

**MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
April 21, 2017, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held a special board meeting via conference call on April 21, 2017 in Valley City. President Rinas called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Members present: Rinas, Privratsky, Stedman, Bertsch, Manley, Vollmer, Carlson, Schafer, Baesler

Members absent: Dahlen, Sorlie

The special meeting was requested by President Rinas for a legislative update.

Motion by Carlson to approve the agenda. Second by Volmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislature Update

House Bill 1275 concerning public prayer passed both the House and the Senate. The bill is essentially codification of current practice and does not reference use of the public address system. Fetsch will provide additional information to member schools at NDHSAA fall administrator meetings.

Senate Bill 2249 concerning sport and activity participation by convicted felons and individuals with certain restraining orders against them passed the Senate and the House. The law references many other laws. Fetsch will work with NDHSAA attorney to create a handout for member schools to distribute for NDHSAA fall administrator meetings. The bill will go into effect on August 1, 2017.

The Board reviewed a late coop application. Fetsch provided background information on the requested coop and the timeline of fielding softball teams.

Coop: Harvey and Fessenden-Bowdon in softball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee

Motion by Privratsky to approve late coop between Harvey and Fessenden-Bowden in softball for 2016-17. Second by Manley. Roll Call Vote: Rinas-yes, Privratsky-yes, Stedman-yes, Bertsch-yes, Manley-yes, Schafer-yes, Carlson-yes, Baesler-yes. (8-0) Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch informed the Board of the of upcoming Distinguished Student interviews.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2017 in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____