

**Minutes****General Assembly Meeting****North Dakota High School Activities Association****October 21, 2021 – Bismarck Events Center, Room 104 – Bismarck, ND**

The General Assembly of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met in room 105 of the Bismarck Events Center on October 21, 2021. President Rerick called the meeting to order at 4:30pm CDT.

President Rerick welcomed member schools. Rerick thanked the school administrators for all the work they did last year and into the start of this current year. Rerick declared quorum. Rerick introduced current NDHSAA board members and staff. Rerick recognized former board members.

Rerick introduced Matt Fetsch, Executive Director NDHSAA.

The minutes of the October 2020 General Assembly Meeting were addressed. Motion by Patti Aanenson, Larimore High School, to approve the minutes, second by Michael Sorlie, North Sargent High School. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch introduced Sloane McCray from Hazen High School as the 2021-22 NDHSAA Distinguished Student. McCray recited a poem she wrote. She explained that the poem demonstrates the importance of school sports and activities for growing together as community and improving oneself.

Fetsch introduced the proposed amendment to Part I, Article V of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Law.

Motion by Four Winds High School to propose the following amendment to the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Law, second by Mandaree High School.

Part I, Article V – Officers and Duties

SECTION I: There shall be a board of directors, hereinafter called the Board, consisting of ~~eleven~~ twelve members. Each new member shall be seated on July 1<sup>st</sup> following his/her election for a term of four years and may not hold office more than one elected term. Three board members shall be chosen from Class A schools, one each from two geographical areas and one at-large. The geographic designations are as follows: The state shall be divided into two areas - one area from the Montana border east to State Highway 3 (or State Highway 30), including Belcourt and one area is from State Highway 3 (or State Highway 30), east to the Minnesota border. One board member shall be designated as Class A West, one board member shall be designated as Class A East and one board member shall be designated as Class A At-Large. Four members of the board shall be chosen from Class B schools, each from a geographical area as Highway 83 and State Highway 14 north and south and State Highway 200 east and west

forming the boundaries of said areas and one member will be from each area. Class B schools located in towns on the boundary lines as designated shall fall in the areas as determined by the location of the high school building in said towns in relation to the boundary lines. One board member, who shall be a member of a federally recognized tribe, shall be chosen from a member school comprised of a minimum 50% Native American K-12 student population. If a sitting board member's school drops below 50%, they will be eligible to complete their term. A secondary school principal as so defined by the Department of Public Instruction shall serve as a member of the Board. Two candidates shall be nominated by the Board of Directors of the Secondary School Principals Association and their candidate will be selected by mail ballot sent directly to the secondary school principals of all member high schools and his/her term of office shall also be the same. A member of the Athletic Administrators Association shall serve as a member of the Board. Two candidates shall be nominated by the Board of Directors of the Athletic Administrators Association and their candidate will be selected by mail ballot sent directly to the athletic administrator of all member high schools and his/her term of office shall also be the same. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a member of his/her duly constituted staff, designated by him/her shall serve as a member of said Board. One school board member from a member high school, or the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association, shall be selected by the executive committee of the North Dakota School Boards Association, and his/her term of office shall be the same as that of other elective Board Members, except that there shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms which the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association may serve. Should this member cease to be a school board member from a member high school or the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association, the position shall be declared vacant and a successor selected by the Board of Directors of the School Boards Association to fill the unexpired term. (~~Oct. 2005~~) (Oct. 2021)

A roll call vote of the membership was taken. Amendment failed (Yes – 55, No - 72).

Fetsch called on nominating committees for upcoming vacancies on the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

Todd Olson, Director of Student Activities of Fargo Public Schools reported nominations for Class A East representative.

1. Matt Bakke, Superintendent at Devils Lake Public School
2. Mike Beaton, Athletic Director Fargo South High School
3. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Jeremy Brandt, Superintendent of Central Valley Public Schools, reported nominations for Class B Northeast representative.

1. Kent Dennis, Superintendent Fessenden-Bowden Public School
2. Patti Aanenson, Athletic Director Larimore

3. Motion by Paula Suda, Hillsboro, to nominate John Maus, Superintendent Thompson Public School.
4. Motion by Jeff Hagler, North Star, to nominate Randy Loing, Principal Rolla High School,
5. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Motion by Brian Nelson, Fairmount Public School, to approve nominations, second by Shane Azure, Northwood Public Schools. Motion carries unanimously.

Ballots will be emailed to member schools on December 15 of 2021 and will be available through January 15, 2022. Ballots will be canvassed at the January 2022 NDHSAA Board Meeting.

Fetsch spoke about the idea of common sense. He spoke about a study where the conclusion was when two opposite opinions appear equally correct, there is an issue with obviousness. He continued to reflect on the previous 18 months and how common sense seemed to differ greatly from person to person, but in the end high school activities and the NDHSAA came out of it together stronger.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Walton  
NDHSAA Assistant Director