

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 18, 2018, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on January 18, 2018 in Valley City. President Dahlen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Carlson, Schafer, Privratsky, Manley, Dahlen, Jordan, Strand, Sorlie, Stedman, Vollmer

Members absent: Baesler

Others present: Dave Nelson - Hillsboro High School Athletic Director, Patti Aanenson - Larimore High School Athletic Director, Cole Short - Hillsboro Banner Editor

Motion by Vollmer to approve the agenda. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch indicated an edit was made in the minutes from the November 30, 2017 Board meeting to include late fees for the Solen High School track coops. Upon editing the minutes from November 30, 2017, motion by Privratsky to approve the consent agenda. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - (1) Approval of Minutes
 - (1) November 30, 2017
 - (2) December 11, 2017
 - (2) Financial Report
 - (1) Balance sheet
 - (a) November 2017
 - (b) December 2017
 - (2) Budget
 - (a) November 2017
 - (b) December 2017
 - (3) Savings/investments
 - (a) November 2017
 - (b) December 2017
 - (4) Fall Sports Financials
 - (3) Coop Applications
 - (1) Bishop Ryan and Surrey in boys golf, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (2) Larimore and Dakota Prairie in wrestling, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
 - (3) Larimore and Northwood in wrestling, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee

Andy Dahlen, Executive Committee Chair, reported committee action to the Board.

1. May-Port CG High School self-reported a violation of the 9-practice rule by a junior varsity girls basketball participant. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible student participated.
2. Grand Forks Red River self-reported the use of an unregistered foreign exchange student in junior varsity boys soccer. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible student participated.
3. West Fargo Sheyenne High School self-reported use of an unregistered foreign exchange student in boys swim. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all meets in which the ineligible student participated.

4. Dakota Prairie High School reported a girls basketball player exceeded the daily quarter participation limit. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible student participated.
5. Wyndmere/Lidgerwood High School reported a girls basketball player exceeded the daily quarter participation limit. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible student participated.

Motion by Manley to approve the Executive Board report. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Privratsky, finance committee chair, provided recommendations to the Board.

The committee reviewed salaries and made comparisons to other state associations. Motion by Privratsky to offer the following NDHSAA staff salary increases for 2018-19:

- 8% increase for administrative staff
- 4% increase for support staff
- 3-year contract for Executive Director, salary to be determined annually

Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to accept a 4-year extension of the current contract with RWP for the NDHSAA calendar at the existing price of \$2,944 per year. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to accept a 3-year extension of the award contract with Allard Trophy with an increase of approximately 8%. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to accept a 3-year extension of the Gerrells ball bid with a slight increase. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Schafer, football committee chair, provided the Board a committee report with recommended guidelines for the 2019 & 2020 football plan to include four divisions of football with 16 teams in AAA, 12 teams in AA, 32 teams in A and the remaining teams in 9-man. Shanley has indicated they will opt up to the AAA division. The committee offered the following guidelines for approval.

NDHSAA - Football Plan Guidelines

The following guidelines are being considered by the NDHSAA Football Committee for the administration of the current football plan and the development of subsequent two – year football plans

1. Football plans shall be established for two years.
2. Football seasons for plan purposes will be 2019 and 2020.
3. There will be 4 divisions of football. (AAA, AA, A, 9M)
4. Enrollments for plan development purposes will be determined by:
 - Step 1: Fall 2017 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 2016-17 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 2019 and 2020 football plan.
5. Schools may request to move up to a higher division if the next smaller enrollment school in that division is willing to move down and so on.
 - a. All such requests for division assignments as of September 18, 2018 are final.
 - b. Schools that have previously opted to move up shall be given first consideration.

6. Schools may request to field an independent 6-man team by officially notifying the NDHSAA Office on or before September 18, 2018.
7. The maximum number of teams in the top three divisions will be: AAA = 16, AA = 12, A = 32 with the remainder of the teams in 9-man.
 - a. If a school chooses to play an independent schedule or discontinues football during the two - year plan, the number of teams in that division will not be changed.
 - b. Any varsity team that chooses to play an independent team will be ineligible for the playoffs.
 - c. If a co-op is approved, realignment in any of the top three divisions may be allowed with consideration given to the geographic location of schools involved in the change.
8. BY – LAW REMINDER: Football coops must be submitted by September 15th of the previous year during both years of the two-year football plan.
9. A North Dakota school may apply for an emergency coop for the second season of a current football plan only if the following criteria are met:
 - a. An approved coop for the following two-year football plan must be in place prior to being eligible for an emergency coop
 - b. Emergency coop applications will only be considered if the requesting school has provided proof that student-athletes have no opportunity to compete at the varsity level for the second year of the existing plan
 - c. If the emergency coop is approved:
 - i. The host school shall be that school with the largest enrollment. The host school's current schedule and division placement will be used for the second year of the existing plan
 - ii. Only seniors from the applying school would be eligible for varsity competition for a \$1000 non-compliance fee per player
 - iii. Sub-varsity players from the applying school could compete for a \$200 non-compliance fee per player
10. The NDHSAA Board of Directors shall have final say in the administration of these guidelines.

Motion by Schafer to approve the football committee report. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, tournament committee chair, provided the Board with recommendations for the following:

Approve 2018 Fall Region Tournament sites as listed below:

GOLF - Girls A

East Region	Deadline: September 24, 2018	Mapleton
West Region	Deadline: September 24, 2018	Jamestown

TENNIS - Boys

East Region	October 4-5-6, 2018	Fargo
West Region	October 4-5-6, 2018	Bismarck

VOLLEYBALL

Regions - B

Region 1	November 5-6-8, 2018	TBD
Region 2	November 5-6-8, 2018	Hillsboro
Region 3	November 5-6-8, 2018	LaMoure
Region 4	November 5-6-8, 2018	Devils Lake
Region 5	November 5-6-8, 2018	Underwood
Region 6	November 5-6-8, 2018	Minot Audi
Region 7	November 5-6-8, 2018	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	November 5-6-8, 2018	Tioga

Regions - A

East	November 6-9-10, 2018	Devils Lake
West	November 8-9-10, 2018	Williston

Change the 2018 State Cross Country site from Bismarck to Jamestown.

Change State A Music date from April 29, 2022 to April 22, 2022.

Motion by Jordan to approve the tournament committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Warren Strand, representing the canvassing committee, provided a vote tally for the Board positions.

Board of Directors Class A East Representative:

- Dr. Kris Arason, Principal, Grand Forks Red River - 23
- Mike Beaton, Activities/Athletic Director, Fargo South – 31
- Mark Rerick, Athletic Director, Grand Forks Public Schools - 94

Board of Directors Class B Northeast Representative

- Jeremy Brandt, Superintendent, Central Valley Public School - 103
- Mitch Jorgensen, Superintendent, Valley-Edinburg Public School - 46

Motion by Strand to approve the Canvassing Committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously. Fetsch indicated Alexis Baxley, director of North Dakota School Boards Association (NDSBA) will begin serving as the NDSBA representative on July 1, 2018.

Jeff Manley, realignment committee chair, provided the Board with a committee report.

The committee recommended the following region alignment for softball:

2017-2018 CLASS B SOFTBALL TEAMS

1. Four teams from each Sub-Region make Regionals
2. Four teams from each Region make State Tournament

East Region

<u>SE Sub-Region</u>	<u>NE Sub-Region</u>
Central Cass	Dakota Prairie
Enderlin/Maple Valley	Grafton
Hankinson/Fairmount/Campbell/ Tintah/Lidgerwood/Rosholt	Larimore
Hillsboro/Central Valley	May Port-CG
Kindred/Richland	Pembina County
Northern Cass	Thompson

West Region

<u>SW Sub-Region</u>	<u>NW Sub-Region</u>
Beulah	Bishop Ryan
Central McLean	Des Lacs-Burlington/Lewis & Clark
Heart River	Glenburn
Solen/Standing Rock	Harvey/Wells County
Washburn	Kenmare/Bowbells/Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood
Wilton/Wing	Ray
*Watford City	Stanley
	Velva/Drake-Anamoose
*Class A in 18-19	Westhope/Newburg/Bottineau

The committee recommends moving Watford City to Class A west region beginning in 2018-19. Motion by Manley to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Review recommendations were reviewed by the Board. NDHSAA staff responsible for the administration of each sport provided background on sport recommendations to the Board.

	<u>Athletic Review</u>	<u>Board</u>
Boys Soccer:		
1. In all state tournament consolation matches (including 3rd place), penalty kicks shall determine the winner if tied at the end of regulation. Effective immediately.	Y (9-0)	Y (10-0)
All Football Divisions		
1. Change the tournament awards regulation to read as follows:	Y (9-0)	Y (10-0)
Individual participation awards will be provided for all quarterfinal and defeated semifinal teams with champions and runners-up receiving plaques:		
*9-Man teams will receive 41		
*A teams will receive 51		
*AA teams will receive 56		
*AAA teams will receive 61		
*Additional awards will be available for schools to purchase		
*Each coach shall organize team personnel for recognition of each and remind players that their game jerseys need to be worn for said recognition.		
Volleyball - Class A & B		
1. Start the coin toss (warm-up) at the 25-minute mark	Y (9-0)	Y (10-0)

Dave Nelson, Hillsboro High School Athletic Director, appeared before the Board to request students from Norman County West (MN) High School who finish the current school year at Norman County West be immediately eligible for varsity competition at Hillsboro High School. Norman County West School is closing grades 6-12 starting with the 2018-2019 school year and have tuition agreements to send students to Ada-Borup (MN) High School. The request is for any students from Norman County West who enroll in the Hillsboro School District the first day of school in the 2018-19 school year to be immediately eligible for varsity competition in Hillsboro High School. Following the start of the school year in Hillsboro, any students who transfer to Hillsboro schools will be subject to NDHSAA transfer rules. Motion by Vollmer to approve the Hillsboro request. Second by Carlson. Discussion concerning the difference between other similar situations is that this issue deals with a non-member (out-of-state) school. The Board was cautious to make a decision without further information. Vollmer rescinded his previous motion and Carlson rescinded his second. Vollmer moved to table the Hillsboro request and have a conference call meeting no later than February 10th to make a decision. This will allow further information to be gathered. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Grand Forks Public Schools AD Mark Rerick, representing the Class A east region, requesting the Board allow sub-varsity football contest participation one day earlier than allowed in 2018. All participants will have nine practices in before the contest. Motion by Privratsky to approve the Grand Forks Public School's request to allow sub-varsity football contest participation one day earlier than allowed in 2018. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Devils Lake AD Jason Wiberg requesting girls basketball participation one day earlier than allowed in order to fill out the brackets for the Lake Region Girls Basketball Tournament in November 2018. Motion by Jordan to approve the request for the Devils Lake girls basketball team to participate one day earlier than allowed for the 2018-19 season. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch provided proposed 2018-19 meeting dates as follows:

August 8	New Board Member Orientation – Valley City
August 9	New Administrator Orientation – Valley City
September 27	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
October 19	General Assembly Meeting – Bismarck

November 28	Combined Tournament Committee Meeting – Valley City
November 29	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
January 16	Athletic Review – Valley City
January 17	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
January 28	Membership Meeting – Bismarck
March 15	Class B District Chairpersons Meeting – Minot
April 1	Combined Tournament Committee Meeting – Fargo
April 2	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
May 1	Distinguished Student Interviews – Valley City
May 22	Class A Review – Valley City
May 23	Fine Arts Review – Bismarck
June 5	Athletic Review – Valley City
June 10-11	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City

Motion by Sorlie to approve 2018-19 NDHSAA meeting dates. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch informed the Board of dates set for Regional Administrator meetings as follows:

July 31	Dickinson High School
August 1	Minot – Magic City Campus
August 2	Bismarck – Ramkota Hotel
August 6	Larimore High School
August 7	Valley City – Hi-Liner Activity Center

Executive Director's Report

- Fetsch indicated he completed two Hardship/Extra Semester Waivers since the last Board meeting with both being approved.
- NFHS Winter Meeting Report
 - Concussion insurance was discussed. The total cost of approximately \$40,000 for North Dakota. The policy would cover out of pocket expenses of concussions.
 - A NCAA basketball commission was formed and will make recommendations to the NCAA including a possible policy change allowing colleges to recruit only through high school coaches.
- NFHS Network has showed interest in a contract for Tier II declined events.
- The NFHS Summer Conference schedule was discussed. The conference will be held in Chicago. Fetsch indicated Board members should let him know if they plan to attend. Travel plans are made by individuals.
- Fetsch shared the US Department of Labor decision on coaches and overtime regulations.

Next Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

Class B District Chair Meeting – March 16, 2018 – Ramkota Hotel – Bismarck
 Combined Tournament Committee – April 9, 2018 – Ramada Inn – Fargo
 Board of Directors Meeting – April 10, 2018 – NDHSAA Office – Valley City

Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brenda Schell
 Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____ / ____ / ____