching restriction for baseball and softball
2. Move Division B golf to the fall
3. Select district and region sites one year in advance
4. Allow sport specific open gyms
5. Football play-offs – Like seeds and like regions, the top team is home team in the odd number years and the bottom team is home team in the even numbered years.
6. Propose a rule change to the National Federation to allow unlimited substitution in volleyball
7. Recommend a white volleyball be used for district, region and state tournaments
8. Require an updated physical every year

The Board reviewed a letter from St. John asking to reevaluate the switch of seasons for girls' and boys' basketball. Motion by Swiontek to deny the request. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – no

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried, 9-1.

The Executive Secretary reported on the staff exploration of incorporating on-line rules meetings. Through discussion, the staff set a proposed timeline. Requested is permission to begin this process by adding baseball for this spring. The timeline will possibly be completed for all rules clinics by the spring of 2011-2012. This is being considered as a potentially large saving for member schools. Moe indicated the importance of face-to-face. Swiontek also indicated the importance of face-to-face meetings. President Schatz directed the Executive Secretary to pursue this plan and report back to the Board on the progress of the plan. Ulland indicated staff can be out and have contact with the schools for other purposes rather than rules meetings.

Staff member Bubach reported to the Board about a situation at Region 5 plays in which New Rockford-Sheyenne had been erroneously rewarded first place and Griggs County Central second place at the region one-act play competition. New Rockford-Sheyenne is requesting the tie not be broken and two first place awards be given. Using the past practice of tie-breaking, Bubach's determination was the tie is upheld and the places and trophies are switched. Moe asked how much time transpired before this was called to the attention of the association. Motion by Jacobson to sustain the decision. Second by Ulland. A roll call vote was taken:

Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Ranum – yes; Ulland – yes; Moe – yes

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Schatz – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Ulland asked if there was a possibility of a different timeline for the test window for basketball online test. The Board was informed the test dates are set by the National Federation.

The Exec Sec Report:

1. At the last meeting, it was agreed a coaches' education committee be formed. The group is now in place. The meeting will be December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the NDHSAA office.
2. The Scranton football issue has been turned over to NDHSAA Attorney Gary Thune. All references must go to Attorney Thune.

With no further business, President Schatz declared the meeting adjourned.

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

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____