

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
November 16, 2007 – Jamestown, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on November 16, 2007 at the Jamestown Gladstone Inn. President Knodle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Stanley.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board the Attorney General has clarified during the NDHSAA Board of Director meetings, every motion that receives a second must have a roll call vote. The Board discussed the possibility that part of their meeting could be a consent agenda. Motion by Duchscherer to have a roll call vote on all items. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

Following several additions to the agenda, motion by Eastgate to accept the agenda. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

A copy of the minutes from the October 17, 2007 Board meeting and the November 1, 2007 Special Board meeting were provided to the Board for review. Motion by Looyesen to approve as amended. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report with review of the balance sheet, savings-investment report and the budget through October, 2007. Motion by Lyson to approve the report. Second by Jordan. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board heard a request for a dissolution of the junior high football cooperative sponsorship program with Baldwin and Wilton for the 08-09 season. Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Jungling. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following applications for cooperative sponsorship programs:

- a. Bismarck and Wilton in boys' hockey, 9-12 (no fee) 2007-2008.

Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken:

Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes
Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;

The motion passed, unanimously.

- b. Alexander and Watford City in speech, 7-12 (no fee) 2007-2008.

Motion by Eastgate to approve. Second by Jordan. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board held audience with Valley City High School Athletic Director, Al Cruchet. Mr. Cruchet was present to answer any questions the Board may have in reference to the letter of communiqué requesting the NDHSAA to begin work toward crafting a 3-class system. It was discussed by the Board the options for this request would be approve, deny or table for further study. The Executive Secretary recommended a survey of member schools would have to bring a 2/3 majority to approve moving forward with a process. Motion by Maus to have the NDHSAA perform a study of the request for research of a 3-class system for basketball and volleyball. Second by Sanstead. Duchscherer stated if the membership voted this down three years ago, should there even be a study. Eastgate indicated there is a change in demographics as well as the fact that many times bond issues are brought forward more than once. Lyson suggested the membership has put this in the hands of the Board and there should be the duty of the Board to carry out this study. Would it be looked at as seriously if the NDIAAA did this study versus the NDHSAA Board of Directors? Maus stated with many of the smaller schools not having NDIAAA representation, there may not be a representative study. Duchscherer questioned what has changed since the last vote on the three class proposal. Lyson agreed with the need for a survey and to look at it in a couple of different ways. Who is the decision maker in each school? The school boards of a school are the decision makers in this type of issue. Jungling indicated there was a representation that attended the Tournament Committee with a proposal for a 3-class system. Following further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – no; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – no; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;

Jordan – yes; Schatz – no; Eastgate – no; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, 6-4.

It was suggested the survey be taken by a committee rather than the office. Schatz suggested the need to empower other groups to provide input. Eastgate suggested the survey be sent to each School Board Chairperson. Motion by Maus to appoint a committee of four that will craft a survey for review in January prior to being sent to the membership. Second by Lyson. Motion and second were rescinded.

Motion by Maus to conduct a roll call straw vote at the Special Membership meeting in January. Second by Lyson. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;

Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Sawyer asking to waive a fine for not posting the volleyball roster, schedule and picture/cutline because they were playing a junior varsity schedule. It was, however discussed they were involved in post-season play which is varsity competition.

Motion by Maus to deny. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;

Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board read a letter from Todd Fuller of WA Custom Apparel requesting to be the exclusive apparel vendor for the 2009 State Wrestling Tournament. Motion by Schatz to deny. Second by Lyson. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;

Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion to deny passed, unanimously.

Jungling reported on behalf of the Football Committee which met the previous day. The goal was to compile the enrollment numbers. Neither private schools nor the BIA school enrollments were provided. Once all numbers are received, they will be sent out to schools for verification. Following verification, the committee will provide plan options for member schools to review. This feedback from the membership will be reported at the January meeting. After receiving the data, there will have to be a decision on what to do. Minnesota has an appeal process in which a school may be moved to a lower division through a process which is reviewed by an appeal committee. This appeal process is a four-year plan. Maus indicated the importance of setting a

plan for two years with no changes in those two years. The committee must have the plan completed for report to the October, 2008 General Assembly. Schools need to be reminded of the coop application deadline of September 15th. It has been suggested the committee count the numbers on the roster versus the school's male enrollment. There would be a question of verification of rosters. The Board indicated it did not want to use the roster system. Maus suggested an appeal process should be in place to allow schools to appeal to different divisions. Duchscherer indicated if there would be an appeal process, it should also include the school that would be affected by an approval of an appeal.

Maus reported on behalf of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee:

1. Page 9, Part Two, Article V – Penalties, Section III – Forfeit of Games: The committee discussed a proposed replacement and interpretations of this section. Eastgate questioned if the forfeiture would include any fine arts contests. The committee recommended:
 - a. Have NDHSAA Attorney Thune review the draft
 - b. Following attorney review, send out to Board for review
 - c. A conference call will be scheduled for approval of the final draft of the proposal.
 - d. This will be submitted to the membership for a vote at the January, 2008 Assembly meeting
2. Page 15, Note of Home Based School. The ND Century code wording does not limit the selection of a private school to within their school district. Further study will take place.

Jordan reported on behalf of the NDOA Board of Directors with the following recommendations which were tabled earlier:

1. A 2 ½% increase in officiating fees except for Class A Basketball

Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Looyesen. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – no; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – no; Knodle – yes

Motion carried, 8-2

2. Allow high school students to act as an assistant referee in hockey

Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – yes; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – yes; Knodle – yes

The motion passed, unanimously.

3. Contract an additional crew of officials for regional hockey tournaments.

Motion by Looyesen to approve. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken:

Looyesen – no; Sanstead – no; Duchscherer – no; Jungling – yes; Maus – no;
Jordan – yes; Schatz – no; Eastgate – yes; Lyson – no; Knodle – yes

Motion defeated, 4-6

The Executive Board met concerning the use of an ineligible student by Hettinger High School.

The following is the ruling of the committee:

1. The 5 games in which this ineligible student participated will be forfeited
2. A letter of explanation will be sent by the Hettinger administration to each of the teams played with this ineligible student.
3. A copy of each of these letters will be sent to the NDHSAA.
4. A forfeiture of team payments will be made if the offending team was involved in post-season play.
5. Hettinger did not self report, therefore they will be placed on probation in all activities for a period of one year.
6. Hettinger administration must report to the NDHSAA on how they handled this situation to prevent this happening in the future.

Jungling reported on the National Federation activities:

1. The NF Board of Directors will request an amendment to the National Federation Constitution & By-Laws to allow the at-large Board member who represents two sections to be replaced by an assistant director of an association rather than a school person. The second part is the situation in which Jungling is currently involved as a National

Federation Board of Directors member but will be no longer a member of the NDHSAA Board. Part b of 3.3.3 Eligibility to Serve, states, "if state association service ceases for any reason other than those stated in (a), the member shall continue to be eligible to represent the NFHS section on the Board of Directors for the remainder of the four-year term." This exception to the rule will allow him to continue to serve the NF Board until his national term expires.

- 2. The current situation with skin diseases is becoming a real concern, particularly with contact sports such as wrestling.
- 3. The student leadership conference which was held in July in Indianapolis was a great success.

Knodle reported to the Board the current Distinguished Student finalists will be presenting a workshop at the State Student Council Conference in Bismarck on December 10th.

Staff member, Schell reported:

- 1. The NDHSAA office now has wireless available for the next time Board members come to the office.
- 2. The NDHSAA has received an additional quote from a company in Grand Forks for a website which is considerably less than the quotes received from other companies.
- 3. A visit with Dean Kraft of Jamestown about the websites he services for the EDC basketball and golf. He is ready to send out a letter to begin this season. Recommended was to link to his site.
- 4. Currently, there is research into setting up video meetings. Information is being gathered for future information for the Board.
- 5. Web statistics for last month include 46,604 hits from 40 different countries

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

- 1. A letter in the Board file is a copy of a letter to Fargo South concerning the conduct of their student fans during the Dakota Bowl.
- 2. Room availability for state volleyball is to be revisited at the Tournament Committee meeting which is set for December 12th in Carrington.
- 3. A copy of a letter from the North Dakota Legislative Assembly was received requesting information on the Class B Boys' Basketball Tournament.
- 4. There are coop applications listed on the website which will need attention prior to the January meeting. This will require a conference call.
- 5. Ojibwa Indian School thanked the board for the football deadline extension but has reported Dunseith has turned down the plan to coop for football.

The next NDHSAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2008 in Bismarck.

With no further business, President Knodle declared the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
Asst. to the Exec. Sec.

Signed: _____

Approved Date: ____/____/____