

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
November 18, 2011 – Fargo, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on November 18, 2011 at the Fargo Radisson Inn. President Swiontek called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Brannan.

Following several additions to the agenda, motion by Auch to accept the agenda. Second by Moe and carried unanimously.

A copy of the minutes from the October 19, 2011 Board of Directors meeting was provided to the Board for review. Motion by Olson to approve as read. Second by Ham. 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, 2011. Motion by Helvik to approve the report. Second by Martin. Auch inquired about the percent of interest on the CD. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the IRS Form 990 as prepared by the auditor for board consideration and approval. Motion by Sanstead to approve. Second by Ulland and carried.

Applications for dissolutions of cooperative sponsorship programs were reviewed.

- a. Central Valley and Hillsboro in junior high football, 2012-2013

Motion by Ulland to approve. Second by Hall and carried unanimously.

- b. Munich and Starkweather in volleyball, 2012-2013

Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Olson and carried unanimously.

- c. Sawyer and Max in baseball, 2011-2012

Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Moe. Moe asked what Max will be doing after the dissolution. Staff member Bubach indicated Max will have their own varsity program. Motion carried.

Applications for cooperative sponsorship agreements were reviewed:

- a. Lakota and Adams-Edmore in volleyball, 7-12, 2012-2013, no fee

Motion by Olson to approve the application. Second by Auch and carried unanimously.

- b. Minot and Our Redeemer's in girls' hockey, 7-12, 2011-2012, no fee.

This was discussed by the Executive Committee as it was past the due date. With a turnover in administration and lost documents, it is the consensus of the Executive Board to approve this coop application. Ulland indicated it is a good faith gesture. The coop on hockey just refers to hockey and not gender specific. This will clear the issue.

- c. Minot and Our Redeemer's in boys' hockey, 7-12, 2011-2012, no fee

Motion by Olson to approve the two Minot/Our Redeemer's applications. Second by Auch and carried unanimously.

- d. Shiloh and Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock in baseball, 9-12, 2011-2012, no fee

Motion by Moe to approve the application. Second by Sanstead and carried unanimously.

e. Langdon and Munich in volleyball, 7-12, 2012-2013, no fee

Motion by Olson to approve the application. Second by Ham and carried unanimously.

f. Dickinson and South Heart in girls' tennis, 9-12, 2011-2012, no fee

Motion by Moe to approve. Second by Helvik and carried unanimously.

g. Dickinson and Mott-Regent in girls' tennis, 9-12, 2011-2012, no fee

Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Administration of Ray High School requesting a waiver of Article XIV, Section III of the By-Laws to allow a student to wrestle unattached at two outside tournaments during the high school season. Accompanying the letter is documentation indicating the student is 4th in national ranking for U.S. Future Olympic Ranking Team Member. Competing in a similar athletic contest as an unattached individual during the high school season is prohibited unless the Board grants an exemption because of U.S. Olympic or International ramifications. Motion by Olson to allow in these activities during the season. Second by Moe. Hall asked and verified this request is similar to the tennis and other sports requests of the past. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board held audience with a delegation from Four Winds to appeal the hardship ruling concerning two students that transferred to avoid travel on roads compromised by the recent weather. Prin. John Lohnes, Coach Dave Davidson, Andrew Morin, Guardian and grandparent of one student and Mr. Smith, the father of the other student were in attendance. The Executive Secretary shared a narrative prepared in response to Four Winds appeal of the two hardships. Discussion continued. Motion by Ulland to uphold the decision of the Executive Secretary and deny the appeal. Second by Helvik. A roll call vote was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Hall - yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – no, Auch – yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried, 9-1.

The Executive Board shared a report of their meeting earlier in the day:

1. As shared earlier in the Board meeting, because of extenuating circumstances, the Minot/Our Redeemer's girls' hockey coop request was allowed to be considered.
2. Informed the Board they will be receiving a report and appeal concerning conduct of an administrator following a football play-off game.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the NDOA Board meeting and the following requests are asked to be considered by the NDHSAA Board:

1. Increase officials' fees 2 ½ percent for all sports beginning in 2012-13 excluding sub-varsity basketball.
2. Approve a \$5.00 increase for sub-varsity basketball officiating.
3. Waive or reduce registration fees for new officials that are first time registrants.
4. Require all member schools to contract at least one-third of its home contests with 3-person crews for boys and girls basketball.

As per past practice, these recommendations will be tabled to allow member schools an opportunity to review and offer feedback. Motion by Martin to table until the January meeting. Second by Auch and carried.

The Board read a letter from Randy Cranston, Watford City AD, requesting the Board to reconsider placing Stanley into District 16 and leave Stanley in District 15. Helvik reported on behalf of the Realignment Committee's discussion concerning the request from District 16 requesting Stanley remain in District 15 rather than District 16 which was previously approved by the Board. The Realignment Committee re-evaluated the district placement and recommended Stanley remain in District 16 as placed. This move was to keep the numbers fairly even in district assignments. Motion by Ham to deny the Watford City request and recommend Stanley remain in the assigned District 16. Second by Ham. Roll call was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Hall - yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Helvik also reported on the placement of the new Lakota/Adams-Edmore coop in volleyball to the district of the host school which would be District 7 for fall of 2012. Motion by Ulland to approve. Second by Martin. Roll call was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Hall - yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Helvik indicated the Realignment Committee recommends the proposed region softball assignments as presented by the Softball Advisory Committee. Motion by Auch to approve the recommendation pending division placement of Minot Bishop Ryan. Second by Moe and carried unanimously.

The Board held an audience with a delegation from Minot Bishop Ryan consisting of John Backus, Brian Kramer and Fred Mueller. Their request is to allow Bishop Ryan to compete in the Class A division for softball. This was felt to be in the best interest in the development of softball programs in the Class B division as Bishop Ryan is an established program with past history of playing in the Class A division. Motion by Ham to allow Minot Bishop Ryan to compete in the Class A Division for fastpitch softball. Second by Auch. Roll call was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Hall - yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Brian Nelson appeared before the Board to appeal a hardship denial of a Lewis and Clark North Shore student. New documentation was presented. Motion by Auch to reverse the decision and allow the hardship. Second by Sanstead. Roll call was taken. Ulland – no, Sanstead – yes, Hall - no, Helvik – no, Olson – no, Ham – no, Martin – no, Moe – no, Auch – yes, Swiontek – no. Motion defeated, 2-8.

The Executive Secretary reported need for clarification in the regulations as to what is considered post-season in various sports and how it relates to regular season limitations. Fetsch shared situations in which there has been confusion in what is considered post-season and whether or not participation in those tournaments counts toward regular season limitations. Wording changes are needed to clarify the intent of the regulations but will not change the intent of the regulation. Also, with the change in softball, there may have to be regulation changes made because of the creation of two divisions. More study will be reported at the next Board meeting.

President Swiontek gave an update on the strategic plan process. A meeting has been scheduled with Marv Erhardt. There will be a request to have him facilitate the planning process.

The Executive Secretary shared a 2012-2013 date conflict. With the change of NDEA days to October 18 & 19 there is a conflict with State Soccer. Recommended is to change the state soccer tournament to October 10, 11, and 12 for 2013. Also, State Gymnastics was previously approved for February 21 & 22 which falls on a Thursday, Friday rather than Friday, Saturday. Proposed is to move the State Gymnastics Tournament to February 22 & 23, 2013. Motion by Moe to approve these changes. Second by Olson and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Brad Foss, AD of Hazen along with two other documents which verify a transfer of a Hazen student to be a legal transfer. Documentation provided which supports this transfer. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Martin. Roll call was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Hall - yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – no. Motion carried, 9-1.

The Board reviewed a Ternes communiqué. No comments or action.

Ulland asked if the regulations in Fine Arts speech also included one-act play. He indicated there have been complaints about the appropriateness of a production within their region. No action was taken as this was for information purposes to create an awareness.

Swiontek reminded the Board the Coaches' Education meeting will be held following the Board meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The Executive Secretary report:

1. The NFHS summer meeting schedule has been included in the Board folder.
2. Along with Auch, the NDHSAA was asked to present at the school board convention this past October 28th. He informed the Board the school board members present at that meeting were concerned more about safety of players in football than concerned about distance to travel for equal competition.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2012 at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn.

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

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