

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
June 13-14, 2016, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on June 13-14, 2016 in Valley City. President Wiberg called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

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

Others present: Scott Privratsky, Devils Lake Public Schools Superintendent, Mitch Carlson, LaMoure Public Schools Superintendent, Michael Sorlie, North Sargent Public Schools Athletic Director.

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

Motion by Roaldson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes - April 19, 2016
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. April 2016
 - b. Budget
 - i. April 2016
 - c. Savings/investments
 - i. April 2016
3. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Trenton and Williston Trinity Christian, girls basketball, 7-12, 2016-17
 - b. Lakota and Edmore, baseball, 7-12, 2016-17
 - c. Lakota and Edmore, boys basketball, 7-12, 2016-17
 - d. Lakota and Edmore, girls basketball, 7-12, 2016-17
 - e. Lakota and Edmore, volleyball, 7-12, 2016-17
 - f. Lakota and Edmore, football, 9-12, 2017-18
 - g. Lakota and Edmore, football, 7-8, 2016-17
 - h. Drayton and Valley-Edinburg, football, 7-8, 2016-17
 - i. Drayton and Valley-Edinburg, football, 9-12, 2017-18
 - j. Stanley and Powers Lake, football, 9-12, 2017-18
 - k. Stanley and Powers Lake, football, 7-8, 2016-17
 - l. Watford City and Alexander, wrestling, 7-12, 2016-17
 - m. Bismarck and Bismarck St. Mary's, girls golf, 7-12, 2016-17
4. Coop Applications
 - a. Rugby and Leeds, speech, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - b. Jamestown and Pingree-Buchanan, boys soccer, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - c. Hatton, Northwood, and Thompson, girls golf, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - d. Ellendale, Edgeley, Kulm, and Montpelier, football, 7-8, 2016-17, late fee
 - e. Washburn, Wilton, and Wing, football, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - f. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian, boys tennis, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - g. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian, girls tennis, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - h. Park River Area and Valley-Edinburg, football, 7-8, 2016-17, late fee
 - i. Grafton and Drayton, football, 7-8, 2016-17, late fee
 - j. Ray and Powers Lake, football, 7-8, 2016-17, late fee
 - k. Langdon Area and Edmore, boys cross country, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - l. Langdon Area and Edmore, girls cross country, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - m. Langdon Area and Edmore, football, 7-8, 2016-17, late fee
 - n. Langdon Area, Munich, and Edmore, volleyball, 7-12, 2016-17, late fee

- o. Standing Rock and Solen, football, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee

Finance Committee chair, Brad Rinas presented a proposed budget for 2016-17. Executive Director Fetsch explained the 2016-17 budget and estimated year-end income and expenses along with estimated team payments. Fetsch made note the 2015-16 team payment includes money from reserve to cover the parking lot and new vehicle expenses as both were 2014/15 expenditures for which the bills were not received until 2015/16. Fetsch indicated 2015/16 is the second highest amount allocated for team payments.

Motion by Hall to approve the 2015/16 year-end estimate and team payments. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rinas to approve the proposed 2016-17 NDHSAA budget. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee provided information on an extension of the existing state tournament apparel contract with Coaches Choice Corporate and Athletic Apparel. Coaches Choice offered an extension of the state tournament apparel agreement for state volleyball, wrestling, track & field, cross country, football, Class B boys and Class B girls basketball tournaments through 2020 including guaranteed pricing for t-shirts for all other state tournaments. The Board discussed contract extensions versus requests for proposals at length. Staff was questioned on the service received through the current contract. Staff indicated they have been good to work with and all issues have been resolved immediately.

Motion by Bertsch to accept the tournament apparel contract extension with Coaches Choice Corporate and Athletic Apparel as proposed. Second by Roaldson. Role Call Vote: Hall - yes, Rinas - yes, Roaldson - yes, Baesler - yes, Schafer - no, Dahlen - yes, Bertsch - yes, Stedman - yes, Wiberg - yes. Motion carried (10-1).

NDHSAA staff member Brenda Schell presented the Board with the NDHSAA 2016-17 Technology Plan.

Motion by Roaldson to approve the NDHSAA 2016-17 Technology Plan. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Wiberg, Executive Committee chair, reported Executive Committee action. There were four schools with self-reported violations and two late coop dissolution requests.

- Bowman County High School - Individual ran the 800 meter run and 1600 meter run in a JH track meet
 - Individual sat out the next meet at that level, forfeiture of points earned and a letter of reprimand was issued to the school.
- MLS - Individual competed in 5 events in a JH track meet
 - Individual sat out the next meet at that level, forfeiture of points earned and a letter of reprimand was issued to the school.
- East region strings manager awarded an additional star.
 - Letter of reprimand to manager of that event.
- Harvey High School - Individual exceeded the 7-day inning pitching limit.
 - Individual sat out the next game at that level, forfeiture of game and a letter of reprimand for the school.

The committee recommended approval of two emergency coop applications.

1. Washburn, Wilton, and Wing, football, 7-12, 2016-17, non-compliance fees
2. Standing Rock, Selfridge, and Solen, football, 7-12, 2016-17, non-compliance fees

Motion by Wiberg to approve executive committee report. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Schafer, provided the the Board with recommendations for the following:

Region Placements

1. Williston Trinity Christian girls basketball – District 15 and Region 8
2. Glenburn softball - West region Division B
3. Alexander wrestling - Region 4
4. Bismarck St. Mary's girls golf - West Region
5. Standing Rock track and field region change - Southwest to Southcentral

Motion by Schafer to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee chair, provided an update on preliminary division assignments for the 2017 and 2018 football plan. The number of teams in each division has not changed. September 15th is the deadline for new football coops for the 2017 and 2018 football plan.

Request from Jay Claymore, AD from Standing Rock for waiver of the rule that underclassmen are unable to participate in the first year of an emergency cooperative agreement. In the current football guideline there is a \$1000 non-compliance fee per player for seniors and \$200 for underclassmen. Seniors are eligible for varsity competition and underclassmen are eligible only for sub-varsity competition. Standing Rock does not offer a junior varsity football program.

Motion by Hall to allow the waiver of the football guideline not allowing underclassmen to participate at the varsity level in an emergency coop and allow all students to participate at the varsity level for \$200 each. Second by Schafer.

Role call vote: Schafer - no, Hall - yes, Rinas - no, Roaldson - no, Baesler - yes, Dahlen - yes, Bertsch - no, Stedman - yes, Wiberg - no. Motion denied. 4-5

Motion by Rinas to allow the waiver of the football guideline not allowing underclassmen to participate at the varsity level in an emergency coop and allow all students to participate at the varsity level with associated fees as per the current football guideline. Second by Bertsch.

Role call vote: Schafer - yes, Hall - yes, Rinas - yes, Roaldson - no, Baesler - yes, Dahlen - yes, Bertsch - yes, Stedman - yes, Wiberg - yes. Motion carried. 8-1

Motion by Dahlen to approve the football committee report. Second by Baelser. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Tournament Committee chair, reported on the following:

- (1) 2017 Spring Sports Region Tournament sites
 - a. Boys Class A Golf - East Region - Grand Forks
 - b. Boys Class A Golf - West Region – Bismarck
 - c. Class B Golf - Region 1 Girls – Lisbon
 - d. Class B Golf - Region 1 Boys - Grand Rapids
 - e. Class B Golf - Region 2 Girls – Carrington
 - f. Class B Golf - Region 2 Boys – Mapleton
 - g. Class B Golf - Region 3 Girls – Grafton
 - h. Class B Golf - Region 3 Boys – Cando
 - i. Class B Golf - Region 4 Girls – Bottineau
 - j. Class B Golf - Region 4 Boys - Minot Airbase
 - k. Class B Golf - Region 5 Girls – Mott
 - l. Class B Golf - Region 5 Boys – Medora
 - m. Class B Golf - Region 6 Girls – Crosby
 - n. Class B Golf - Region 6 Boys – Ray
 - o. Class A Track - East - West Fargo
 - p. Class A Track - West – Dickinson
 - q. Class B Track - Northwest – Minot

- r. Class B Track - North Central – Rugby
 - s. Class B Track - Northeast – Larimore
 - t. Class B Track - Southwest – Beach
 - u. Class B Track - South Central – Bismarck
 - v. Class B Track - Southeast - Lisbon
- (2) 2017 East Region Basketball site/date change to February 28, March 2-3-4, 2017 with the first night at home sites and the last three nights in Fargo at the Sanford Health Athletic Complex
- (3) 2017 Region 1 Girls Basketball site – Sanford Health Athletic Complex
- (4) 2017 Class A Boys Golf Meet date change - June 5-6, 2017 - Grand Forks

Motion by Schafer to approve the tournament site changes. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA Behavior Expectations as follows were distributed to the Board. The expectations will be shared with administrators at the fall administrator meetings and be distributed to tournament managers.

**NDHSAA MINIMAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS
FOR REGULAR AND POSTSEASON COMPETITIONS:**

- Respect the American flag and the National Anthem.
- Contesting schools shall each have an authorized faculty representative present who shall be responsible for his/her school's participants, students, and fans throughout the contest.
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the entire torso. Those who do not comply or who wear clothing that is vulgar, obscene or that in some other way inappropriate, as determined by school/tournament personnel, will be removed from the facility if they do not cooperate with this behavior expectation.
- The use of appropriate language is expected at all times. Profanity, negative chants, trash talk, name-calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable and must be immediately addressed by school/tournament administrators.
- Respect the game/contest. Under no condition shall anyone other than the members of the official squad enter the playing surface. No one may interfere with the contest in any way.
- Hand held signs and flags, which do not obstruct the view of others, are permitted provided they are in good taste. Signs or other similar items contest/tournament officials deem to be in poor taste will be removed. Message or "white" boards are prohibited. The carrying of flags around the playing surface is NOT allowed.
- Artificial noisemakers of any kind (i.e. megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks, and other similar items) are not allowed at any indoor events, including outdoor sports played at indoor venues. Exception – Megaphones appropriately used by cheerleaders are permitted if allowed by contest officials.
- Laser lights or any other lights deemed distracting to participants are strictly prohibited.
- Confetti is banned at all NDHSAA tournament venues. Tournament staff is instructed to confiscate such articles at the door.
- Objects shall not be thrown into the stands at any NDHSAA tournament venue.
- The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, is prohibited for any persons at NDHSAA tournament venues.

Motion by Hall to approve the NDHSAA minimal behavior expectations policy. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

All state awards at state tournaments were discussed. There is not a Board approval on the announcements of all state teams at state tournaments. NDHSAA media specialist, Tom Mix is creating

a script for tournament managers for awards ceremony at the completion of each state tournament. Exceptions would be tournaments that all state honors are tied to how the individuals place in an individual tournament such as state golf and state tennis.

Hall moved that all state teams are not announced at the conclusion of state tournament. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hall to approve the tournament committee report. Second by Baesler. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Law's Committee chair, provided the Board the actions as listed below. Legal opinion was received from NDHSAA counsel Rachel Bruner-Kaufman on the following items:

Legal separation interpretation:

Interpretations Section IX of Article XIV at Q & A 21 bullet #3 as follows (additions are in red).

3. Parents: The term **Parents**: The term "parents" shall mean the student's:
 - a. natural parents;
 - b. adoptive parents;
 - c. foster parents, if the student is placed in a foster home after becoming a ward of the court;
 - d. custodial parent, if the parents are divorced;
 - i. A student of divorced parents who have joint, legal custody of the student, as indicated in the court-issued divorce decree or most recent custody judgment, who moves from one custodial parent to the other custodial parent shall be immediately eligible at the time of the move:
 1. At the moved-to public school district of residence
 2. At a nonpublic school located within the moved-to public school district of residence.
 - ii. The student may utilize this provision only one time during grades 9-12. The parents must provide proof of joint, legal custody as identified in the parents' court-issued divorce decree or most recent custody judgment to the administrator in the school the student attends.
 - e. legal guardian, but only in a case where neither parent is living or legally competent; or
 - f. a family with whom a student has been living continuously for at least 180 school days

Home school transfers

Section I Article XIV in the Bylaws "NOTE ON HOME-BASED SCHOOL"

NOTE ON HOME-BASED SCHOOL: The 1989 North Dakota State Legislature passed a law that permits home-based education. Basically, this law allows children to be taught at home by their parents if all the provisions of the law are followed.

The 1999 and 2001 legislature amended this provision as follows:

Home education - Participation in extracurricular activities.

1. A child receiving home education may participate in extracurricular activities either:
 - a. Under the auspices of the child's school district of residence; or
 - b. Under the auspices of an approved non-public school, if permitted by the administrator of the school.
2. For purposes of this section, a child participating under the auspices of the child's school district of residence is subject to the same standards for participation in extracurricular activities as those required of full-time students enrolled in the district.
3. For purposes of this section, a child participating under the auspices of an approved non-public school is subject to the same standards for participation in extracurricular activities as those required of full-time students enrolled in the school.
4. Once a child's parent has selected the public school district or the approved non-public school in which the child will participate for purposes of extracurricular activities, and has provided

notification of the selection through the ~~Statement of Intent~~ required by ~~subsection 4 of section 15-34.1-06~~ section 15.1-23-02 in N.D. Century Code, the child is subject to the transfer rules as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

The responsibility of checking on the eligibility of students involved in home-based instruction is that of the school in which the student is participating in the co-curricular activities program. It is recommended that each school develop a form to be used in checking eligibility of all students including home-based students.

Interpretations Section I of Article XIV at Q & A 10 as follows.

Q: May a student involved in home-based education be eligible for NDHSAA sponsored activities?

A: Yes. The legislature has ruled that a student is eligible in the student's school district of residence or at an approved non-public school, if permitted by the school administration. However, once ~~a student~~ the student's parent selects either the child's school district of residence or an approved nonpublic school, the NDHSAA transfer rules apply ~~makes his/her choice any subsequent change would be governed by the NDHSAA transfer rules.~~ The transfer rules apply to students involved in home-based education the same as they apply to students who elect to attend a public school or an approved nonpublic school.

Legal challenge policy

Add to interpretation under Article IV

If a member of the Association brings a legal action against the Association and the Association prevails, the member shall reimburse the Association for all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Association in connection with the legal action. (June 2016)

Roaldson moved to approve the legal opinions as presented. Second by Rinas. Motion approved unanimously.

The committee recommended the following change to summer camps.

SPECIAL NOTE ON SUMMER CAMPS

1. Individual or team camps may be sponsored by non-member entities, member schools or coaches of member schools, provided the camp is conducted in June or July and is not exclusive to their own athletes. **(June 2016)**
2. The use of school equipment, pads, and the like, other than school uniforms, at a summer camp is permissible.
3. NDHSAA catastrophic insurance does not cover summer camps.

Roaldson moved to approve the special note on summer camps. Dahlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hall to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Bertsch, Media Committee chair, provided recommended action on the following:

- (1) Class A Region Tournament broadcast fees – The committee recommended broadcast fees stay with the Association and not be split between the NDHSAA and the region.
- (2) NDHSAA received a letter concerning the NFHS Network contract from the NFHS Holdings, LLC ("HoldCo") board recommending a freeze on the NFHS Network rights fees paid to states over the next three years to include 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Committee recommended directing the Executive Director to write a letter to the HoldCo board respectfully requesting the HoldCo Board of Directors to honor the NDHSAA's guaranteed rights fee as per contract for years four and five (2016/17 and 2017/18).

Motion by Bertsch to approve the Media Committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Farmers Union Insurance representative Mark Anderson, general manager, appeared to thank the Board for the opportunity to work with the NDHSAA. Anderson provided an overall view of all Farmers Union Insurance agents and managers throughout the state. Anderson also gave the Board an overview of other activities Farmers Union Insurance is involved in such as a new sheet of ice connected to Scheels Arena in Fargo (Farmers Union Insurance Center) and a new sponsorship with BEK Communications for regular season broadcasts beginning fall of 2016. Executive Director Fetsch indicated NDHSAA is very appreciative of the working relationship with Farmers Union Insurance. President Wiberg thanked Farmers Union Insurance for their support as the NDHSAA Premier Sponsor.

The Board acted on District Chair, Class A Review and Athletic Review recommendations. Results appear below.

2015-16 Advisory Recommendations for NDHSAA Board Consideration			
The following are recommendations with actions posted.			
NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)	Com	Review	Board
Class B District Chair Recommendations - March 18, 2016 - Minot			
1. If a team is ahead by 30 points or more to start the 4th quarter of a game the clock will run and only stop for an injury or a time out. If the margin of score becomes less than 20 points, regular game regulations will be used for stopping the clock until/if the margin of point difference becomes 30 points.	10-6 (y)		0-7 (n)
2. Eliminate the player penalization (sitting out next game/match) for excessive quarters/sets played.	15-1 (y)		0-8 (n)
3. Request the NDHSAA Board to pursue a 3 class system for basketball only with implementation in 2017-18.	14-2 (y)		0-8 (n)
Class A Review Recommendations - May 18, 2016 - Conference Call			
1. Allow BBCOR bats in Class A Baseball.			5-3 (y)
Coaches Advisory Recommendations			
Wrestling			
Class A and B			
1. Increase the number of allowable events from 16 to 17		0-10 (n)	0-8 (n)
2. Randomly draw the starting weight on Saturday during the state tournament		10-0 (y)	8-0 (y)
3. Eliminate forfeiture in a weight class during the state individual tournament for a forfeiture during the state dual tournament		10-0 (y)	8-0 (y)
Class A			
1. Add consolation matches (no 7th place match) to the Class A State Dual Tournament		10-0 (y)	9-0 (y)
Hockey			
1. Add two games to the regular season limitations		0-10 (n)	0-9 (n)
2. Eliminate hockey from the list of sports to which the out of season coaching restriction applies		1-9 (n)	0-9 (n)
Basketball			
Class A			
1. Reinstate shoot-arounds prior to the State Class A Tournament		0-10 (n)	0-9 (n)

Class B			
1. Implement a mercy rule. Running clock in the 4th quarter when a lead is 30 points or greater. Clock stops only for timeout or injury.		1-9 (n)	8-1 (y)
2. Seed teams 1-5 for the State Tournament		10-0 (y)	8-1 (y)
Gymnastics			
No recommendations			
Swimming & Diving			
No recommendations			
Golf			
Class B Boys & Girls			
1. All state qualifying, region, and state meets must have course distances of at least 5,000 yards		10-0 (y)	8-1 (y)
2. Make each regular season meet a state qualifying meet.		0-10 (n)	0-9 (n)
Class A Boys			
No recommendations			
Tennis			
No recommendations			
Baseball			
Class A			
No recommendations			
Class B			
1. Seed teams 1-5 for the state tournament.		10-0 (y)	9-0 (y)
Girls Soccer			
1. Start the girls and boys soccer season one week earlier. Note: the boys soccer season would never start before Aug. 1.		0-10 (n)	0-9 (n)
Track & Field			
Class A and B			
No recommendations			
Class A			
1. Add a provisional qualifying standard for all field events and individual running events of 400 meters or less.		0-10 (n)	0-9 (n)
Class B			
No recommendations			
Softball			
Class A			
No recommendations			
Class B			
No recommendations			
Athletic Review Recommendations			
1. Seed teams 1-5 for the state tournament for volleyball and wrestling.		10-0 (y)	9-0 (y)

The Board acted on Fine Arts Review and Advisory recommendations. Results appear below.

FINE ARTS GRID 2015-16							
Activity/ Item	One line rules request for change	Exact Rules with revision, addition, and/or strikeout	Page #	Rationale	Adv	Review	Board
Play	No	proposed change	for 16-17				
Speech 1	Clarify time cards use at all meets	Time cards are strongly recommended at invitational , regional and state meets.	p. 6 rule #4	Accurately reflects & stresses the current practice / promotes a uniform application of the rule	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 2	Add casting instructions to the definition of dramatic	Any dramatic monologue must have casting instructions and/or stage directions to be legal under NDHSAA standards.	p. 10 under dramatic interp (title on previous page)	Helps clarify the difference between serious prose and dramatic interp.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 3	Clarify Serious Prose	Selections must be serious prose selections from novels, non-fiction, short stories, essays, biographies, autobiographies, and diaries. and dramatic monologues that are not legal plays. A script that does not have stage directions, whether or not it is noted as a play, is not a legal play under NDHSAA standards.	p. 9 Serious prose	Helps clarify the difference between serious prose and dramatic interp.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 4	Clean up grammar / punctuation errors in Radio line leading to the commentary.	Every radio participant will give the following line after his/her news portion and before his/her commentary, and it will be timed as part of the extemp portion: "Today's news, weather and sports have been brought to you by Farmers Union Insurance, the Premier Partner of the North Dakota High School Activities Association." PENALTY: RANK 5 TO ROUND. (2013)	p. 14 under Radio "Length"	Corrects grammar and punctuation.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 5	Reorganize the info in EPR & remove ambiguous language	(attachment)	pp. 11-12	Reorganizes the info in EPR & removes ambiguous language	5-0	8-0	9-0

Speech 6	Remove conflicting (or redundant) sentences under EPR	The regional and state managers will receive from the NDHSAA a script of approximately 8-10 minutes Selection length should be close in length to the maximum speaking length.	p. 11 EPR Contest rules #1 (mention of 8-12 minutes also appears under "selection")	The phrase "close in length" is either redundant or, depending upon the interpretation of "close in length," in contrast to "8-12" minutes. These sentences appear in the same rule.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 7	Reorganize the info in storytelling & remove ambiguous language	(attachment)	p. 12	Reorganize the info in storytelling & removes ambiguous language	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 8	Revise Radio Ballot	Remove "Use of Supporting Material" from Commentary, replace with "Voice (rate, pronunciation, articulation)		Provides students with appropriate feedback from the judges	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 9	Option for allowing POI for a non-qualifying experimental category for the upcoming speech season at invitationals	8 minute time limit, follow all other NSDA competitive rules.		Helps in developing students communication skills by using multiple genres.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 10	Return ballots to State A prelims	Individual ballots will not be used at the State A Speech Tournament finals . (2016)	p. 21 Judge Guidelines #5	Justification for decisions for coaching purpose and explanation for students	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 11	Provide penalty for violating radio rule.	Add: 4. Contestants are restricted to using only the radio copy provided for that round. An automatic 5 will be awarded to students who add other stories or information.	p. 14 under Radio "TOPIC"	Clarifies the current rules and adds a penalty so that judges treat the violation consistently.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 12	Prelim breaks – Switch order of b/c/a – Tabulations tie breaking	Prelim breaks – Switch order of b/c/a – Tabulations tie breaking A. Preference to 1s – but change it to preference to reciprocals – (See Fourth criteria – Tie breaking Procedure for 3 round tournaments) B. Judge Rating Points C. Head to Head		Improves the order of the tie breaking criteria	5-0	8-0	9-0

Speech 13	Drop number required for SQ status at invitational for SD & HD	15 participants in serious, humorous, dramatic, poetry, serious duo & humorous duo . 12 participants in storytelling, EPR, serious duo and humorous duo.	p. 18 rule #4	Smaller meets struggle to have enough contestants in serious duo to have the event be state qualifying. 12 duos involves 24 participants.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Speech 14	Increase Season Limit from 12 to 16	Schools may participate in a maximum of 16 invitational contests-excluding regional and state.	p. 3 SANC-TIONING OF INVITA-TIONAL CON-TESTS	To allow students who enter into the activity, after completion of another activity, a chance to compete and develop their communication skills.	5-0	0-8	0-9
Debate 1	Additional pilot/experiment year for World Schools Debate category				5-0	8-0	9-0
Debate 2	Increase stipend for State Debate Judges			Currently at \$12/rd; raise to \$15 or consider flat tournament payment.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Student Congress 1	Students be allowed to change sides once per resolution		Page 7 #14		5-0	8-0	9-0
Music 1	B Quota from 20% to 25%	RATINGS FOR CLASS B REGIONALS: At solo/ensemble festivals, a judge shall be limited to awarding no more than one STAR per 4 (25%) entries or fraction thereof. a. EXAMPLES: 1 to 4 entries = 1 STAR b. 5 to 8 entries = 2 STARS c. 9 to 12 entries = 3 STARS d. 13 to 16 entries = 4 STARS e. 17 to 21 entries = 5 STARS, etc.	12	Increase opportunity for vocal categories.	5-0	4-4	0-9
Music 2	A Music Regions Completed 18 days prior to State Festival	Specific dates for various regional festivals are to be arranged by the regional committees and local managers; however, any festivals involving groups advancing to the state music festival should be completed no later than 18 days prior to the State A Festival or 20 days prior to the State B Festival	P7, #3a	Date allowance to help adjust for Easter and All-State Music.	5-0	8-0	9-0

Music 3	Change Class A Vocal Limits from 90 to 75	Class A schools are limited to a combined total of 90 75 vocal solos and ensembles.	Page 8, 9	Adjustment based on regional venue size and state festival scheduling.	5-0	8-0	9-0
Music 4	Discussion on new teacher orientation						
Speech 14-Review	Change Season Limit	Schools may participate in invitational tournaments a maximum of 12 allowable dates-excluding regional and state.	p. 3 SANC-TIONING OF INVITA-TIONAL CON-TESTS			8-0	9-0

The Board reviewed a request from Kensal Public Schools Superintendent Tom Tracy regarding the closing of the district's 7-12 grade building. Tracy requested immediate eligibility for Kensal students in grades 7-12 in any school district they attend for 2016/17.

Motion by Schafer to approve Kensal Public School's request for immediate eligibility of all students in grades 7-12 to be immediately eligible for the 2016-17 school year in the school of their choosing. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

2016-17 NDHSAA Board President and Vice-President nominations were discussed. Hall nominated Rinas as president with a second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously. Bertsch nominated Dahlen as Vice-President with a second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch recommended the following changes to the 2016-17 approved calendar:

- (1) Change the January 30, 2017 Board of Directors meeting in Bismarck to January 19, 2017 in Valley City
- (2) Change the Class A Review date from May 17, 2017 to May 24, 2017

Motion by Manley to accept the recommended meeting date changes. Second by Baesler. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Reports

Roaldson, Hall and Wiberg thanked the Board and staff for their hard work over the past 4 years. They expressed it had been a pleasure to work with the Board and Staff.

Executive Director's Report

1. Participation Survey
2. Park River Area High School out-of-season coaching action plan was received.
3. Coaches Education Report was discussed.
4. 2015-16 concussion survey data was presented and discussed.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016 in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brenda Schell
 Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____