

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
January 27, 2010 - Bismarck, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on January 27, 2010 at the Bismarck Ramkota Hotel. President Schatz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Following additions to the agenda, motion by Jacobson to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from November 20, 2009 and December 22, 2009 had been made available in the Board packets. Motion by Swiontek to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2009 meeting. Second by Looyesen. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ranum to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2009 special meeting. Second by Moe. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The finance report was presented by the Executive Secretary. Reviewed were the balance sheet, budget and savings/investments reports. Motion by Eastgate to approve the financial report. Second by Helvik. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests for cooperative sponsorship program dissolutions were reviewed:

a. Fessenden-Bowdon and New Rockford, boys' and girls' track & field, 2010-11

Motion by Ranum to approve the dissolution request. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Edinburg and Park River, boys' and girls' track & field, 2010-11

c. Edinburg and St. Thomas, baseball, 2010-11

d. Edinburg and Valley, boys' and girls' basketball, 2010-11

e. Edinburg and Valley, volleyball, 2010-11

f. Edinburg and Park River boys' and girls' golf, 2010-11

g. Edinburg and North Border Walhalla, wrestling, 2010-11

h. Edinburg and Park River, football, 2010-11

The Edinburg requests were addressed as a group (b through h). Motion by Maus to approve the dissolution request. Second by Ulland. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Medina and Jamestown, girls' soccer, 2009-10

Motion by Maus to approve the dissolution request. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

j. South Heart and Dickinson, gymnastics, 2009-10

Motion by Eastgate to approve the dissolution request. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

k. Valley City and Maple Valley, gymnastics, 2010-11

l. Valley City and Barnes County North, gymnastics, 2010-11

The Valley City requests were addressed in a group (k through l). Motion by Jacobson to approve the dissolution request. Second by Helvik. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

m. McClusky and Goodrich, girls' basketball, 2010-2011

Motion by Moe to approve the dissolution request. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

n. Valley and Park River, boys' and girls' golf, 2010-11

Motion by Ranum to approve the dissolution request. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

o. Valley and Grafton, softball, 2010-11

p. Valley and Grafton, boys' and girls' cross country, 2010-11

q. Valley and Drayton/St. Thomas, football, 2010-11

r. Valley and Drayton/St. Thomas, boys' and girls' track, 2010-11

s. Valley and Drayton/St. Thomas/Edinburg, baseball, 2010-11

The Valley requests were addressed as a group (o through s). Motion by Maus to approve the dissolution request. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

t. Kidder County and Wing, boys' and girls' track and field, 2009-10

Motion by Ulland to approve the dissolution request. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

u. Starkweather and North Star, girls' golf, 2009-10

Motion by Ranum to approve the dissolution request. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

v. Scranton and Bowman, football (9-12), 2011-12

Motion by Helvik to approve the dissolution request. Second by Maus. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary asked if there was further development with the Scranton/Bowman dissolution and Scranton/Hettinger coop situation. It was share this will not be pursued further.

Cooperative sponsorship applications were reviewed:

- a. Fessenden-Bowdon HS and Harvey HS, 7-8 football, 2010-11, no fee
- b. Fessenden-Bowdon HS and Harvey HS, 9-12 football, 2011-12, no fee
- c. Fessenden-Bowdon HS and Harvey HS, 7-12 girls bb, 2010-11, no fee

The Fessenden-Bowdon applications were considered as a group (a through c). Motion by Moe to approve the coop application. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously (Sanstead had left the room).

- d. Glenburn-Westhope-Newburg HS, girls' track & field, 7-12, 2009-10, late fee
- e. Glenburn-Westhope-Newburg HS, boys' track & field, 7-12, 2009-10, late fee

The Glenburn-Westhope-Newburg applications were considered as a group (d through e). Motion by Ranum to approve the coop application. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Sanstead – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Dickinson HS and Beach HS, baseball, 9-12, 2009-10, no fee

Motion by Ranum to approve the coop application. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Sanstead – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Jamestown HS and Valley City HS, gymnastics, 7-12, 2010-11, no fee

Motion by Ranum to approve the coop application. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Sanstead – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Turtle Lake-Mercer and McClusky, girls' basketball, 9-12, 2010-11, no fee

Motion by Jacobson to approve the coop application. Second by Maus. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Sanstead – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Munich and Starkweather, girls' golf, 7-12, 2009-10, late fee

Motion by Eastgate to approve the coop application. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Sanstead – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Schatz – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board held audience with Supt. Wayne Trottier of Four Winds. Also present Eric Longie, Board president, Chip Anderson, principal and head girls' coach and Justin Yankton, Sec/ Treas of the Spirit Lake Tribe. The request of the Board was to appeal the penalty as assessed by the Executive Board at the November, 2009 meeting. The penalty was for the use of an ineligible player during the second semester of the 2007-2008 year in boys' basketball. Members of the community were also present to support the appeal. Supt. Trottier suggested a monetary fine rather than the punishment that affects the present boys' basketball athletes for a violation which took place three years earlier. Following the audience, the Board asked questions and comments. Maus stated although the decision affected kids, it was a decision that had to be made. Supt. Trottier was asked to explain the "oversights" and how this will not happen in the future. Supt. Trottier indicated he will be made aware of any situations in the school which, in the past, he was not informed. There will now be a system of checks and balances with more than one person being responsible to determine eligibility of any student that transfers into the school district. There is now an annual eligibility review. Also being offered is an after-school program to emphasize the importance of scholastic eligibility. The school and athletes have already experienced consequences by returning awards, etc. Ranum asked Dr. Trottier if he was aware the then athletic administrator actually knew they were using an ineligible student. Jacobson asked Dr. Trottier what he felt would be an alternate penalty rather than ineligibility of post-season. Jacobson asked if post-season district play could be allowed if the team was not allowed to advance further than district. President Schatz stated there needs to be a penalty. The Executive Secretary suggested if the Board wished to accept the appeal, should the decision of a penalty go back to the Executive Committee. Ulland stated it appears Four Winds is cleaning house and asked is there going to be an assurance that things will change? Board members expressed a reluctance to overturn the decision of the Executive Committee. Dr. Trottier assured the Board situations will be dealt with swiftly in the future. Eastgate emphasized any decision of the Board that affects students is not taken lightly and the Board has been put in a position in which they had to address the decision. Motion by Swiontek to reinstate Four Winds boys' basketball for the 2009-2010 post-season. Second by Looyesen. Ranum asked for clarification as to whether the forfeiture of trophies and other consequences would stay in place. It was agreed that would stand. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – no, Swiontek – yes, Ranum – yes, Sanstead – yes, Eastgate – no, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – no, Maus – no, Moe – no, Helvik – no, Schatz – yes. Motion to reinstate failed, 5-6.

Swiontek reported on the Coaches' Education/Certification Committee meeting which took place December 3, 2009. It was stated North Dakota was one of the few states that did not require some form of certification for coaches. This is becoming more important as there is an increase in the number of coaches that are from outside the school system. Maus asked if this movement might be something that should be implemented by the individual schools rather than the NDHSAA Board. Swiontek clarified the function of this committee is in the best interest of the student athletes of North Dakota. Moe informed the Board although the coaches association has encouraged coaches certification, the group does not have the power to do some type of requirement. He also indicated the NDIAAA met and they were in support of coaches' education. They feel the time has come to do so. Jacobson pointed out this is the right thing to do. Some coaches probably should not be coaching and if they do not wish to go through the time to certify, that should be a concern. This Coaches' Education/Certification Committee will

meet again April 14, 2010. Looyesen indicated it would be important to get the support from all the education organizations.

The Board held audience with a delegation from Washburn to hear an appeal to a decision in which eligibility was denied a transfer student. The Executive Secretary made available to the Board letters sent that further explain the appeal. First presentation was Supt. Brad Rinas, Washburn, also Brad Sheldon, School Board and Mr. & Mrs. Clayton. Following Supt. Rinas' presentation, the floor was open to the Board for questions. Swiontek asked staff member Carlsrud to report on the investigation he conducted and what caused him to believe there is a dual residence present. Motion by Jacobson to deny the appeal. Second by Ulland. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

President Schatz reported on behalf of the Executive Committee:

- a. Washburn violations – Two violations in which ineligible student participated were reviewed. The Committee set a penalty of \$500 fine and probation for one calendar year for all programs plus forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible students were involved.
- b. Central Valley reported their boys' basketball team played in a scrimmage prior to the season. The penalty set will be probation for one calendar year for the boys' basketball program.
- c. Belfield ineligible player – The penalty set will be forfeit of all football games and any boys' basketball games in which the ineligible student participated and probation for one calendar year for the Belfield football and boys' basketball programs.

Moe presented a report regarding the Football Committee:

Guidelines are being considered by the NDHSAA Football Committee for the administration of the current football plan and the development of subsequent two – year football plans

1. Football plans shall be established for two years.
2. Football seasons for plan purposes will be 2011 and 2012.
3. There will be 4 divisions of football. (AAA, AA, A, 9M)
4. Enrollments for plan development purposes will be determined by:
 - a. Fall 2009 male enrollments for grades 7 – 10 as provided by the Department of Public Instruction shall be used except as stipulated below.
 - b. The host school shall be that school with the largest enrollment for plan purposes.
 - c. When schools have equal enrollments, the largest enrollment of the host school will be the determining factor for division placement.
 - d. In all school districts that have 60% or more of its student body qualifying for free and reduced meals, 60% of the 7 – 10 male enrollments will be used for the development of this plan.
 - e. Private / BIA school enrollments will be determined by using the 2009 – 2010 male enrollments in grades 9 – 12 as reported to the Department of Public Instruction.

5. Schools may request to move up to a higher division if the next smaller enrollment school in that division is willing to move down and so on. Request for division assignments as of March 1, 2010 are final.
6. The maximum number of teams in the top three divisions will be: AAA = 14, AA = 16, A=32 with the remainder of the teams in 9 man.
 - a. If a school chooses to play an independent schedule or discontinues football during the two - year plan, the number of teams in that division will not be changed.
 - b. Any varsity team that chooses to play an independent team will be ineligible for the playoffs.
 - c. If a co-op is approved, realignment in any of the top three divisions may be allowed with consideration given to the geographic location of schools involved in the change.
7. BY – LAW REMINDER: Football coops must be submitted by September 15th of the previous year during both years of the two-year football plan.
8. The NDHSAA Board of Directors shall have final say in the administration of these guidelines.

Swiontek asked along with the free and reduced meal program, was there was any discussion of a correction factor for private schools? Moe indicated this was not part of the current proposal. Motion by Helvik to approve the guidelines and report. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Rod Backman, Chairman of the ND Census Committee with a request for Board to consider allowing them to have a booth at tournament with no fee. Motion by Swiontek to deny. Second by Maus. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – no, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – no, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – no, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried, 8-3.

Ranum reported on behalf of the Tournament Committee:

- a. Because Valley City no longer has a coach for their gymnastics program, it is suggested by the committee the site of the 2010 State Gymnastics Meet be moved from Valley City to Jamestown. Motion by Jacobson to approve the change. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. The practice of throwing items into the stands during tournaments was discussed. The committee felt it important the policy banning this practice will be emphasized with tournament managers, schools, coaches and teams.
- c. The proposed sites for the 2013-14 tournaments as recommended by the committee were reviewed. Motion by Jacobson to approve the recommendations of the Tournament Committee. Second by Ulland. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes,

Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Swiontek spoke on behalf of Devils Lake High School requesting a change in the regulations for junior high basketball. The original recommendation was to change the number of games from 12 games and one tournament to 16 games and remove the one tournament limitation. Discussion followed. Motion by Swiontek to change current regulation to 15 games and eliminate regulations with a reference to the less than 50 enrollment in the 7th and 8th grade. Second by Maus. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – no, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – no, Eastgate – no, Looyesen – no, Jacobson – no, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – no, Schatz – no. Motion failed 4-7.

Motion by Ulland to have further study of the junior high regulations conducted by NDIAAA. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – no, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – no. Motion carried, 9-2.

The Board discussed requests from Divide County and Napoleon to reconsider the rule involving the 16 consecutive weeks a student can play in a basketball season and allow them to break up the 16 weeks rather than consecutive. It was suggested by Maus the NDIAAA may wish to discuss this. Motion by Swiontek to deny the request to change the 16 consecutive week regulation. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Swiontek reported on behalf of the Fine Arts Committee

1. Fine arts certification. Upheld regulation to require certified judges for advancement of teams to the state event.
2. The committee is moving toward correcting region alignments so a school would have all fine arts programs in the same region. Presently, there is one school, Max that wishes to continue their split assignment.
3. Class A entries moved from 60 to 90 for region vocal music contests.

Looyesen reported on behalf of the Finance Committee:

1. Staff salaries, 2010-11 - The committee recommended a 4% raise for the Executive staff with an additional 2% for Solberg as per a previous agreement. Also recommended a 3.5% increase for assistants Carlsrud and Bass and a 5% increase for assistant Prosbly.

Motion by Helvik to approve the committee recommendation. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Building updates – The new office is completely remodeled with décor left in the meeting room. There has been an offer on the old building but the offer is less than remodeling costs. The committee recommended a counter offer to meet a minimum of the remodeling cost.

3. Finance Review – There has been some discussion from member schools about team payments and there may be proposals brought forward in the future. With purchases of the

building and decrease of interest income, there is continual support of the current team payment plan.

4. The committee recommended the acceptance of the letter of retirement from staff member Solberg as of June 30, 2012. Motion by Jacobson to accept the recommendation. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the current retirement contributions policy. This was referred to the Finance Committee for further study.

Sanstead reported on behalf of the Canvassing Committee.

Result of the ballot count for the Class A East position: Todd Olson – 89 / Andy Dahlen – 43

Result of the ballot count for the Class B Northeast position: Kirk Ham – 102 / Wayne Trottier – 40

Motion by Ranum to accept the report of the Canvassing Committee. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary reported on the National Federation Officials Association. North Dakota is a 100% membership state. Benefits associated with this membership were reviewed. There are 1290 officials registered in North Dakota. The NFOA has started a video training program using Arbiter Sports. There is a fee asked of states to be involved in this endeavor. This will be on the agenda for the Board in March following the NDOA meeting in February.

The Board reviewed the results of the Class A Review emphasizing:

1. Softball exemption 5 years with a date ending August 31, 2014
2. Baseball exemption 3 years with a date ending August 31, 2012

These recommendations along with the sport specific advisory committees and the Class B District Chairperson recommendations will be addressed at the March meeting.

The Executive Secretary reported several requests from member schools to waive the restriction of no more than two games per week followed by a school day to allow schools to reschedule games which have been postponed because of the weather. Motion by Looyesen to approve the waiver only for games postponed because of weather. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – no, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – no, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – no. Motion carried, 8-3

Staff member Bubach reported on an appeal from West Fargo to allow a late registration. Motion by Helvik to deny. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Swiontek – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ranum – yes, Eastgate – yes, Looyesen – yes, Jacobson – yes, Maus – yes, Moe – yes, Helvik – yes, Schatz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Board correspondence was reviewed:

- a. Ellendale

b. National Federation distribution

Representative Reports

Ulland indicated there are still some schools that are not certain whether the Class B girls' and boys' basketball seasons have been switched. The membership will be reminded at the General Assembly meeting this is in effect for the 2010-11 year.

Discussion was held concerning the General Membership meeting. The agenda was reviewed. A quorum requires 50 member schools. If a quorum is established, business can be conducted. In anticipation of a possible amendment, the Board reviewed if an amendment to a proposed amendment would be passed at the assembly, this would nullify any electronic vote.

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

1. In the Board folder, the result of balloting for region and state basketball officials shows the return of ballots. There were a number of schools that did not return their ballot.
2. Currently there are 12 applications for the upcoming Assistant to the Executive Secretary opening.
3. West Fargo High School investigation revealed the City of Fargo had determined the subject of the investigation had vacated their home in Fargo which is in violation of the zoning laws for businesses being run in a residential area.
4. There is a concern hockey officials are boycotting region tournaments because of the lodging policy for regional tournaments where rooms are provided as needed. A number of hockey officials are demanding lodging for all nights rather than driving and refuse to officiate the regional tournament. A brief Officials Committee meeting will be held following the Board meeting to discuss this issue.
5. Gave a brief report on the hardships investigations and how the rulings were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2010 in Bismarck.

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

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

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____