

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
November 21, 2014, Minot, ND**

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

Members present: Hall, Roaldson, Baesler, Bertsch, Brannan, Martin, Wiberg, Rinas, Dahlen, Manley,

Members absent: Stedman

Others present: Joe Snowden, Perry Piatz, Kent Packer, Kindred High School; Randy Cranston, Watford City High School, Patrick Spacher, Alexander High School

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Martin to approve. Second by Baesler. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon additions to the consent agenda, motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. October 15, 2014
2. Financial Report
  - a. Balance sheet
  - b. Budget
  - c. Savings/investments
3. Coop Dissolutions
  - a. Alexander High School and Watford City High School, volleyball, 7-12, 2015-16
  - b. Alexander High School and Watford City High School, girls' basketball, 7-12, 2015-16
  - c. Alexander High School and Watford City High School, boys' basketball, 7-12, 2015-16
4. Coop Applications
  - a. Jamestown High School and Medina High School, softball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
  - b. Milnor High School and North Sargent High School, volleyball, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - c. Wahpeton High School and Rosholt High School, girls' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - d. Rugby HS, TGU-Towner High School, Leeds High School, and Maddock High School, boys cross country, 7-12, 2015-16, late fee
  - e. Rugby HS, TGU-Towner High School, Leeds High School, and Maddock High School, girls cross country, 7-12, 2015-16, late fee
  - f. South Heart High School, Belfield High School, and Billings County Public School (graded elementary), softball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee

Dissolution requested by Alexander High School and Watford City High School in football for grades 7-12 beginning 2015-16 was received after deadline for football coops and after the approval of the 2015 and 2016 football plan. Alexander requested dissolution of the coop in order to compete in Montana as a 6-man football team. The Executive Committee referred action on the coop dissolution to the Board. Motion by Roaldson to deny request for coop dissolution. Second by Martin. Discussion: The request was not received within the timeline established in the football plan. Approval of the coop dissolution would not impact the North Dakota football schedule for 2015 and 2016. If there was a similar situation that affected the North Dakota football schedule, the Board may look at that differently than this request. Roll call vote: Baesler - no, Martin - yes, Bertsch - no, Brannan - no, Wiberg - yes, Rinas - no, Dahlen - no, Manley - no, Roaldson - yes, Hall - no. Motion defeated: 3-7

Baesler motion to approve the request for dissolution of the cooperative sponsorship between Alexander and Watford City in football beginning in the 2015/16 school-year. Second by Brannan. Roll Call Vote:

Baesler - yes, Bertsch - yes, Manley - yes, Brannan - yes, Rinas - yes, Wiberg - yes, Martin - no, Dahlen - yes, Roaldson - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried 9-1

President Hall reported on executive board committee actions.

1. Request for a late coop in football between Bishop Ryan High School and Nedrose High School for football in grades 9-12 beginning 2015-16 was not approved by the Executive Committee to go forth to the Board.
2. Hettinger High School self reported the use of an ineligible participant in one act play. The Hettinger High School play director participated in the student play during region competition. The Executive Board disqualified the team from the team competition, individual awards will remain in place for Hettinger High School students. The school's probation has been extended through the 2015-16 school-year and the school will receive a fine of \$250.

Motion by Bertsch to approve executive committee report. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee chair, Steve Hall, reported to the Board concerning academic eligibility By-Law amendment progress and submitted a draft of academic eligibility for Board approval. The committee edited the proposal based on feedback from the NDCEL conference breakout sessions. Schools indicated they are interested in having a minimum number of credits that need to be passed. Motion by Rinas to propose an amendment to Section IV, Section V and Section VIII of Article XIV of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws and Article III, Section XI of Part IV of the NDHSAA Jr. High and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade By-Laws. Vote to take place at the January annual membership meeting. Second by Wiberg

**Legend:**

Yellow and red = new wording proposed

Strike-through = wording removed

\*\* = proposed By-Laws (no strike-through, red or yellow)

**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 acquire credits from Section VIII to Section IV.) Failure to acquire **four half-units two and ½ credits** 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 toward the school's requirements for graduation. The school where the student is fully enrolled and regularly attends shall determine satisfactory progress. Failure to acquire 2 ½ credits 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 toward 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.**

Roll call vote: Dahlen - yes, Bertsch - yes, Wiberg - yes, Roaldson - yes, Manley - yes, Baesler - yes, Martin - yes, Brannan - yes, Rinas - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following North Dakota Officials Association (NDOA) requests:

1. Request to waive the first-year registration fee for new officials. Motion to deny waiving first-year registration fees for new officials. Second by Manley. The cost of first year officials was discussed. The cost to NDHSAA would remain the same including the cost of insurance, officials books, and postage with no income to balance the expense. Roll call vote: Brannan - yes, Roaldson - yes, Rinas - yes, Wiberg - yes, Manley - yes, Martin - no, Dahlen - yes, Baesler - yes, Bertsch - yes, Hall - yes. Motion to deny carried. 9-1
2. Request to approve a 5% fee increase for 2015/16 locked in through the 2016/17 school year. Motion by Wiberg to approve a 5% fee increase for 2015/16 locked in through 2016/17. Second by Martin. Roll call vote: Rinas - yes, Manley - yes, Brannan - yes, Roaldson - yes, Baesler - yes, Bertsch - yes, Martin - yes, Dahlen - yes, Wiberg - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Create a \$20 region/state tournament pass for registered officials. Motion by Wiberg to deny request. Second by Bertsch. Roll call vote: Baesler - yes, Martin - yes, Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Brannan - yes, Rinas - yes, Roaldson - yes, Bertsch - yes, Wiberg - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane Martin, officials committee chair, reported on proposed changes to the NDHSAA LOCAL officials program. The proposed change would create an avenue for officials to register as LOCAL officials allowing them to officiate contests at the junior varsity level and below. The application and process could be online with the exception of payment. The requirements would be to complete the NFHS Learn "Concussion in Sports – What you Need to Know" course, complete the NDHSAA LOCAL Officials online presentation and complete the registration form and submit their payment to the LOCAL school administrator. Projected implementation date is January 1, 2015. Motion by Roaldson to approve the officials' committee report. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a request from Kindred High School to allow participation of the Kindred football team in a contest three days prior to the first allowable 11-man contest. The request was made in order to schedule a football game with a 9-man school in August 2015. Practice will not begin before the allowable date and individuals will have 9 required practices in before the first contest. Motion by Brannan to approve the request to allow football participation in a football contest three days prior to the first allowable 11-man contest in order to schedule a football game with a 9-man school in August 2015. Second by Wiberg. Roll call vote: Rinas - yes, Manley - yes, Brannan - yes, Martin - yes, Bertsch - yes, Dahlen - yes, Baesler - yes, Wiberg - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Kindred High School requested the Board to appeal the Executive Director's decision regarding an extra semester application. Director Fetsch allowed a student one additional semester of eligibility and Kindred

High School requested two additional semesters of eligibility. Documentation was distributed to Board members concerning the student's attendance. Board members discussed the student's eligibility. Motion by Bertsch to deny the request for an additional semester of eligibility. Second by Manley. Motion withdrawn by Bertsch and second withdrawn by Manley. Motion by Bertsch to allow the additional semester allowed by Director Fetsch to begin the second semester of the 2014/15 school year. Second by Manley. Roll call vote: Baesler - yes, Bertsch - yes, Rinas - no, Manley - no, Brannan - yes, Dahlen - no, Martin - yes, Roaldson - no, Wiberg - no. Motion failed: 4-5  
Fetsch' original determination stands.

NDHSAA Staff recommended moving the 2016 girls' soccer season one week later on the NDHSAA 5-year calendar. Motion by Bertsch to approve moving the 2016 girls' soccer season one week later on the NDHSAA 5-year calendar. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Board correspondence was reviewed:

1. Devils Lake High School Letters
2. Watford City High School Letter

Watford City High School requested the Board send a letter with a determination indicating what year would be their first year in movement from Class B to Class A as per their student enrollment. In January the Constitution & By-Laws committee will meet to discuss setting the date for establishing enrollment. Director Fetsch will send a letter to Watford City High School with his determination of classification status.

Executive Director Fetsch thanked the Board members that have been in attendance at various tournaments this fall. The NFHS Summer Conference schedule is available on the NFHS website.

Upcoming State Tournaments

- a. November 24-25, 2014 – State Class B Plays Contest - Jamestown
- b. Combined Tournament Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 3, 2014 – Carrington - Chieftain Conference Center – 10:00 am
- c. Class A Review/Athletic Review Meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – 10:00 am

The next regularly scheduled NDHSAA Board meeting will be held January 26, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. The NDHSAA annual membership meeting will be held January 27, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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