

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
November 20, 2015, Minot, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on November 20, 2015 in Minot. President Wiberg called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Vollmer, Wiberg, Bertsch, Dahlen, Hall, Schafer, Rinas, Manley, Roaldson

Members absent: Baesler, Stedman,

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Vollmer to approve. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rinas to approve the consent agenda. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

- a) Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - (1) October 21, 2015
 - 2) Financial Report
 - (1) Balance sheet
 - (2) Budget
 - (3) Savings/investments
 - 3) Coop Dissolutions
 - (1) South Prairie and Sawyer, baseball, 7-12, 2015-16
 - (2) Garrison and Max, speech, 7-12, 2015-16
 - 4) Coop Applications
 - (1) Bishop Ryan and South Prairie, baseball, 7-12, 2015-16, late fee
 - (2) Bishop Ryan and South Prairie, softball, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - (3) Wahpeton and Fairmount, girls tennis, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - (4) Wahpeton and Fairmount, boys tennis, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (5) Midway and Minto, volleyball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (6) TGU Granville and TGU Towner, girls golf, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - (7) TGU Granville and TGU Towner, boys golf, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee

Jason Wiberg, Executive Committee chair, reported Executive Committee action. There was one school with a self-reported violation. Valley-Edinburg volleyball athlete played too many sets. Prescribed penalty was applied. Forfeiture of match in which the violation occurred and the student sat out the next match. A letter of reprimand will be sent to the school.

Motion by Schafer to approve Executive Committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Committee reviewed a late coop dissolution request and brought it forward to the entire Board for consideration. Coop between Bishop Ryan and South Prairie in football, grades 7-12, for 2016-17.

Motion by Manley to approve dissolution of Bishop Ryan and South Prairie football coop as per committee report. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, committee chair, provided a report from the Constitution and By-Law's Committee.

The Board continued discussion of a Code of Conduct policy. The committee recommends leaving policies for Code of Conduct under local school district control. The committee recommends referral of schools to the ND School Boards Association for suggestions on Code of Conduct policies for their schools. No further action is recommended.

Motion by Schafer to approve the Constitution & By-Law Committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Constitution and By-Law's Committee brought development of a transgender regulation to the Board for discussion. The Board reviewed a letter from legal counsel with a proposed regulation for participation of transgendered students in NDHSAA athletics and activities. The committee proposed the following regulation effective immediately.

Proposed regulation:

Transgender Students

A transgender student will be defined as a student whose gender identity does not match the sex assigned to him or her at birth.

Any transgender student who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in a sex-separated interscholastic contest in accordance with the sex assigned to him or her at birth.

The following clarifies participation in sex-separated interscholastic contests of transgender students undergoing hormonal treatment for gender transition:

- A trans male (female to male) student has undergone treatment with testosterone for gender transition may compete in a contest for boys but is no longer eligible to compete in a contest for girls.
- A trans female (male to female) student being treated with testosterone suppression medication for gender transition may continue to compete in a contest for boys but may not compete in a contest for girls until completing one calendar year of documented testosterone-suppression treatment.

Motion by Dahlen to approve the the transgender regulation as presented. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee Chair, provided an update on the member school survey regarding the 2017 and 2018 football plan.

The committee reviewed the fall male enrollment numbers received from the ND Department of Public Instruction and the effect on football divisions. Potential options for the next football plan were discussed. The Football Committee will meet on December 3, 2015 to continue discussion. A conference call Board meeting may be called before the January Board meeting to approve a final football plan.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the Football Committee report. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Promotions and Programs Committee Chair, provided a report on a request from Farmer's Union Insurance for the creation of a Facebook contest for NDHSAA member schools. The proposed contest, named "Simply Different" would be for schools to post why their school is "Simply Different" and have Facebook users vote for their school by "Liking" the school page. The school with the most "Likes" in both Class A and Class B would receive \$5,000 each for their school athletic, arts or music department.

The committee recommended no action at this time to move forward with the Farmer's Union proposal.

The committee also discussed sponsorship tiers with no recommendation for change at this time.

Motion by Hall to approve the Promotions and Programs Committee report. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee Chair, provided the Board with a recommendation for placement of the following:

1. Nedrose track and field – NW region
2. White Shield track and field - NW region
3. Washburn softball – West B region
4. TGU golf – Class B Region 4

Motion by Schafer to approve the Realignment Committee report. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch presented the Board with a proposed three-year extension to the supporting sponsorship agreement between NDHSAA and North Dakota Department of Transportation.

Motion by Roaldson to approve the proposed sponsorship extension between the NDHSAA and the North Dakota Department of Transportation. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The North Dakota Officials Association (NDOA) recommends increasing the fee for reciprocity officials to \$10 per sport beginning in 2016-17.

Motion by Roaldson to approve an increase in the reciprocity fee to \$10 per sport beginning in 2016-17. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence concerning the next football plan from Turtle Mountain Community School.

Representative reports included:

- Rinas asked Board members if there has been any discussion about using neutral sites for football playoffs. Executive Director Fetsch indicated the issue had been discussed with coaches advisory and coaches in the past. They indicated they would like to remain at home sites for playoff games.
- Vollmer indicated a school in his area requested additional information about a school with a one act play team which won a region play contest and was later found to be ineligible. Fetsch indicated Bottineau High School did not submit their registration for the State One-Act Play competition by the required deadline. The information was emailed directly to the tournament manager as the school did not complete their registration by the required due date and registration was closed. The region manager allowed the team to compete without proper registration. When the issue was realized, the team was informed they could not participate in the state competition causing the 2nd place region play to move to 1st place and the 3rd place region play to move to 2nd place.

Executive Director's Report

- One Act Plays will be held at the University of Jamestown/Jamestown High School on Monday and Tuesday, November, 23-24, 2015.
- Fetsch explained the Bottineau High School one-act play issue to the Board.

Upcoming NDHSAA Board meetings are as follows:

- December 2, 2015 – Combined Tournament Committee will meet at the Chieftan Conference Center in Carrington at 10:30 am
- December 2, 2015 – Football Committee will meet at the Chieftan Conference Center in Carrington at 1:00 pm
- January 13, 2016 – Athletic Review will meet at the NDHSAA Office in Valley City at 10:00 am
- January 25, 2016 – Board of Directors will meet at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck at 4:30 pm
- January 26, 2016 – NDHSAA Membership Meeting will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck at 7:30 am

President Wiberg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____ / ____ / ____