

**MINUTES**

**North Dakota High School Activities Association  
December 12, 2013, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held a special meeting on December 12, 2013 in Valley City. President Olson called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

Members present: Olson, Roaldson, Martin, Ham, Hall, Rinas, Bertsch, Baesler

Members absent: Auch, Brannan, Wiberg

Others present: Representatives from Milnor and North Sargent High Schools

The Board met via conference call to act on a request by Milnor High School for an emergency girls' basketball coop for 2013/14. Chris Larson, Milnor High School Athletic Director, reported on the current state of girls' basketball in their school. There are seven girls in grades 9-12 and five 8<sup>th</sup> grade students currently out for basketball this year. Pulling the 8<sup>th</sup> graders up to play varsity would be putting them into a bad situation and hurt the chances of them continuing to play basketball in coming years. They have been exploring a cooperative sponsorship for some time. Both North Sargent and Milnor's school boards approved this request for an emergency coop. Asked why was this coop not applied for earlier, Larson did not have a good answer and agreed it should have been. There was indication from both schools a coop application for future years will be presented if this emergency coop is not approved. Both communities have held public forums and are looking at a long-range plan to take a pro-active rather than a reactive stance to cooperative sponsorships. Milnor school board was not previously in favor of cooping until it was an emergency. If the coop is denied, they will keep their varsity schedule and cancel their JV games and some other games as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students started their season earlier and would exceed their season limits if a full schedule was maintained. Larson recently sent out a memo explaining the situation to the schools on their schedule. They received no response back from any schools.

Motion by Rinas to deny an emergency girls' basketball coop application between Milnor High School and North Sargent High School for 2013/14. Second by Roaldson.

Role call vote: Rinas – Yes, Olson – Yes, Hall – Yes, Ham – Yes, Bertsch – Yes, Martin – Yes, Roaldson – Yes, Baesler – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held on January 25, 2014 in Bismarck.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_