

North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors – Special Meeting
August 19, 2008

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held a special meeting on August 19, 2008. President Lyson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Maus. The Northwest position is currently vacant.

In response to an appeal, the Executive Secretary shared his findings from an investigation which he conducted on July 21, 2008 in response to a hardship application for a student transferred from St. John to Rolla. Following this report, the floor was open to the Board for discussion. Mr. Loing took the opportunity to provide additional information and respond to Board questions.

Jacobson questioned, if there was an actual hardship, why did the administration from which the transfer occurred not made aware of any problems. Mr. Loing indicated he was not aware of why the administration was not informed. President Lyson opened the Board discussion with a statement addressing need for concrete evidence there is actually incidents taking place to validate a hardship case. Eastgate conferred there is a need for documentation available to make a decision. Knodle asked Mr. Loing if the administrators at St. John were aware of the transfer prior to or after the student actually transferred. Mr. Loing responded he was not aware of when the St. John administration became aware of the transfer. Mr. Knodle shared the opinion the administration of St. John should have had the opportunity to correct the situation which was causing the student to feel the need for a transfer.

Motion by Schatz to uphold the decision of the Executive Secretary and deny the request for a hardship eligibility. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Knodle - yes Eastgate – yes Looyesen – yes Jacobson – yes Moe – yes
Swiontek – yes Schatz – yes Lyson – yes Sanstead - yes

Motion carried, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary shared with the Board the ongoing communication with the attorney general's office concerning open records. It is the hope of the Executive Secretary this issue can be resolved in a timely manner.

President Lyson reported on his attendance at the Northwest administrators meeting with the Board's request to appoint someone with some experience to fill the vacancy caused by Wayne Stanley leaving the Board. This would be for the remainder of the current school year. The selection of nominees for the northwest position to serve the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 years will come from the northwest administrators at a future date. An e-mail was received at the office indicating the administrators wished this appointment be filed by a northwest person and they are recommending Supt. Clarke Ranum of Des Lacs-Burlington. The Executive Secretary had contacted Mr. Ranum and he indicated he would be honored. Motion by Swiontek to appoint Clarke Ranum to serve the northwest position for the 2008-2009 year. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Knodle - yes Eastgate – yes Looyesen – yes Jacobson – yes Moe – yes

Swiontek – yes Schatz – yes Lyson – yes Sanstead - yes

Motion carried, unanimously.

Supt. Kevin Klaasen and Ath. Dir. Gary Walhaug of Surry High School appeared before the Board to answer any questions concerning their application for a cooperative sponsorship application with TGU Granville for boys' and girls' cross country, 7-12. Swiontek asked how this type of application has been acted upon in the past. Item 14 which asks for the reason for the application was brought to the attention of the Board by Sanstead. The wording was different in the separate applications. The Executive Secretary indicated the timing of applications has been an issue in the past. Supt. Klaasen indicated this particular application was late because of a problem with their fax machine. Schatz shared a concern of the wording of the application indicating competition as the reason for the coop. Swiontek indicated a concern with the lateness of the application until the fax machine problem was explained. Schatz further shared his feeling that in order to make the correct decisions, the Board needs to be taking these actions at official Board meetings rather than conference calls. Motion by Looyen to approve the cooperative sponsorship application. Second by Swiontek. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Knodle - yes Eastgate – yes Looyen – yes Jacobson – yes Moe – yes

Swiontek – yes Schatz – no Lyson – yes Sanstead - yes

Motion carried, 8-1.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____