

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
August 7, 2008

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on August 7, 2008 in Valley City. President Lyson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Sanstead and Looyesen. Also, not present was the northwest position on the Board which is currently vacant.

Following an addition, motion by Eastgate to approve the agenda. Second by Knodle and carried unanimously by show of hands.

The Board was supplied the minutes of the June 23, 24, 2008 meeting for review. Motion by Schatz to approve the minutes as read. Second by Maus. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report reviewing the balance sheet, budget and savings and investment reports. Also included are the financial report for spring activities and the t-shirt sales report. It was mentioned as of the last meeting, the Board had approved placing \$100,000 from the interim fund into the team payment plan. Motion by Maus to approve the report. Second by Eastgate. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Knodle – yes	Eastgate – yes	Jacobson – yes	Swiontek – yes
Maus – yes	Schatz – yes	Moe – yes	Lyson – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Harold Rotunda appeared before the Board to report on the audit for the 2007-2008 year. The amount of team payments was discussed. Schatz indicated the Board has the obligation to keep the association solvent to provide services to member schools. Swiontek stated the payments might be smaller but payments from the state are larger and any school that elects to have an activity must be ready to fund it. Motion by Schatz to approve. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request to dissolve the cooperative sponsorships:

- a. Grafton and Langdon in boys' hockey, 2008-2009

Motion by Knodle to approve. Second by Swiontek. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

The Board reviewed the application for the following cooperative sponsorships:

- a. Rugby and TGU Towner in boys' and girls' cross country, 7-12, 2008-2009 (no late fee).

Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

- b. Walhalla, Pembina-Neche and Drayton in boys' and girls' basketball 7-12, 2008-2009 (no late fee).

Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Jacobson A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Drayton to waive the late fee for their coop application. Motion by Maus to deny. Second by Swiontek. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

- c. Devils Lake and Langdon in girls' hockey, 9-12, 2008-2009, (no late fee)

Motion by Eastgate to approve. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

- d. Grafton and Valley in boys' and girls' cross country, 7-12, 2008-2009 (no late fee)

Motion by Swiontek to approve. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

- e. Grenora and Westby, MT in boys' and girls' speech, 7-12, 2008-2009 (no late fee)

Motion by Schatz to approve. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

The Executive Secretary updated the Board on the NDHSAA Volleyball and Basketball Ad Hoc Committee. Chairman of the committee, Maus reported on the recommendations that came from the committee's July 23, 2008 meeting in Carrington. The recommendations were:

1. Establish two divisions for the following activities:
 - a. Baseball
 - b. Basketball
 - c. Cross Country
 - d. Golf
 - e. Track & Field
 - f. Volleyball
 - g. Wrestling
 - h. Drama
 - i. Music
 - j. Speech

Motion by Jacobson to approve the recommendation. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

2. For the purpose of divisioning the activities: baseball; basketball; cross country; golf; track & field; volleyball; wrestling; drama; music; speech, any high school with an enrollment of 400 or more shall compete in the A division and the remainder shall compete in the B division. This shall be implemented in the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion by Eastgate to approve the recommendation. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

3. The committee recommends a long-term plan for division of all activities. To do this, combine the Class B Re-Districting Committee and the Class A Regional Committee into a new 5-member activities committee consisting of representatives from Class B and Class A. Motion by Maus to approve the recommendation. Second by Schatz. The discussion concluded 3 Class B and 2 Class A members would be the make-up of the committee.

A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

President Lyson appointed Eastgate, Schatz, Swiontek, Jacobson, Maus to serve on the combined committee.

The Board held audience with Justin Fletschock, athletic administrator from Central Cass requesting a waiver of the practice requirements for fall activities because of participation in a region Legion baseball tournament. The request was to allow participation in this tournament to count as preseason practice for the football and cross country athletes that are involved in the baseball tournament. Maus stated concern for opening opportunities such as this that would mock the 9-practice rule. Eastgate mentioned also there is no indication these athletes would actually play in the games scheduled at the baseball tournament but would still count as a practice. Swiontek asked if the Board could make an exception by allowing practice to begin earlier than the first allowable date for practice. Moe stated concern for not having bona fide practices prior to putting football players on the field. Motion by Eastgate to deny the request. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously

Staff member, Bubach reported to the Board the previous lighting concern at Bismarck Century High School for one-act plays has been worked out.

Schatz reported on behalf of the Tournament Committee that met to consider a letter of request from the West Region to set a policy to handle weather related delays. It was determined by the committee on-site management would better make these types of decisions rather than restricting them with a policy. Also, the Board does not oversee the region tournaments indicated in the letter and would invite their region to make a policy if they see fit. Maus indicated there is a deadline established and schools need to build in a cushion to allow response to inclement weather. Motion by Swiontek to approve. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

Maus reported on the Class B Re-Districting Committee. The plan is to meet with the NDIAAA on Sunday, September 21 to review the redistricting plan for input from that group. The committee's goal will be to balance the number in each district for basketball and volleyball. The timeline will be:

2009-2010 – district realignment to be made for volleyball, girls' basketball and boys' basketball

2010-2011 – There shall be a three-day single elimination tournaments in districts

2010-2011 – There shall be a four-team single elimination regional tournament

2010-2011 – The Class B girls' and boys' basketball seasons shall be switched

Motion by Eastgate to approve the report. Second by Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

Moe reported on behalf of the Football Committee

- Will request the athletic administrators from the AAA Division of football to meet and report to the Board as to how the 13th team will work into the 2010 season.
- The Board requests a report on September 23rd. The report should also include how the 13th team may effect playoffs
- Looked at an alternative way to draw the 9-man regions, possibly going into 6 regions.

Motion by Maus to accept. Second Knodle. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

The Executive Secretary reported the new policy manual has been given to the new Board members and the replacement pages shared for those returning Board members.

The Board discussed the replacement of the northwest vacancy. The Board entertained suggestions from the Board as to how to proceed with this situation. Maus recommended when the northwest regional administrators meet at the fall workshop, a Board member would share the suggestion of Brian Duchscherer to fill this one-year vacancy. Knodle indicated with the difficult issues coming in the near future and the Board already consisting of three new members, Brian Duchscherer would be a viable person to fill this vacancy. The ultimate decision will belong to the northwest administrators.

The Executive Secretary reported on the meeting held with Farmers Union Insurance concerning the contract making them the new Premier Partner. The contract has been drawn up and presented to the Board for approval of a signature from the association. Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

Staff member Bubach gave a fine arts update. Through the year, there will be an examination of the advisory process. There will also be an examination of the rule books working toward brevity and clarity. How to conduct clinic meetings will be reviewed with several possibilities being examined.

The Board reviewed letters from Athletic Administrator Todd Olson of Grand Forks Public Schools requesting a waiver of Article 14, Section 3 concerning competition during the season outside of the school program. This would be to allow a student to compete in a tennis tournament that would result in international ramifications. Motion by Jacobson to approve. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

A letter from Dissinger Insurance was reviewed indicating the premium increase for catastrophic insurance. This new premium increase will not change for the next three years. Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously. The premium for catastrophic insurance for all member schools will be \$54,313.00.

The Executive Secretary introduced Odean Olson, Executive Director of the new Premier Partner, Farmers Union Insurance. Mr. Olson shared Farmers Union Insurance is happy to join the NDHSAA as their company ties into the philosophy of helping North Dakota through opportunities provided for young people. Mr. Olson also shared the history of how Farmers Union Insurance is located throughout North Dakota. There are 98 agents scattered throughout North Dakota. President Lyson shared the Board's appreciation to Farmers Union Insurance for taking a lead role in the support of North Dakota High School Activities.

The Executive Secretary presented his report;

1. A hardship request from Rolla High School has been denied.
2. The National Federation of High School Associations has notified state associations of the publication, "High School Today". This will be sent to all member schools. We have supplied the National Federation with an address of each member school.
3. To date, through the coaches convention, 153 coaches in the state have completed the coaches education. This is a remarkable number in the light this course is not mandatory but coaches have stepped forward for professional improvement.
4. The next meeting is September 23, 2008 in Valley City.
5. There has been a problem with the calendars with some of the print color too light to be easy to read. These calendars will be replaced with calendars with more visible print.

With no further business, motion by Maus to adjourn. Second by Schatz. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the motion passing unanimously.

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