

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
June 23, 2014, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on June 23, 2014 in Valley City. President Olson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Members absent: Baesler

Other's Present: Tom Mix, Wayne Stanley, Jeff Manley, Kevin Morast, Mark Anderson, Kevin Ressler, Wayne Trottier, Juno Pintar

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

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Martin to approve minutes as read. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Executive Secretary presented the winter sports and fine arts financial reports for review.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

- a. Munich and Starkweather in girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Trenton and Williston Trinity Christian in boys' golf, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Trenton and Williston Trinity Christian in girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Midkota and Griggs County Central in boys' track, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Midkota and Griggs County Central in girls' track, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Park River and Devils Lake in girls' hockey, 9-12, 2014-15
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Sawyer and Bishop Ryan in boys' track, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Sawyer and Bishop Ryan in girls' track, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Sawyer and Bishop Ryan in football, 7-12, 2015-16
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Tioga and Ray in football, 7-12, 2015-16
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. GF Central, GF Red River and Thompson in boys' swim & dive, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Langdon Area and Munich in boys' golf, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Bertsch to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Langdon Area and Munich in girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Bertsch to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Jamestown and Medina in boys' swim & dive, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee

- Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Jamestown and Medina in girls' swim & dive, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Midkota and Kensal in girls' track, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. Midkota and Kensal in boys' track, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
 - h. Velva and Sawyer in boys' track, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
 - i. Velva and Sawyer in girls' track, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
 - j. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in wrestling, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
 - k. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in boys' golf, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
 - l. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
 - m. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in baseball, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
 - n. Surrey and Nedrose in girls' cross country, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
 - o. North Star and Starkweather in girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
 - p. Shiloh and Linton in boys' cross country, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
 - q. Bismarck Century, Kidder County Steele, and Kidder County Tappen in boys' hockey, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
 - r. Bismarck Public Schools, Kidder County Steele and Kidder County Tappen in girls' Hockey, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Stanley, Superintendent of South Prairie school district appeared to request the Board place South Prairie in districts and regions for athletics and fine arts beginning in 2015/16, the first year South Prairie will become a K-12 school. In addition, Stanley requested waiving the transfer rule for those South Prairie students currently attending other districts through tuition agreements. South Prairie students are currently at three different high schools: Des Lacs-Burlington High School, Max High School and Minot High School. Past Board interpretation is that when a school building closes, students are eligible where they want to attend. The Board has not dealt with graded elementary school districts expanding by opening a high school.

Motion by Ham to grant immediate eligibility to students residing within the South Prairie district, provided those students are enrolled on the first day of school for 2015/16 school year. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Martinson, Executive Director of the North Dakota School Boards Association recommended Patty Stedman, West Fargo, fill the unexpired term of Board member Ben Auch, who will resign as of June 30, 2014 due to employment change. Stedman will begin a 4-year term on July 1, 2014.

Juno Pintar, Athletic Director and Dr. Wayne Trottier, Superintendent for Standing Rock Community High School appeared before the Board to appeal a denied hardship application. Information regarding the hardship investigation was distributed to Board members. Executive Secretary Sylling reported to the Board on his hardship investigation and results. The Board directed questions to Pintar and Trottier concerning the hardship. Motion by Ham to deny hardship appeal. Second by Bertsch. Roll Call Vote: (8-2)

Roaldson - yes, Bertsch - yes, Brannan - yes, Hall - yes, Martin - no, Ham - yes, Wiberg - yes, Rinas - yes, Auch - no, Olson – yes. Motion carried.

The Board acted on District Chair recommendations and Athletic Review recommendations as per the grid below. Staff members provided the Board with other advisory committee concerns through the advisory minutes for each sport/activity.

		06/11/14	06/23/14
	Advisory	Athletic	NDHSAA
District Chair Recommendations	Committee	Review	Board
1. Board shall give authority to the Executive Secretary to waive the pre-season practice session (regulation 1) when appealed by a member school.	Y(16-0)		Y(10-0)
2. Seed team duals for the state wrestling tournament.	Y(16-0)		Y(10-0)
3. Schedule region track on Friday and use Saturday as alternate day	Y(9-7)		N(0-10)
4. Eliminate the three day adult pass for regional volleyball.	Y(16-0)	Previously	approved

Class A Review

Wrestling			
Class A and B			
1. Eliminate the individual season match limit. Use maximum number of 16 events as the limit.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Eliminate 3A, under "Forfeiture in NDHSAA Tournament"	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
3. Seed the State Class B dual tournament as described in advisory minutes.	x	N(0-10)	N(0-10)
Hockey			
Boys and Girls			
1. Allow individual players to participate in 105 periods in a season	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Increase boys to 23 allowable games and girls to 25 games (23 if region tournament established)	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
3. Change the value of an overtime win to 3 points and an overtime loss to 0 points.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
4. Add language to allow a rostered player to be replaced for other disciplinary reasons.	x	Y(9-1)	Y(9-1)
5. Use a shootout to determine a winner in state tournament consolation games following the third overtime.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
Basketball			
Class "A"			
1. Increase the allowable halves for Class A schools to 63.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Add shoot arounds at State Class A Tournament during halftime of the previous game.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
3. Add the 3 foot charge arc in Class A Basketball.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
Class "B"			
1. Increase the allowable quarters for Class B schools playing in Super Regionals to 126.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
Gymnastics			
1. Change the Team Day warm-up order.	x	Y(9-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Add tie breakers for Team seeding.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)

Swimming & Diving			
No items at this time	x		
Golf Recommendations			
"B" Boys' & Girls' Golf Recommendations			
1. Allow players to use distance measuring devices for all regular season and tournament play (same wording as the Class A regulation).	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Change the electronic devices regulation to allow a designated scorer to use a cell phone to enter scores.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
"A" Boys' Golf Recommendations			
1. Eliminate the regulation that requires all schools to be out of session the day prior to the state tournament for a practice round to be held.	x	Y(9-1)	Y(10-0)
2. Drop the admission at region and state meets.	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
Tennis Recommendations			
1. Extend the girls' tennis season by one week at the end of the season	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
2. Offer a "tournament pass" for the region/state competitions at a reduced price - refer to Tournament Committee	x	N(1-9)	Y(10-0)
Baseball			
"B" Baseball Recommendations			
No items at this time			
"A" Baseball Recommendations			
1. Rearrange Day 2 of the state tournament brackets so a team in Thursday's late game does not play the early game on Friday.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Require state tournament umpires to work at least two varsity doubleheaders during the regular season.	x	N(0-10)	N(0-10)
3. Select state tournament umpires at the previous year's state coaches meeting.	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
Girls' Soccer Recommendations			
1. Add state tournament games to the running clock regulation.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
2. Develop a system for officials to be evaluated.	x	N(0-10)	N(0-10)
Track & Field Advisory Recommendations			
Class "A" and "B"			
1. Eliminate the 3 meets/week regulation.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(9-1)
2. Eliminate the junior high meets/week regulation.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(9-1)
3. Add guidelines for number of competitors in each flight for field events at State Track as outlined in advisory minutes.	x	Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)
Class "A"			
1. Eliminate having an A and B Regional at the same site on the same date.	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
2. Move Region Track to Friday, with Saturday being a backup date.	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)

3. Have the top 8 qualify for State from Regionals (top 6 in relays).	x	N(1-9)	N(0-10)
Softball Advisory Recommendations			
No items at this time			
Athletic Review Committee Recommendations			
1. Seed the top four teams in the State Class B Dual Wrestling Tournament as described in advisory notes.		Y(10-0)	Y(10-0)

Fine Arts Review

Activity/Item	One line rules request for change	Exact Rules with revision, addition, and/or strikeout	Page #	Rationale	Adv.	Review	Board
1 Debate	6	Debate Entries. Move to add 2 entries, for a total of 6 in Divisions 1 and 2 of PF and LD	9	Increase the number of entries per school. Policy is not active and numbers could go up in LD and PF	5-0	6-0	10-0
2 Debate	6,J. V. 4	Drop the low, drop high, strength of opposition	9	Tie breaking	5-0	6-0	10-0
3 Debate	Change Topic		4 & 5	Not updated	5-0	6-0	10-0
4 Congress	Change team distribution		4	Re-distribute team allotments per house based on competition level.	5-0	6-0	10-0
5 Drama	Increase time allowed.	Increase running from 35 to 40 minutes	9	Increase in time may allow for additional works to be used.	5-0	6-0	10-0
6 Drama	Increase A Plays team trophies from 2 to 4.	4 places awarded	6	Increase team placings from 2 to 4 at State Class A Plays. Same as State Class A Speech.	5-0	6-0	10-0
7 Drama	Add Event	Add Musical Theater Ensemble to individual entries	7	Add ensemble event to individual event categories.	5-0	6-0	10-0
8 Drama	Draw finals times for State B Plays	Random Performance order for State B Finals (judges not to know preliminary rankings)	9	Following State B Prelims, a random draw will be held to determine timeslots for finals. Top 4 plays from each prelim site will be announced in alphabetical order. Tab will be sent to directors only at the conclusion of the event.	5-0	6-0	10-0
9 Drama	Clarify 'judge preference'	Change wording for ties	10		5-0	6-0	10-0
10 Speech	Ballot Quality points and New Master	Ballot quality points will read: 30-20	NA	Too many judges marking low quality points for 1 & 2. Students don't need to be criticized so severely.	5-0	6-0	10-0
11 Speech	Clarification for penalty for not providing an intro to interps	PENALTY: No introduction results in a rank of automatic 5.	p. 10	No prescribed penalty results in DQ of entry. Rank 5 more appropriate.	5-0	6-0	10-0
12 Speech	No alternates will be allowed for the state contest	Strike -- "The placement of alternates will be limited to 2 at State Speech Contests."	p. 20 region / state rule #7	Difficult to enforce & contact people in a timely manner.	5-0	6-0	10-0
13 Speech	Time Signals	Change from hand to time signals	p.14 #3	Makes regulation consistent between invites and region/state.	5-0	6-0	10-0
14 Speech	Electronic Devices	Allow general use for draw events	p.11	Previously limited to Extemp. Would now include EPR, STO, & IMP speaking categories.	5-0	6-0	10-0
15 Speech	Language correction	Language updates for consistency.	p. 10, 17, 19	10-removes redundant penalty statement. 17-removes redundant penalty statement. 19-updates range of contestants (6-9) allowed to break to finals. Previously 8.	5-0	6-0	10-0
16 Music	Change	At solo/ensemble	13	The 20% quota has been detrimental to	4-0	5-1	1-9

	Wording	festival a judge shall be limited to awarding no more than 1 star per 4 entries 25% or a fraction thereof		overall music participation. 25% would provide more opportunities especially in larger regions			
		a. Example: 1 to 4 entries = 1 star.	13				
		b. Example: 5-8 entries = 2 stars	13				
		c. Example 9-12 entries = 3 stars	13				
		d. Example 13-16 entries = 4 stars	13				
		e. 17-20 entries = 5 stars	13				
17 Music	Non-Certified Judges	There shall be a \$50 fine per judge for any region using non-certified judges. Students who qualify from that contest event(s) will be allowed qualification provided all other regulations have been followed.	7	Similar to regulation in speech.	4-0	6-0	10-0
18 Music	Combine Multiple Percussion and Percussion Solo Category to just say 'Percussion'	The events will be classified as follows: Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, English Horn, Bassoon, E Flat Soprano Clarinet, B Flat Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Contra Bass Clarinet, Alto Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone, French Horn, Baritone Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Mallet, Percussion, Timpani, Snare Drum (no rudiments are required); Multiple Percussion . (2014)	10	Clarify category and where trap set is to be placed.	4-0	6-0	10-0

Farmers Union Insurance representatives Mark Anderson, general manager and Kevin Ressler, state sales and marketing manager, appeared to thank the Board for the opportunity to work with the NDHSAA. Executive Secretary Sylling indicated NDHSAA is very appreciative of the working relationship with Farmers Union Insurance. Anderson provided an overall view of all Farmers Union Insurance agents and managers throughout the state.

An extension of the NDHSAA Premiere Partnership Agreement with Farmers Union Insurance was proposed bringing the agreement through 2020-21. The extension would include a \$3,000 increase beginning with the 2016/17 year at \$105,000 and ending with the 2020-21 year at \$117,000.

Farmers Union insurance also agreed to provide \$5,000 annually to be used for scholarship funds for the NDHSAA/Farmers Union Insurance Distinguished Student program.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the premiere partnership agreement extension. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Swenson, Superintendent of Wyndmere Public Schools, presented a super region proposal for Region 1 volleyball, boys' basketball and girls' basketball beginning in 2015/16.

- Each school in Region #1 would play each other for seeding purposes.
- The entire Super Regional would be played at one site (VB-Region I School; GBB and BBB-NDSCS, Fargo Civic, or other yet to be determine site).
- Once seeds are determined, seeds numbers 1-3 would receive byes into the Regional tournament.
- Seeds 4-13 would participate in the first round of the tournament to set the field for the remaining 8-team portion of the regional tournament.
- Money from the play-in round would be split among Region I schools.
- We assume this to mean even with this change, the NDHSAA is only responsible for the 8-team part of the tournament.
- With the loss of district tournaments, our region asks to be allowed to play one additional regular season contest. This change would guarantee our teams the same number of games they currently have, regardless of postseason success.

Motion by Rinas to approve the Region 1 super regional proposal. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roaldson to recommend the realignment committee research of super region tournament structure and provide the Executive Secretary the discretion to assign Ad Hoc members to the committee as needed. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Roaldson, trophy and awards committee chair, recommended the Board consider extending the current awards and trophies contract with Allard Trophy Company. The bid extension included no increases in costs. Motion by Martin to approve trophy and awards committee recommendation to extend the current awards contract with Allard Trophy Company. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of Kirsten Baesler, the Board discussed Fine Arts season dates. The majority of fine arts tournament dates occur within 10 days in April. Bubach recommended the issue be sent to the Fine Arts Committee for review.

The Board was presented information regarding a RFP for legal services, due to Gary Thune's December 31, 2014 retirement. Further review and screening of the proposals was recommended by Sylling with invitation to address the Board with their proposals issued to two finalist firms. Action to take place at a later date.

Chairman Hall of the Constitution & By-Laws committee report progress on two items.

1) Academic Eligibility - ** indicates proposed amendments

SECTION IV of Article XIV – Rules of Eligibility: ~~A student shall not have been enrolled in any institution of higher rank than a secondary school except in the case of an accelerated student doing work in an institution of higher rank. Such students shall continue to qualify for high school competition if taking two or more high school subjects in the high school in which he/she is enrolled and one or more college level courses each of which is equal or greater than the time requirements of a regular high school course for a minimum of four full credit courses and fulfilling all other eligibility requirements may be eligible to compete for the high school he/she is enrolled.~~ (Add consequence of failure to make satisfactory progress from Section VIII to Section IV.) Failure to **acquire four half-units make satisfactory progress towards the school's requirements for graduation at the end of a semester will make him/her ineligible for a period **minimum** of **four two** weeks the following semester.**

****SECTION IV: Students must be making satisfactory progress towards the school's requirements for graduation. The school where the student is fully enrolled and regularly attends shall determine satisfactory progress. Failure to make satisfactory progress**

towards the school's requirements for graduation at the end of a semester will make him/her ineligible for a minimum of two weeks the following semester.

~~SECTION V: He/she shall be doing passing work in at least twenty hours per week, the passing grade to be computed from the opening of the semester and relative to such subjects only as severally and individually shall have a credit value of one-half unit per semester.~~

SECTION V of Article XIV – Rules of Eligibility: Removed – Some interpretations moved to Section IV

~~SECTION VIII of Article XIV – Rules of Eligibility: After attending the first semester of the ninth grade he/she shall have credit on the school records in unit per year or half unit per semester subjects of at least four half units earned and recorded at the close of the last semester in which he/she was enrolled as a student. Thirty days or more of attendance or participation in interscholastic competition within any shorter period being sufficient to constitute enrollment in any semester. (Moved to Section IV) Failure to acquire four half-units make satisfactory progress towards the school's requirements for graduation at the end of a semester will make him/her ineligible for a period minimum of four two weeks the following semester.~~

****SECTION VIII: Thirty days or more of attendance or participation in interscholastic competition within any shorter period being sufficient to constitute enrollment in any semester.**

PART IV - JUNIOR HIGH AND SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BY-LAWS

Article III: General Regulations

Section XI: Scholarship: ~~In the seventh and eighth grade, a student must be passing in three-fourths of his/her academic subjects. Ninth grade~~ **Jr. High** students must meet the same scholarship **academic** requirements as set forth for senior high school athletic competition.

****Section XI: Scholarship: Jr. High students must meet the same academic requirements as set forth for senior high school competition.**

Motion by Brannan to direct staff to present the proposed By-Law amendments at the mandatory fall regional administrator meetings. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Board interpretation regarding e-cigarettes was introduced..

Addition to Article. XIV-Sec. XII:

8. Q. What types of tobacco products are included in this rule?

A. "Tobacco products" means: any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part or accessory of a tobacco product including e-cigarettes.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the addition of Q & A #8 as proposed to Board Interpretations. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Schell presented the Board with a technology update and a Technology Plan for 2014/15.

Motion by Rinas to approve the 2014/15 technology plan as presented. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee chair, Kirk Ham presented a proposed budget for 2014-15. Sylling described the 2014/15 budget and estimated year end income and expenses along with estimated team payments. Motion by Martin to approve the proposed 2014/15 budget. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

2014/15 Board President and Vice President were discussed. Wiberg nominated Steve Hall as president with a second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously. Brannan nominated Jason Wiberg as Vice President with a second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Auch reported from the ND School Board Association that legislators are exploring the implementation of some changes in the next session. 1) Eliminate special elections. 2) Work on documentation to provide professional development for school boards. 3) Do away with mill levies and use a straight percentage of true and assessed property values for taxation. 4) Suggesting a reserve of no more than 10% for school districts.

Rinas reported their school was notified by PlayOn Sports that they would have to use the subscription model for future broadcasting. Bubach indicated he would provide Rinas with updated information on PlayOn Sports subscription and licensing models.

Brannan thanked the staff for the retirement social provided for Executive Secretary Sylling. Excellent job! Brannan congratulated Sylling and the office staff for a great year and thanked Sylling for his years of service.

Roaldson thanked Sylling for the time he spent leading the Board along the NDHSAA path.

Sylling provided the Executive Secretary's report.

- a. 2013/14 concussion survey results were shared with Board members.
- b. NFHS Network report for the week of May 26 through June 1 indicated North Dakota ranked #8 in the top states from which subscriptions were generated. The NDHSAANOW website was ranked #10 in association websites in terms of referrals to the NFHS Network.
- c. 2013/14 participation survey were shared
- d. 2013/14 NFHS Summer Conference was discussed.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held August 13, 2014 in Valley City.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____