

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
March 21, 2014, Fargo, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on March 21, 2014 in Fargo. President Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Roaldson to approve the agenda. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the January 25, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Brannan to approve minutes as read. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Bertsch to approve minutes as read. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Wiberg to approve minutes as read. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report including balance sheet, detailed budget and investment report for review. The Executive Secretary presented the fall sports financial report for review. Motion by Rinas to approve the financial report. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

- a. Bismarck Public Schools and Mandan, softball, 2013-14
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Fargo South and Shanley, girls' hockey, 2014-15
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Fargo South and Fargo Davies, girls' hockey, 2014-15
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Grand Forks Red River and Grand Forks Central, orchestra, 2013-14
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Washburn, Wilton and Wing, football, 2015-16
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Tioga and Williston Trinity Christian, boys' & girls' cross country, 2014-15
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. Milnor and North Sargent in girls' basketball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Milnor and North Sargent in Junior High boys' basketball, 7-8, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Fargo North, Fargo South, and Shanley in girls' hockey, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in wrestling, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried (10-1).
- e. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in girls' hockey, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried (10-1).
- f. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in boys' hockey, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried (10-1).
- g. North Star and Starkweather in girls' basketball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. North Star and Starkweather in boys' basketball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Devils Lake and New Rockford-Sheyenne in boys' hockey, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Medina and Pingree-Buchanan in volleyball, 7-12, 2014-15, late fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Jamestown and Medina in boys' hockey, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Jamestown and Ellendale in boys' hockey, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Jamestown and Maple Valley in boys' hockey, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Bertsch to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in baseball, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried (10-1).
- o. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in softball, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried (10-1).

Request from Shane Martin, Turtle Mountain AD, for approval to start their 2014-15 girls' basketball season one day early in order to participate in the Lake Region Girls' Basketball Tournament.
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Mandan High School requested a site change for the 2013/14 West Region Speech from Bismarck Simle to Mandan High School due to a change in tournament managers. Motion by Brannan to approve.
Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

District Chair Recommendations:

	District Chairs	NDHSAA Board
1. Reinstatement of shoot/hit rounds at state basketball and volleyball tournaments	15-0	Y(8-3)
2. Remove the limitation of football players dressed for the Dakota Bowl	10-5	N(0-11)
3. Adjust the Tuesday and Thursday start times of the Regional VB Tournament to allow 5:30 as an option.	15-0	N(0-11)

Athletic Review:

	Advisory Committee	Athletic Review	NDHSAA Board
		1/25/14	3/21/14
Cross Country: None			
Boys Soccer: None			
Football: None			
Class A Girls' Golf: None			
Boys' Tennis			
1. Change number of practices required for the boys' and girls' tennis seasons from 9 to 7 before the first competition.	X	N(0-8)	N(0-11)
2. Change the number of officials from two to four for each regional tournament.	X	N(1-7)	N(0-11)
Volleyball			
Class A and Class B			
1. Reinstate the hit-arounds prior to the State Volleyball Tournament	X	N(0-8)	N(0-11)
Track and Field Recommendations			
1. Change Class A Girls' Pole Vault qualifying height to 9' 3"	X	Y(8-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Change Class A Girls' 800 meter qualifying time to 2:25.24	X	Y(8-0)	Y(10-0)

3. Adopt the Provisional ("B") Qualifying Standards	X	N(0-8)	N(0-10)
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Football Committee chair, Jim Roaldson, provided an update on preliminary placement of teams into divisions for the 2015 and 2016 football plan.

Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Laws Committee chair, provided an update to the Board regarding committee progress in the review of academic eligibility. Board members reviewed academic eligibility survey results.

NDHSAA Staff was directed to bring By-Law language suggestions to the areas below in preparation for Board consideration of By-Law amendment(s) to be voted upon in October 2014.

Recommendations/Considerations:

- 1) Increase the number of classes a student must be passing to remain eligible to participate in NDHSAA sports and activities from 4 to 5.
- 2) Replace the class hour requirement with "course" or "class".
- 3) Consider the replacement of the current six-week fall ineligibility suspension with a two-week fall eligibility suspension.
- 4) Consider allowing all classes schools count toward graduation on their high school diploma, to count toward academic eligibility. To include summer school, online and any other classes accepted by member schools.

The committee recommends a full academic eligibility committee meeting in April in Valley City to review NDHSAA Staff recommendations as outlined.

Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Realignment Committee recommended all districts remain as proposed.

Board correspondence was reviewed.

Sylling reported NDHSAA's current legal counsel will no longer be available after December 31, 2014.

Gary Thune, current counsel, recommended John Sanstead from the same firm of Pearce & Durick.

Motion by Auch issue a request for proposal (RFP) for legal services. Second by Roaldson.

Discussion: Baesler recommended issuing an RFP to solicit legal counsel. Bertsch questioned cooperating with the North Dakota School Boards Association. It was noted there may be a conflict of interest with NDHSAA using the same counsel as North Dakota School Boards.

Sylling will analyze our past billing and to estimate how many hours we have paid for legal counsel in order to prepare an RFP for legal counsel. The Board recommended the RFP be sent to the Council of School Attorneys. The motion to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for legal services carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence:

Sylling informed the Board of pending litigation with Jerys Enget vs. City of Bismarck and NDHSAA.

At issue is an injury at a west region basketball tournament. North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRF) requested the same legal counsel represent the City of Bismarck and NDHSAA. Upon review, Sylling approved the NDRF request.

2014 NFHS Summer Conference books are not yet available. The 2014 NFHS Summer Conference will be held in Boston, MA. Registration packets will be mailed to Board members upon receipt.

Motion by Ham directing Executive Secretary Sylling, and his wife, to attend the NFHS Summer Conference in Boston. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Reports:

Hall indicated he has had questions on the current television contract and how the contract affected BEK Communications and Hall requested further clarification of the situation. Bubach explained the NFHS Network relationship this year and complaints received from BEK Communications.

Olson requested future discussion on changing school boundaries and their affect on NDHSAA operations. As new high schools open, guidelines must be made regarding how will students become eligible for the new school within their district. As per NDHSAA By-Law, when a school closes, students are eligible in the high school of their choice. When a new school is built, the NDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws does not have provisions in place for placement of high school students within the new district. Olson will bring some thoughts to the Board at the April Board meeting for further discussion.

Wiberg would like future discussion on the need for summer rules, out of season coaching, summer practice and open gym.

Sylling provided the Executive Secretary's report.

Board approved staff salaries at the last Board meeting. All staff members accepted the offer from the Board for 2014/15 contracts.

Sylling shared the names of applicants for the Assistant to the Executive Secretary position.

Due to Board conflicts, the June board meeting was changed to June 23, 2014 with the Board retirement supper on June 23, 2014

The Combined Tournament Committee meeting will be held April 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the Doublewood in Fargo following the Spring NDIAAAA Conference.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held April 22, 2014 in Valley City.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____