

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
June 7-8, 2021, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on June 7, 2021, at the NDHSAA office in Valley City. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Members present: Jordan, Schoch, Fridley, Brandt, Diegel, Bertsch, Johnson, Jundt, Rerick,  
Members absent: Baxley, Baesler  
Others Present: Andrew Jordan, Superintendent Wilton Public Schools

Motion by Rerick to approve the agenda. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Fridley to approve the consent agenda. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  1. March 30, 2021
  2. May 27, 2021
2. Financial Reports
  1. Balance sheet
    - (1) March 2021
    - (2) April 2021
    - (3) May 2021
  2. Budget
    - (1) March 2021
    - (2) April 2021
    - (3) May 2021
  3. Savings/Investments
    - (1) March 2021
    - (2) April 2021
    - (3) May 2021
  4. Winter Sports
  5. Fine Art
3. Coop Dissolutions
  1. West Fargo Sheyenne and West Fargo Horace in boys cross country, 7-12, 2021-22
  2. West Fargo Sheyenne and West Fargo Horace in girls cross country, 7-12, 2021-22
  3. West Fargo Sheyenne and West Fargo Horace in girls swimming and diving, 7-12, 2021-22
  4. Maddock and Leeds in boys golf, 7-12, 2021-22
4. Coop Applications
  1. Girls Wrestling per school submission
  2. Harvey and Maddock in baseball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  3. Harvey and Maddock in softball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  4. Harvey and Maddock in boys golf, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  5. Harvey and Maddock in girls golf, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  6. Mandan and School of the Holy Family in boys swimming, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  7. Mandan and School of the Holy Family in boys hockey, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  8. Mandan and School of the Holy Family in girls hockey, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  9. Mandan and School of the Holy Family softball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  10. Enderlin and Milnor in baseball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  11. Enderlin and Milnor in softball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee

Farmers Union Insurance representative Mark Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, appeared to thank the Board for the opportunity to work with the NDHSAA. Anderson provided an overall view of all Farmers Union Insurance agents, managers, and activities throughout the state and nationwide. Anderson reviewed how Farmers Union dealt with Covid-19 over the past year and what systems they will be using moving forward. Anderson also gave

the Board an overview of other activities Farmers Union Insurance is involved with. Fetsch thanked Anderson for Farmers Union’s continued support and commitment the NDHSAA.

The Board acted on recommendations from Class B District chair, Class A Review, sport advisory committees and Athletic Review.

<b>2020-21 Advisory Recommendations for NDHSAA Board Consideration</b>			
The following are recommendations with actions posted.	<u>Com</u>	<u>Review</u>	<u>Board</u>
<b>NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)</b>		6/2/2021	6/7/2021
<b>Class B District Chairs</b>			
1. Request NDHSAA realignment committee to pursue Class B wrestling region realignment.	16-0	Yes (7-3)	Yes 8-0
2. Allow three coaching badges at state wrestling tournament.	16-0	Yes (10-0)	Yes 8-0

Fine Arts grid was reviewed as per the table below indicating action items, advisory recommendations, and recommendations from the Fine Arts Review Committee

<b>FINE ARTS GRID 2020-21</b>							
Activity:	Page number in regulations:	One-line request for rules change:	Exact rule with revisions (how it would read as revised):	Additional information/rationale:	Advisory	Review	Board
Debate	Page 5 rule 1.b	Change to 3 minute summary speech in PF debate	-1st speaker – summary (3 minutes) -2nd speaker – summary (3 minutes)	To allow students to more fully develop their argument.	4-0	7-0	8-0
Speech 1	Page 7	Change ballot requirements	All official instructions will be available from the NDHSAA website. Ballots may be obtained there, or may include electronic versions.	Allows for judges to type comments for legibility, allows for germ free transfer of comments to schools/students, moves towards less paper consumption and copying for host schools.	4-0	7-0	8-0
Speech 2	not in regulations	Not a rule	Limit the number of extemp questions to 75 in a season.	To allow for students to more fully prepare questions for the season, and grow the event	4-0	7-0	8-0
Speech 3	page 12	Storytelling no longer be a draw event. Competitors would tell one story in a genre assigned by NDHSAA at every tournament	Storytellers will present one prepared story in the genre specified by the NDHSAA for the season. Storytellers must use one story during a tournament but may change throughout the season.	It would limit draw times and make scheduling easier for tournament managers and contestants in this category. It would be less taxing on tournament managers who are continually looking for new material.	4-0	7-0	8-0

Jeremy Brandt, Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee chair, provided a committee report.

Discussed changes to team payment plans as described below.

Sports	Class	Region	State	Play-In Games	Play-Off Games
Basketball	A	7-5	15	15	
Cross Country	A & B		# participants Max. 10		
Football	AAA 11AA		Max. 33 40		Max. 33 40
Football	AA 11A		Max. 33 36		Max. 33 36
Football	A 11B		Max. 33		Max. 33
Football	9-Man		Max. 27		Max. 27

Golf	A & B		# participants Max. 6		
Gymnastics			# participants Max. 6		
Swimming			# participants Max. 9		
Tennis			Max. 9		
Track	A & B		# participants Max. 18		
<b>Fine Arts</b>					
Music			Max. 50		
Student Congress			# participants Max. 7		
Plays	A & B		# participants Max. 15		
Debate			# participants Max. 7		
Speech	A & B		# participants Max. 20		

Discussed changes to ticket prices at various NDHSAA events as described on the table below.

<b>BASKETBALL - B Boys &amp; Girls</b>		<u>Adult</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
<b>STATE</b>			<b>Reserved</b>	<b>Unreserved</b>
	Tournament Ticket – Premium Seating		84.00	
	Tournament Ticket – Reserved Lower Bowl		72.00	
	Tournament Ticket – Qualifying Team		54.00	24.00
	Single Session (2 games)		15.00	5.00
<b>REGION</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
	Daily	10.00		5.00
<b>BASKETBALL - A Boys &amp; Girls</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<b>STATE</b>		<u>Unreserved</u>		<u>Unreserved</u>
	Tournament Ticket	40.00		15.00
	Daily	15.00		5.00
<b>REGION</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
	Play-in/home site	10.00		5.00
	Tournament Ticket (West Region)	40.00		15.00
	Daily – final site	15.00		5.00
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<b>STATE</b>		10.00		5.00
<b>FOOTBALL</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
	First Round, Quarterfinal & Semifinal Games	10.00		5.00
	Dakota Bowl	19.00		5.00
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<b>STATE</b>		<u>Unreserved</u>		<u>Unreserved</u>
	Tournament Ticket	30.00		10.00
	Daily	15.00		5.00
<b>HOCKEY</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<b>STATE</b>		<u>Unreserved</u>		<u>Unreserved</u>
	Tournament Ticket	40.00		15.00
	Daily	15.00		5.00
<b>REGION</b>		<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
	Daily	10.00		5.00
<b>SWIMMING - Boys &amp; Girls</b>			<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
<b>STATE</b>			<b>Reserved</b>	<b>Unreserved</b>

Tournament Ticket		30.00	10.00
Daily		15.00	5.00
<b><u>VOLLEYBALL</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>		<b><u>Student</u></b>
<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>Unreserved</u></b>		<b><u>Unreserved</u></b>
Tournament Ticket	40.00		15.00
Daily	15.00		5.00
<b><u>REGION</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>		<b><u>Student</u></b>
Daily	10.00		5.00
<b><u>WRESTLING</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>	<b><u>Student</u></b>
<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>Unreserved</u></b>	<b><u>Reserved</u></b>	<b><u>Unreserved</u></b>
Tournament Ticket – Individual Tournament	40.00	40.00	10.00
Tournament Ticket – Dual Tournament	20.00	20.00	5.00
Daily	20.00	20.00	5.00
<b><u>REGION</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>		<b><u>Student</u></b>
Daily	10.00		5.00

Discussed changes to how many awards are given out at events as described on the table below.

<b>Awards</b>	<b>Summary of Changes</b>
<b>Baseball - Class A</b>	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Basketball - Class A</b>	
State	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Football</b>	
9B	Add Final Four team plaques
11B	Add Final Four team plaques
<b>Golf - Class A</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
<b>Golf - Class B</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Add 3rd place team plaque
<b>Hockey</b>	
State	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Soccer</b>	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Softball - Class A</b>	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Tennis</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
State	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Swimming</b>	Add 3rd place team plaques
<b>Track - Class A</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
<b>Track - Class B</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
<b>Volleyball - Class A</b>	
State	Add 3rd and 4th place team plaques
<b>Wrestling - Class A</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
State	Add 4th place team plaques - dual
<b>Wrestling - Class B</b>	
Region	Add 2nd and 3rd place individual medals
State	Add 4th place team plaques - dual

Discussed the increase in salaries and pensions for NDHSAA staff. The proposed salary increases would be by 2.18% in 2021-22 and 1.68% in 2022-23, with a total package increase of 3.98% in 2022-23.

Discussed committee recommendation to suspend school membership dues for one year.

Discussed a change to the policy manual regarding solicitations. Fetsch elaborated on creating a rate-card for commercial photographers.

Discussed discontinuing annual eligibility reports and switching to a direct import system using the export feature in PowerSchool.

Motion by Jundt to approve the entire Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee report. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Schoch, Media Committee chair, provided a committee report.

Discussed updating the rate-card. Fetch discussed the recommended changes shown in the table below.

	<b>LIVE</b>	<b>DELAYED</b>
<b>REGIONAL BASKETBALL</b>		
Class A combined	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00
Class A boys or girls	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00
Class B boys or girls	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00
Per game (including play-in's)	\$500.00	\$250.00
<b>FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES</b>		
(per game) 1st Round	\$500.00	\$250.00
(per game) Quarterfinals	\$750.00	\$500.00
(per game) Semi-finals	\$1,000.00	\$500.00

Motion by Brandt to approve the Media Committee report. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Todd Bertsch, Constitution & By-Laws Committee chair, provided a committee report.

Proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws include the following:

1. Part II, Article III, Section IX – NDEA Conference – DELETED
2. Part II, Article XIV, Section III, Q & A #3 – baseball exception – DELETED
3. Part II, Article XIV, Section IV, Q & A #11 – entirely online class load – change language to say “Member schools determine instructional delivery. Students who are enrolled, attend per school policy, and are eligible in all regards, may participate in sponsored athletics and activities.”
4. Part II, Article XIV, Section IX, Q & A #21 – parents - add words “transfers schools and” to change “...who moves from one custodial parent to the other...” to “...who transfers schools and moves from one custodial parent to the other...”

Motion by Brandt to approve the Constitution & By-Laws Committee report. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Jundt, Tournament Committee chair, provided a committee report.

Discussed the region tournaments as follows:

1) 2022 spring region sites

Event	Dates	Site
<b>GOLF - Boys</b>		
Region 1 Boys	Deadline: May 24, 2022	Edgeley
Region 2 Boys	Deadline: May 24, 2022	Carrington
Region 3 Boys	Deadline: May 24, 2022	Grand Forks Kings Walk
Region 4 Boys	Deadline: May 24, 2022	Rugby
Region 5 Boys	Deadline: May 24, 2022	Dickinson Heart River
Region 6 Boys	Deadline: May 24, 2022	New Town
East Region	Deadline: June 1, 2022	Fargo
West Region	Deadline: June 1, 2022	Williston
<b>TENNIS - Girls</b>		
East Region	May 26-27-28, 2022	Fargo
West Region	May 26-27-28, 2022	Minot
<b>TRACK</b>		
East Region	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Grand Forks
West Region	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Dickinson
Northwest	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Minot
North Central	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Rugby
Northeast	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Mayville
Southwest	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Beach
South Central	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Mandan
Southeast	Deadline: May 21, 2022	Lisbon

- 2) The committee looked at proposals for 2022 Region 3 girls basketball. They recommended that the tournament take place in Jamestown due to more seating/parking, and Jamestown being a neutral site. The board previously elected to table this for further review in March.
- 3) Region 1 wrestling requested to advance to the 2021/22 region tournament site of Lisbon rather than utilize the 2020/21 region site. The board approved this change.

Motion by Schoch to approve the region tournament sites. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2021 State Cross Country meet format be changed to a 2-day event with State B taking place on Friday October 22, 2021. State A would take place Saturday October 23, 2021.

Motion by Rerick to approve the 2021 Cross Country meet format. Second by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed change to the 2022 State Track & Field meet format. The new format would consist of a 3-day event instead of 2 days to make Saturday events more manageable. Also notes potentially fewer volunteer workers would be needed. Rerick inquired about increased cost for bowl rental. Bertsch mentioned rather than switch to 3 days, perhaps reduce the number of participants to make the 2-day event more feasible, citing that finals and substitute teachers for coaches.

Motion by Rerick to approve changes for 2022 State Track & Field meet format. Second by Schoch. Motion carried with a 6-2 roll-call vote.

Discussed a lack of region and state tennis officials within the state. NDHSAA does not certify officials and uses USTA certified officials. This topic was tabled and will be discussed during Tennis Advisory on June 15, 2021.

Dr. Mark Rerick provided a Realignment Committee report.

Reviewed imbalances due to athlete participation in the Class B wrestling regions. This was tabled until a philosophy could be determined in how to effectively rebalance the regions.

Reviewed requests from Glen Ullin-Hebron, Hazen, and Beulah regarding Class B girls basketball, boys basketball, and volleyball regions. This was tabled until September.

Reviewed Class B softball regions. Fletschock recommended moving from two Class B regions to four, turning each existing sub-region into its own region. Region assignments will be finalized in January per regulations.

Reviewed 2022 football preliminary classifications were shared with the board.

New Salem-Almont track and field requested to switch from South West region to South Central region. This was approved.

Motion by Jundt to approve the Realignment Committee report. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Bubach provided the Fine Arts Committee report.

The Fine Arts Committee met April 27 and May 27 to review the WDA orchestra request, future fine arts regulations and tournament formats, related survey information, and music/speech advisory direct input to the proposed changes below. Based on information received and discussion held, the Fine Arts Committee recommends the following changes for the 2021-22 school year:

#### Regional Plays, Speech, and Music

- 1) All late registration fees paid to region. Late fees shall be no less than twice the regional registration fee and shall not be guaranteed scheduling protections.
  - a) All regional late registration windows close at 4:00 p.m. CDT 3 business days prior to regional event.
  - b) Direct-register state events remain under current \$250 late window. (Student Congress, A Plays)
  - c) Managers are not required to recreate/balance schedules but simply place late entry in first available 'slot'.

#### Music

- 1) Approve WDA Orchestra Region/State format request. WDA and EDC Orchestra to culminate at region/state level as requested by WDA Activities Directors.
- 2) Declare music a festival (non-contest) activity due to percentage state qualification and unlimited medals for school purchase.
  - a) Judge certification not required but instead recommended for new judges.
  - b) Rules clinic requirement continued for head directors.
- 3) State Series (separate region and state dates): 1/3 regional entries advance to state festival with the 33% award ratio assigned to the judge, not individual categories. Separate 33% quota for solos and ensembles.
- 4) Re-emphasize regulation that requires regions to send schedules for website posting.
  - a) Regulation change: ~~Site manager sends schedule inclusive of all ratings in NDHSAA system format to NDHSAA on festival day.~~ PRIOR TO QUALIFYING FESTIVAL: Manager must email schedule to NDHSAA when sent to directors. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FESTIVAL: Manager must enter all ratings including drops into NDHSAA website.
- 5) State Music or Region/State Music, no quota/ratio for state stars under festival format.
- 6) Schools to purchase all state star medals under festival format. Association to continue providing 1 plaque per judge for each Outstanding Performer at State or Region/State Festival. Schools may continue to purchase additional plaques. Medals \$3/each.

## Speech

- 1) 12 allowable contests instead of allowable dates.
- 2) First round draw materials may be sent out day prior to tournaments.
- 3) Allow qualifying tournaments to use all formats currently listed in regulation.
  - a) ~~16. Regional, state and qualifying speech tournament categories (all) must have 2 preliminary rounds with 1 judge each and a final round with 3 judges. The only exception is Class A regionals where each region may decide to have 3 rounds with 1 judge per round in some or all categories or in Class B when there are no more than 8 participants in a specific category. Class B may use 1 round with 3 judges or 3 rounds with 1 judge. Judge must not adjudicate the same event more than once in a tournament.~~
  - b) 16. Regional, state and qualifying speech tournament categories may decide to have 2 preliminary rounds with 1 judge each and a final round with 3 judges; or, 3 rounds with 1 judge per round. When there are no more than 8 participants in a specific category, tournaments may use 1 round with 3 judges or 3 rounds with 1 judge. Judge must not adjudicate the same event more than once in a tournament.
- 4) Class A regionals may qualify up to 33% to state tournament.

## Debate

- 1) Removal of division definition.
- 2) State Debate qualification and format. Use regular season points-qualifier to set state quarterfinal brackets in Divisions I & II Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum.

## Plays

- 1) State A Plays to begin 1:00p Day #1.
- 2) Discontinue A Plays individual event Sponsorship.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Fine Arts Committee report. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Board Report

- 1) School violations
  - a) Beulah softball used an ineligible transfer student in varsity contests. Prescribed penalty of forfeiture of any contests the individual participated in.
  - b) Bismarck fine arts used a non-registered instrumental judge. Received a letter of reprimand.
  - c) Turtle Mountain girls basketball used school uniforms at non-affiliated tournament. Received a letter of reprimand.
- 2) The Grand Forks e-sports company Fenworks held a presentation for the Executive Board regarding their ability to help the NDHSAA develop and sanction an e-sports league. Jordan appointed an ad-hoc committee of Rerick, Brandt, Diegel with Fetsch and Walton to assist.
- 3) North Dakota Cheer Coach Association held an audience with the Executive Board regarding acknowledgement of sideline cheer.
- 4) Late coop applications - approved - late fees enforced.
  - a) Mandan and School of the Holy Family in boys cross country, 7-12, 2021-22
  - b) Mandan and School of the Holy Family in girls cross country, 7-12, 2021-22
  - c) Rugby and Leeds in girls golf, 7-12, 2021-22

2021-22 Girls Wrestling Regulations

1. Girls wrestling will include 14 weight classes as follows: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, 250.
2. Part II article III, section IX will be waived for regular season event during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons.
3. All weight management guidelines will follow current NFHS rules.
4. Postseason tournament format will be finalized in Fall 2021.



Motion by Jundt to pass the girls wrestling guidelines. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-22 Technology Plan

Brenda Schell & Nick Walton presented the Board with a Technology Plan for the upcoming year.

Motion by Rerick to pass the 2021-22 Technology Plan. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Member School Requests

St. John’s Academy in Jamestown requested to become a NDHSAA member school beginning in 2021-22

Motion by Brandt to approve request from St. John’s Academy. Second by Jundt. Motion carries unanimously.

Williston Public School and Williams County School District #8 have requested to reorganize into one member school and one-time immediate eligibility for students pursuant to Article XIV, Section IX, Q & A #10 of the NDHSAA by-laws

Motion by Brandt to approve the request from Williston Public Schools and Williams County District #8. Second by Johnson. Motion carries unanimously

Kindred High School submitted a request regarding the site for the 2022 State Class B Boys Golf tournament be moved to Oxbow, ND, rather than Carrington, ND. Karla Michaelson, Carrington’s athletic director has given her consent. Matt Crane, Kindred’s athletic director, will be the event manager.

Motion by Jundt to approve request from Kindred High School. Second by Rerick. Motion carries unanimously.

Return to Competition Guidelines

Motion by Diegel to make the Return to Competition Guidelines an historical document and remove from website. Second by Rerick. Motion carries unanimously.

2021-22 Board Organization

Brandt nominated Rerick for president. Second by Schoch. Motion carries unanimously.

Jundt nominated Brandt for vice president. Second by Johnson. Motion carries unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report

1. Fetsch presented the annual Participation Survey.
2. Fetsch presented Coaches Education report.
3. Fetsch presented the 2020-21 Concussion Data report with the board.

Next Board meeting will be September 23, 2021, in Valley City at the NDHSAA Office.

Meeting adjourned June 8, 2021, at 12:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Walton  
Assistant Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_