

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 17, 2019, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on January 17, 2019 in Valley City. President Schafer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Privratsky, Brandt, Strand, Sorlie, Vollmer, Rerick, Schafer, Carlson, Jordan
Members absent: Baxley, Baesler

Motion by Carlson to approve the agenda. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Jordan to approve the consent agenda. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 29, 2018
 - b. December 11, 2018
2. Financial Report
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. November 2018
 - ii. December 2018
 - b. Budget
 - i. November 2018
 - ii. December 2018
 - c. Savings/investments
 - i. November 2018
 - ii. December 2018
3. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Bismarck Public Schools and Kidder County in softball, 7-12, 2018-19
4. Coop Applications
 - a. Shanley and Central Cass in boys soccer, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - b. Shanley and Central Cass in girls soccer, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - c. LaMoure and Edgeley in baseball, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
 - d. Hankinson and Rosholt (SD) in baseball, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - e. Grafton and Midway in softball, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - f. Mott-Regent and New England in boys track, 7-12, 2018-19, late fee
 - g. Mott-Regent and New England in girls track, 7-12, 2018-19, late fee
 - h. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in boys soccer, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - i. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in girls soccer, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - j. Wilton, Wing, and Kidder County in softball, 7-12, 2018-19, late fee
 - k. Dickinson and South Heart in boys hockey, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - l. Dickinson and Hope Christian in girls golf, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee

Executive Board chair, Ben Schafer, provided a committee report including eligibility violations.

1. Fargo South High School self-reported use of an ineligible transfer student in varsity wrestling contests. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.
2. Turtle Mountain Community High School self-reported use of an academically ineligible player in a freshman girls basketball contest. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.
3. White Shield High School self-reported use of an ineligible transfer student in varsity boys basketball contests. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.
4. Parshall High School self-reported use of an ineligible transfer student in varsity girls cross country meets and girls basketball games. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.

- 5. Bishop Ryan High School self-reported use of ineligible boys basketball students in sub-varsity games. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible students participated.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the executive board report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky, Finance/Personnel Committee Chair, provided a committee report. A letter of resignation was received from Sue Carlsrud, NDHSAA Administrative Assistant. Motion by Vollmer to accept Carlsrud's resignation and commend her on a job well done for the past 43 years. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation to authorize Fetsch to hire a replacement. Fetsch shared a tentative hiring timeline. Motion by Brandt to authorize Fetsch to hire an administrative assistant. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee also noted Carlsrud will be receiving an NFHS citation award at the NFHS Summer Conference in Indianapolis. The committee recommends approval for NDHSAA employees Sharon Prosby and Patty Bass to attend a portion of the conference. Motion by Carlson to approve travel to the NFHS Summer Conference for Prosby and Bass. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation of an overall salary increase of 3% for NDHSAA staff for 2019-20, allowing Executive Director Fetsch to make adjustments as necessary. Motion by Jordan to approve an overall 3% salary increase for NDHSAA staff. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation to include a maximum fee of \$250 for TrackWrestling technician with tournament host responsible for mileage in the region wrestling financial report. Motion by Vollmer to approve change in region wrestling financial report as recommended. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Strand to approve the finance/personnel committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson provided a Constitution & By-Laws committee report. The committee reviewed Article XIV, Section X of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Currently a student in grades 9-12 is allowed to compete in a maximum of eight semesters of which the last two semesters must be consecutive. The committee discussed allowing students in grades 9-12 to compete in eight consecutive semesters and four semesters of competition for students in grades 7 and 8 with two semesters eligibility for 7th grade and two semesters eligibility in 8th grade. Committee recommended NDHSAA staff review the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws for ramifications of this change and bring necessary changes in wording to the Board for review. Committee will review again in April with the possibility of an amendment to the membership in October 2019.

The committee also recommended the removal of Part II, Section IX, c. of the Junior High regulations. This would be an amendment to be brought forward in October 2019. Committee recommended NDHSAA staff review the Constitution & By-Laws for references pertaining to this regulation. Motion by Brandt to approve the Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan provided a Tournament Committee report including fall region tournament site recommendations.

A Girls Golf

East Region	Deadline: September 23, 2019	Wahpeton
West Region	Deadline: September 23, 2019	Williston

Tennis - Boys

East Region	October 3-4-5, 2019	Fargo
West Region	October 3-4-5, 2019	Bismarck

Volleyball

Regions - B

Region 1	November 11-12-14, 2019	Central Cass
Region 2	November 11-12-14, 2019	Grafton

Region 3	November 11-12-14, 2019	Linton
Region 4	November 11-12-14, 2019	Devils Lake
Region 5	November 11-12-14, 2019	New Salem-Almont
Region 6	November 11-12-14, 2019	Minot Auditorium
Region 7	November 11-12-14, 2019	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	November 11-12-14, 2019	Ray

Regions - A

East	November 12-15-16, 2019	Fargo South
West	November. 14-15-16, 2019	Jamestown

Motion by Carlson to approve the tournament committee report. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

A Canvassing Committee report of Board of Directors representation ballot results was provided by Brandt.

Class A West

1. Dr. Shon Hocker, Superintendent, Dickinson Public Schools - 10
2. Paul Jundt, Athletic Director, Bismarck Legacy High School - 79
3. Randy Cranston, Principal, Watford City High School - 57

Class B Northwest

1. Dave Schoch, Superintendent, Velva Public School - 72
2. Nick Klemisch, Superintendent, Garrison Public School - 71

Motion by Privratsky to approve the canvassing committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky, Realignment Committee Chair, provided a committee report. A draft Board regulation for classification expansion was presented to the Board for consideration at a later date.

Region placements were discussed.

- a. Boys & Girls B Golf
 - i. Alexander - Region 6
- b. Softball
 - i. Divide County
 - ii. Garrison-Max
 - iii. Rugby

Upon discussion, the Board directed Fletschock to provide mileage comparisons to Minot by region. Motion by Carlson to give NDHSAA staff flexibility to balance softball region alignment based on mileage. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

East Region

Sub-Region 1

Central Cass
 Enderlin/MV
 Hankinson/FCT/L/R
 Hillsboro/CV
 Kindred/Richland
 Northern Cass

Sub-Region 2

Dakota Prairie
 Grafton
 Larimore
 May Port-CG
 Pembina County
 Thompson

JV Only

Solen/Standing Rock
 Rugby

West Region

Sub-Region 3

Bishop Ryan
 Des-Lacs/Burlington
 Divide County
 Glenburn
 Kenmare/Bowbells/MLS
 Ray

Sub-Region 4

Beulah
 Central McLean
 Garrison/Max
 Harvey/Wells Co
 Heart River
 Velva/Drake-Anamoose

Stanley
 Westhope/Newburg/Bottineau
 Washburn
 Wilton/Wing

Motion by Vollmer to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Review recommendations were presented for Board consideration.

NDHSAA Board of Directors Y: approve or N: deny	Athletic Review	Board
Class A Girls Golf:		
1. Change the first practice date for the 2019 season from August 12, 2019 to August 5, 2019 (and state meet from October 7-8, 2019 to September 30 and October 1, 2019)	Y (10-0)	Y (9-0)
2. If a golfer qualifies for the state tournament but is not part of that team's region tournament line-up, the golfer is allowed to participate at the region meet as a non-team counting individual.	Y (10-0)	Y (9-0)
Boys Tennis:		
1. For team matches at region and state, once the team match has been decided the remaining individual match or matches that have not started a third set will play a super tiebreak in lieu of the full third set.	Y (10-0)	Y (9-0)
Volleyball:		
Class A & B		
1. A rostered member of the team shall attend the coaches/captain meeting.	N (1-9)	-
Athletic Review Recommendations		
Volleyball: 1. The team floor captains must attend the coaches/captain meeting.	Y (10-0)	Y (9-0)

The Board reviewed a letter from Jason Wiberg, Devils Lake Public Schools Athletic Director, 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 2019. Motion by Carlson to approve the request for the Devils Lake girls basketball team to participate one day earlier than allowed for the 2019-20 season. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Mark Rerick, Grand Forks Public Schools Athletic Director and Mike McNeff, Rugby Public Schools Superintendent, requesting Board consideration for the study of eSports as a sponsored activity in accordance with existing Board regulation. Rerick provided insight on eSports for Board members. Many of the schools making the request are either participating in eSports at this time or are planning to implement eSports in their schools in the near future. Motion by Jordan to approve the request to consider the study of adding eSports as a sponsored activity in accordance with existing Board regulation with a report back to the NDHSAA Board in March 2020. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Jim Roaldson, Jamestown High School Athletic Director, requesting a waiver of Article XIV, Section IIIa for a student to participate in a similar contest during the track and field season. Motion by Privratsky to approve the Jamestown High School request for waiver of Article XIV, Section IIIa. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vollmer to allow Executive Director Fetsch authority to approve requests for waiver of Article XIV, Section IIIa for previously approved events. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch provided proposed 2019-20 meeting dates as follows:

- August 12 New Board Member Orientation – Valley City
- August 13 New Administrator Orientation – Valley City
- September 16 Athletic Review – Mandan
- September 26 Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
- October 18 General Assembly Meeting – Bismarck
- December 4 Combined Tournament Committee Meeting – Valley City

- December 5 Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
- January 15 Athletic Review – Valley City
- January 16 Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
- March 20 Class B District Chairpersons Meeting – Bismarck
- March 30 Combined Tournament Committee Meeting – Fargo
- March 31 Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
- April 29 Distinguished Student Interviews – Valley City
- May 20 Class A Review – Valley City
- May 21 Fine Arts Review – Bismarck
- June 3 Athletic Review – Valley City
- June 8-9 Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City

Motion by Jordan to approve Board meeting dates for 2019-20 as proposed. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Reports

- Vollmer brought up issues of boundaries with teachers and students and coaches and students. Minot is working on an ethics piece to bring into their district. It may be a good time to bring ethics training to coaches and administrators as part of NDHSAA fall meetings/clinics.
- Rerick questioned status of the South Dakota High School Activities Association transgender policy. Their policy is different than NDHSAA’s policy. Fetsch indicated the South Dakota legislature is looking into the SDHSAA policy. NDHSAA transgender policy has been in place for 3 years and follows the NCAA policy.

Executive Director’s Report

1. Hardship update since last meeting: 1 approved - 2 denied. Several extra semester questions, with no applications.
2. NFHS Winter Meeting Report – NFHS Network report. Next year may be the first year they are profitable. There was a lot of discussion concerning eSports and the licensing of the games. Physical form was last revised in 2010. There is a possibility the form will be updated. Girls wrestling is the fastest growing sport nationally.
3. Fetsch provided the Board with an update on the NFHS Summer Meeting to be held in Indianapolis June 28 - July 2, 2019.
4. Several legislative bills were discussed including:
 - (1) HB1335: Dress code policy
 - (2) HB1416: Removal of the two calendar days and teacher professional development conferences
 - (3) HB1310, HB1325, HB1317: Bills concerning gun control in schools and public events.
5. NFHS Foundation Grant was received to be used for the student leadership conference in July.
6. NDHSAA state winner of the NFHS Spirit of Sport was submitted by Mark Rerick representing Grand Forks Red River High School recognizing the West Fargo Sheyenne Boys Hockey Team and Coach.

Next Meetings – Locations, Dates and Times

1. Class B District Chair Meeting – March 15, 2019 – Clarion Inn – Minot
2. Combined Tournament Committee – April 1, 2019 – Ramada Inn – Fargo
3. Board of Directors Meeting – April 2, 2019 – NDHSAA Office – Valley City

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____