

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
December 3, 2015, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on December 3, 2015 in Valley City via conference call. President Wiberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Members present: Vollmer, Wiberg, Dahlen, Schafer, Rinas, Manley, Roaldson, Stedman, Bertsch, Baesler.

Members absent: Hall

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

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee Chair, provided a recommendation for male enrollment numbers to be used for classification in the 2017 and 2018 football plan. The committee recommends offering an option of independent 6-man football. Schools would be required to declare their interest in 6-man football by September 15, 2016. The committee recommends creating four football divisions as in the past. The committee's preliminary suggestion for the number of teams in each division would be: 14 teams in AAA, 10 teams in AA, 32 teams in A, the remaining teams who are not interested in playing a 6-man independent schedule in 9-man. Also recommended for the upcoming plan is to use each school's free and reduced rate to adjust male student enrollment numbers. Students participating in free and reduced meals will be counted at 50% for enrollment number purposes.

The committee proposed the following plan for determining enrollments for football plan development. Enrollments for plan development purposes will be determined by:

- Step 1: Fall 2015 male enrollments for grades 7 – 10 as provided by the Department of Public Instruction.
- Step 2: The enrollment reported in Step 1 is multiplied by the percentage of the student body that qualified for free and reduced meals during the 2014-15 school year according to Department of Public Instruction data. That number will be multiplied by 50%.
- Step 3: The number derived in Step 2 is subtracted from the total 7 – 10 grade enrollment reported in Step 1. The remainder number will represent the total school enrollment for classification purposes during the 2017 and 2018 football plan

The committee reviewed the football plan timeline with proposed changes indicated by *.

Approved Timeline for Committee

January 2016 Meeting	Complete guidelines and share with membership
March 2016	Send out preliminary division assignments and request feedback
June 1, 2016	All requests for football coop dissolutions due
September 15, 2016	Deadline for new football cooperative agreements
* September 15, 2016	Deadline for requests to field an independent 6-man team (added)
* September 22 20, 2016	Board meets and addresses coop applications (date change)
* September 23 22, 2016	Preliminary region assignments will be sent to schools (date change)
September 30, 2016	Deadline for requests to move up a division
First Week in October	Football Committee meets & finalizes recommended plan
October 2016 Meeting	Final plan presented to membership

Information will be sent to schools upon approval of the guidelines for determining enrollment numbers and the the adjusted enrollment numbers. Information sent to schools will include preliminary number of teams proposed in each division.

Motion by Roaldson to approve updated timeline. Second by Vollmer. Roll call vote: Baesler - yes, Bertsch - yes, Schafer - yes, Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Vollmer - yes, Rinas - yes, Roaldson - yes, Stedman - yes, Wiberg – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Manley to approve the process for determining school enrollments for the purpose of the football plan by use of a multiplier and also to approve the preliminary numbers as presented. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Rinas - yes, Schafer - yes, Dahlen - yes, Roaldson - yes, Stedman - yes, Baesler - yes, Bertsch - yes, Manley - yes, Vollmer - yes, Wiberg – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Lemar, Activities Director at Central Cass, requested the Board waive portions of Article II, Section II of the NDHSAA By-Laws for a student who is a finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Specific points in question:

- Each national winner will receive a personalized trophy (\$250 value).
- National finalists will receive a \$100 gift card for use at Wendy's restaurants.
- National winners will receive a \$500 gift card for use at Wendy's restaurants.

Similar requests have been presented to the Board in the past. Board members questioned the cap on the value of a trophy/award and what difference it makes if it is a \$75 or a \$100 value. Fetsch indicated the Constitution & By-Laws Committee will soon be reviewing the award section of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. The issue is more with the value of the gift card that will be awarded.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the waiver request. Second by Baesler. Roll call vote: Bertsch - yes, Schafer - yes, Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Vollmer - yes, Rinas - yes, Roaldson - no, Stedman - yes, Baesler - yes, Wiberg – yes. Motion carried 9-1.

Coop Dissolutions

- 1) Grand Forks Valley Middle School and Riverside Christian (MN), boys' basketball, 7-8, 2015-16
- 2) Grand Forks Valley Middle School and Riverside Christian (MN), girls' basketball, 7-8, 2015-16

Motion by Rinas to approve coop dissolutions. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming NDHSAA Board meetings are as follows:

- 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 5:00 pm
- January 26, 2016 – NDHSAA Membership Meeting will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck at 12:00 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____