

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
March 20, 2009, Minot, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on March 20, 2009 at the Minot Holiday Inn Riverside. President Lyson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Upon review, motion by Ranum to approve the agenda. Second by Sanstead and carried unanimously.

A copy of the minutes of the March 13, 2009 meeting was provided to the Board for review and approval. Motion by Maus to correct the vote on the Athletic Review (2. Do not count the region wrestling dual matches as any of the 40 allowable matches. N (9-1)) Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Knodle – yes; Schatz – yes; Moe – yes; Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Ranum – yes; Lyson – yes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sanstead to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Looyesen. A roll call was taken with the following results: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Maus – yes; Ranum – yes; Eastgate – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes; Sanstead – yes; Moe – yes; Lyson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Exec Sec presented the proposed two year calendar. Motion by Eastgate to accept the two year calendar. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote was taken: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Knodle – yes; Schatz – yes; Moe – yes; Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Ranum – yes; Lyson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The sportsmanship issue involving New Town was tabled at the previous meeting to wait for a copy of the letter of apology written by the student. The letter was made available. Motion by Swiontek to ask the school in question to consider a more serious action and return the report. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Knodle – yes; Schatz – no; Moe – no; Maus – no; Eastgate – no; Looyesen – no; Sanstead – yes; Ranum – no; Lyson – no. Motion failed 4-7. Sanstead suggested a letter be written to the school noting the discussion from the Board and a concern this is not the first incident of this nature at the school. Motion by Sanstead to direct the Executive Secretary to write a letter of concern to the school about the incidents in the past and to encourage proper deportment in the future. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – no; Knodle – yes; Schatz – no; Moe – yes; Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Ranum – yes; Lyson – yes. Motion carried, 9-2.

Minot Public Schools athletic director, Pat McNally appeared before the Board to request waiver of the 180 day rule for a home school student who wishes to play soccer. Mr. McNally introduced Rhonda Bachman Williams to present their situation. Motion by Maus the request be denied. Second by Swiontek. Mr. McNally indicated his visit with the home school monitor has indicated they have worked with the family since 2007 and all of their progress reports were

positive. According to their records, they have been in the school district since that time. Swiontek withdrew his second. Motion died because of a lack of a second. This situation was referred back to Minot to determine the eligibility of the students in question based on verification of their residence and how long they have been at the residence.

The Board heard a request from Devils Lake High School to allow their girls' basketball team to participate in a Class B invitational tournament which is being held prior to the Class A first allowable contest. It was confirmed the players would have their required 9 practices in prior to the first day of the tournament. Motion by Looyesen to approve the request. Second by Sanstead. A roll call vote was taken: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Knodle – yes; Schatz – yes; Moe – yes; Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Ranum – yes; Lyson – yes. Motion carried, unanimously.

Due to dissolution of the Adams-Edmore and Edinburg baseball cooperative sponsorship agreement, Edinburg informed the Board they are applying to be added to the Drayton-St. Thomas coop. Because of no control over the dissolution of the coop in which they had been participating, if the new coop application is approved, Edinburg is requesting the \$500 late fee be waived. Motion by Looyesen to waive the late fee. Second by Jacobson. Motion and second were withdrawn. Motion by Looyesen to table this request until the completed coop application forms have been processed and the Board has the opportunity to process the request in its entirety. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken: Jacobson – yes; Swiontek – yes; Knodle – yes; Schatz – yes; Moe – yes; Maus – yes; Eastgate – yes; Looyesen – yes; Sanstead – yes; Ranum – yes; Lyson – yes. Motion carried, unanimously.

President Lyson reported on the Executive Board meeting concerning the use of an ineligible student throughout the basketball season by Four Winds. Four Winds self-reported themselves and withdrew from the regional tournament. The Executive Board voted to declare them on probation for one year in all sports and return all awards from the district tournament. The school must forfeit all regular season games and will be required to write a letter to all schools with whom they competed.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board he had been contacted by some Fargo parents concerning their dissatisfaction in the selection of their Legion Baseball coach. This caused a search for a regulation that allowed for the exemption for high school coaches to have contact out of season to coach Legion baseball. President Lyson assigned the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to study this issue and report back to the Board at the April 15th meeting.

Staff member, Schell presented the technology report:

1. Did a walkthrough of the new building. A study will be made concerning the wiring of the telephone system in which we should be able to use the NDHSAA system.
2. There are more internet drops at the new building and will have to purchase an additional switch to be able to handle the entire network.
3. Carpenters need to be aware of wiring.
4. Internet supplier – created a DSL prior to Qwest offering and now is unable to provide to the new building. Daktel has suggested we talk to Qwest. Qwest can offer a faster

service for less price. Approximately \$130 of additional equipment will be needed which will be recouped in two months.

The Re-Alignment Committee will meet the following morning at 9:00 a.m. to review the results of the District Chair meeting.

The Board discussed seating problems at post-season tournaments that do not have reserved seating.

A clarification as to why there is an early start on the Saturday of the Class A State Tournament. It was clarified there was a need to start earlier because previously, overtime games had caused a late start for the 6:00 p.m. championship game.

The Executive Secretary presented his report

1. Scheduling problems for April meeting – Rescheduled for April 20th at 2:00 for Tournament Committee and April 21st for the Board meeting.
2. The June meeting was changed to June 15 and 16.

Eastgate will be coordinating the trophy presentations.

President Lyson declared the meeting adjourned.

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

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____

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