

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
March 9, 2012 - Fargo, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on March 9, 2012 at the Fargo Radisson Hotel. President Swiontek called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with all members present.

The agenda was discussed. With so few items on the agenda for March 16th, a motion was made by Helvik to combine the March 16th meeting with the present meeting and to also approve a conference call with Williston High School for 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 3/13/12, second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from two prior meetings were previously made available to the Board. Motion by Sanstead to approve the January 28, 2012 minutes with second by Moe. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Olson to approve the February 3, 2012 minutes with second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The finance report was presented by the Executive Secretary. Reviewed were the balance sheet, detailed budget and savings/investments reports. Motion to approve the financial report by Helvik with second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously. Olson reported on the state hockey tournament and Class B Boys' basketball tournament recently held in Grand Forks. Hockey showed a decrease in net profits of approximately 10% with a decrease in gross revenue for Class B Boys' basketball of approximately 15.5%.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution applications:

1. Shiloh and Bismarck Public in boys' golf
 - a. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Moe. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Shiloh and Bismarck Public in girls' golf
 - a. Motion to approve by Hall, second by Moe. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Olson, second by Auch to move Shiloh Christian to Region 5 for boys & girls golf. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship program applications:

1. Bowman County and Beach, wrestling, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion to approve by Auch, second by Sanstead and carried unanimously.
2. Kidder Co. Steele, KC Tappen and Sterling, junior high (7-8), girls basketball, 2012-13, no fee
Motion to approve by Olson, second by Ulland and carried unanimously.
3. Ellendale, Edgeley, Kulm and Montpelier, wrestling, 2012-13, 7-12, no fee
Motion to approve by Auch, second by Hall and carried unanimously.
4. Edgeley, Kulm and Montpelier, girls basketball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion to approve by Olson, second by Sanstead and carried unanimously.
5. Edgeley, Kulm and Montpelier, boys basketball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee

- Motion to approve by Olson, second by Sanstead and carried unanimously.
6. Watford City, Johnson Corners and Alexander, boys cross country, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion to approve by Helvik, second by Auch and carried unanimously.
 7. Watford City, Johnson Corners and Alexander, girls cross country, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion to approve by Helvik, second by Auch and carried unanimously.
 8. Watford City, Johnson Corners and Alexander, softball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee (addition to agenda)
Motion to approve by Ham, second by Helvik and carried unanimously.

The Executive Board reported on actions on rule violations from January and March meetings.

1. January
 - a. Rolette HS student participated in football for 9th semester. Penalty: Forfeit all games Rolette won in which he participated. Rolette HS was sent a letter of reprimand.
 - b. Dickinson HS used an unregistered official on December 17th for a JV portion of a tournament. Penalty: Dickinson HS was sent a letter of reprimand.
 - c. Appeal from school administrator from Turtle Lake-Mercer regarding behavior at the State football finals. Penalty: Letter of reprimand for conduct unbecoming a school official was sent to administrator.
2. March
 - a. Red River violation for using a student over the age of 20 in soccer matches (6 games). Did not affect EDC post season or state play. Penalty: All games were forfeited. Letter of reprimand will be sent to Red River HS.
 - b. Wishek used a 6th grade student in wrestling. By NDHSAA By-Law schools cannot use 6th grade students. Penalty: Forfeit all team places and letter of reprimand will be sent to Wishek HS.
 - c. Alexander HS used a 7th grade student for a speech meet from a school (East Fairview) with which no cooperative sponsorship was in place. Penalty: Forfeit all rounds and all team places from meets in which ineligible student participated. Letter of reprimand will be sent to Alexander HS.

President Swiontek complimented all schools that self-reported these infractions.

A request was received from Curt Pierce & Brandt Dick, representing Region V, for permission to play the Region V boys' basketball tournament on Monday-Tuesday-Friday in order to prevent venue conflicts. When the boys' and girls' seasons were switched, they felt the problem of not having a place for the regional boys' basketball tournament would be resolved, but it has not solved the problem. Motion to approve request by Ham second by Helvik. This request will "stand" until changed by board action. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Bubach provided a fine arts update to the Board regarding the advisory process, junior varsity speech issues, Class B music venue and NDMEA conversations. Bubach facilitated conference calls with speech advisory concerning offering a JV category at speech meets. Advisory is not in favor of this practice. Advisory recommended coaches adjudicate and provide workshops for junior varsity participants, but not include them in results as they felt that would skew results.

A conference call with music advisory was facilitated. Advisory is working on a prioritized list of changes to the state B Music contest in the event an appropriate venue is not found for the 2014 contest. The Board was also informed of the possibility of NDMEA requesting NDHSAA move the 2014 State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament to another weekend so as not to conflict with NDMEA. No formal request has been received to date.

A Strategic Plan update was given by the Executive Secretary. All board members and strategic plan members received a scanning report summary from Marv Erhardt and agreed the process has been a positive experience thus far. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 10:00 a.m. The focus will be to zero in on what we really want as our goals and how to accomplish those goals.

The Executive Secretary updated the board regarding ball bids. Many years ago member schools came to our Board and asked NDHSAA to come up with a process that allows schools to obtain volleyballs and basketballs at the best price. For the past 13 years our basketball bid has been with Spalding. Gerrells has been our contact for Spalding balls. However, schools may purchase balls where ever they choose. To be named the NDHSAA official ball, Spalding pays NDHSAA \$10,000 per year and includes complimentary balls for post season. In 13 years, the price of the basketballs has increased \$1.50 keeping the price low for our schools. This year concerns were raised about the quality of the ball.

An informational survey done through the NDHSAA office showed schools were not dissatisfied with the ball. As the season went on, they were pleased. The Executive Secretary is in the process of negotiating a price on basketballs. The choice of the volleyball is still undecided. NDHSAA is working with the volleyball coaches on whether to use the Baden or the Tachikara ball. The ball bid should be on the April agenda.

The Finance/Personnel Committee reported on the results of the interviews held for the upcoming vacancy for an Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Steve Hall, chair, recommended the Board approve Justin Fletchcock. Motion by Ham to approve the recommendation and offer Mr. Fletchcock a two-year contract for a salary of \$75,000 for the first year and \$79,000 for the second year. Second by Auch. Roll call vote was taken: Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Martin – yes, Hall – yes, Ham – yes, Auch – yes, Helvik – yes, Moe – yes, Olson – yes, Brannan - yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, Steve Swiontek suggested the following options for the Boys' and Girls' State Hockey Tournaments:

1. Option 1 - Play the Girls' State Hockey Tournament the same weekend as the State Wrestling Tournament. Play the Boys' State Hockey Tournament on the same corresponding weekend that we now hold the boys' and girls' combined tournament. Play the girls' tournament in Minot and the boys' tournament at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks or the Scheels Center in Fargo.
2. Option 2 - Same split and dates, but play the girls' state hockey tournament on alternating years at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks and the Scheels Center in Fargo. The following weekend play the boys' state hockey tournament on alternating years at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks and the Scheels Center in Fargo.

The Executive Secretary discussed the history of girls' hockey tournament sites in North Dakota. Concern was expressed due to the possibility of the UND mens' and womens' hockey teams having home games in 2013-14, which will create scheduling problems for the boys' and girls' state tournaments. It was suggested the school administrators for boys' and girls' hockey be brought in to discuss the future of these tournaments and to discuss hockey scheduling.

In other business, the District Chair Meeting Report was moved to the April agenda. Scott Ulland will provide a report to the Board regarding the District Chairpersons meeting.

Board Correspondence included an email from Mr. Zacher concerning hotel rooms at the Class B Boys' basketball tournament in Grand Forks.

In representative reports, Brannan, NW representative, brought forth district realignment. Stanley was moved from one district to another and the NW schools requested he find out what goes into the movement of schools from one district to another. In explanation, specifically in the Stanley issue, the realignment committee made the initial move and that skewed the numbers for basketball, but adjusted the volleyball districts appropriately. Stanley appealed the realignment and the board made the decision to stay with realignment committee's suggestion.

Brannan also inquired if it had been brought to the board to have girls' basketball return to fall to assist with the shortage of officials. It was noted this is on the district chairs agenda and will be discussed at district chairs and brought to the board through the district chairs if approved.

Hall, SE representative, questioned region tournament placement. Recommendations should be for sites that are appropriate for the tournament. Sites may have to be reviewed at the board level during the process of approval. Site selection has always been a contentious issue for the board. It has been given back to the districts to come to the board with those recommendations. The tournament committee relies on the

recommendations of the districts as to where the region tournaments should be held. A form is distributed when district chairs meet to recommend a site. The site chosen for the Region 1 tournament was at the recommendation of the Region 1 representatives' district.

The Executive Secretary reported Coaches Choice clothing sales at state wrestling were over the guaranteed minimum average of the last 3 years as agreed upon. Coaches Choice paid an additional \$369.34 to NDHSAA.

Annie Johnson, Hettinger HS student, was the North Dakota NFHS Section V Spirit of Sport nominee.

The Executive Secretary reported staff responded favorably to employment offers.

Also reported was a letter from Greg Boyer indicating intent of a lawsuit due to bodily harm by a member school administrator at a football game. As reported by the school administrator, the individual was going to accost some officials at a regular season game and the administrator intervened. No formal issue at this time.

The next Board meeting, scheduled for April 17, 2012 in Valley City, is in conflict with the NFHS Legal conference. Motion to move meeting to April 16th by Martin with second by Brannan. The tournament committee will meet on April 15th and finish up on April 16th with the Board meeting before and after Strategic Plan meeting on April 16th. Motion carried unanimously.

President Swiontek expressed appreciation for the great job the staff does in administrating activities for the students of North Dakota & thanked staff for accepting offers.

It was noted Sheryl Solberg's father passed away. The Board offered condolences.

The Executive Secretary mentioned the summer conference will be held July 7-12, 2012 and that information books were not yet available. Board members were encouraged to make their travel arrangements.

President Swiontek declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell, Asst. to the Exec. Sec.