

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
February 10, 2015, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held a special board meeting on February 10, 2015 in Valley City. President Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Members absent: Baesler

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

The Board received a request from Region 2 Girls' Basketball Tournament manager John Hutchison to move the Region 2 Girls' Basketball Tournament from the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center to Grafton due to a site conflict on February 27, 2015. The superintendents in region 2 were polled with the majority in favor of moving the entire tournament from Grand Forks to Grafton with Randy Rice serving as manager. The conflict with using the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center for Region 2 tournaments is and will continue to be a potential conflict due to the UND men's and women's hockey schedules. Manley reported the options that were presented to the superintendents in Region 2 and concurred the site change was the best option. Motion by Wiberg to move Region 2 Girls' Basketball Tournament from Grand Forks to Grafton with Randy Rice as manager. Second by Martin. Roll call vote: Bertsch - yes, Martin - yes, Rinas - yes, Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Stedman - yes, Brannan - yes, Roaldson - yes, Wiberg - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Common Interest Agreement, between NDHSAA and Illinois High School Association regarding concussion legislation. NDHSAA legal counsel, Jon Sanstead previously reviewed the agreement and recommended changes to the document. Upon the changes made, NDHSAA legal counsel recommended both Executive Director Fetsch and NDHSAA legal counsel Jon Sanstead sign the agreement.

Motion by Brannan to direct Executive Director Fetsch and legal counsel Sanstead to sign the Common Interest Agreement, between NDHSAA and Illinois High School Association regarding concussion legislation. Second by Rinas. In discussion Fetsch indicated well over half of the NFHS member states have signed this agreement. There is no indication any state will refrain from participating in this agreement. Currently the only state in the litigation process over concussion is Illinois. Dahlen questioned whether there was any financial responsibility to NDHSAA included in this agreement. Fetsch indicated there was not. This agreement will allow attorneys from states within the agreement to share information. Roll call vote: Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Wiberg - yes, Roaldson - yes, Bertsch - yes, Martin - yes, Rinas - yes, Stedman - yes, Brannan - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a request from Alexander Public Schools for placement into a district and region for 2015-16 for volleyball and basketball. Staff recommended placement of Alexander Public Schools in District 15 and Region 8 for volleyball and basketball. Schools in District 15 and Region 8 indicated the additional team would help in volleyball scheduling.

Motion by Brannan to place Alexander Public Schools in District 15 and Region 8 for volleyball and basketball beginning in 2015/16. Second by Roaldson. Roll call vote: Rinas - yes, Dahlen - yes, Wiberg - yes, Bertsch - yes, Martin - yes, Manley - yes, Stedman - yes, Roaldson - yes, Brannan - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled NDHSAA Board meeting will be held March 20, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck with Class B District Chairs beginning at 9:00 am, realignment committee at 11:00 am and the NDHSAA Board of Directors meeting beginning at 1:00 pm.

President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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