



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SDHSAA OFFICE BUILDING**

January 9, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on January 9, 2013, at SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota, with members present as follows:

Chris Specht
Rick Weber

Terry Nebelsick
Todd Trask

Darren Paulson
Mike Ruth

Eldon Marshall
Jason Uttermark

Staff members present included Wayne Carney, Jo Auch, James Weaver, and John Krogstrand.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chris Specht at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda

It was moved by Todd Trask, seconded by Rick Weber, to approve the agenda as submitted.

The motion passed 8-0.

Approval of the amended Minutes from the October 31, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Directors

It was moved by Rick Weber, seconded by Todd Trask, to approve the amended minutes from the October 31, 2012, regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

The motion passed 8-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports as Submitted

Following discussion of all financial reports, it was moved by Terry Nebelsick, seconded by Mike Ruth, to approve the following financial reports as submitted:

- A. Income Statements for October and November of 2012
- B. Balance Sheets for October and November of 2012
- C. Cash Flow Chart
- D. Financial reports for soccer, cheer and dance, cross country, All-State Chorus and Orchestra, district/region/state football, and district/region/state volleyball
- E. Investment portfolio—report submitted from Reinke-Gray Wealth Management

The motion passed 8-0.

Consent Agenda

Chairperson Specht asked if there were any items on the consent agenda that any Board member wished to move to the regular agenda.

It was moved by Jason Uttermark, seconded by Darren Paulson, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Approved vouchers paid as follows:
October of 2012--\$170,664.60
November of 2012--\$191,094.03

- B. Approved the Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Wolsey-Wessington High School, Wessington Springs High School, and Woonsocket High School in the sport of wrestling effective the 2013-2014 school year. Wessington Springs High School and Woonsocket High School will continue to have a cooperative sponsorship in the sport of wrestling while Wolsey-Wessington High School will sponsor their own wrestling program.
- C. Approved the following penalty for Wessington Springs High School for competing an ineligible student in the district oral interpretation contest:
- 1) Place the oral interpretation program at Wessington Springs High School on probation for a period of one year, January 9, 2013, to January 10, 2014.
 - 2) A letter of reprimand shall be sent to the administration of Wessington Springs High School requesting detailed steps to be taken to assure such oversights are in place so as to insure that this situation does not happen in the future. This letter should arrive in the SDHSAA office prior to the February 27, 2013, meeting of the Board of Directors.
- D. Approved the following penalty for Clark High School for competing an ineligible athlete in the sport of volleyball:
- 1) Place the volleyball program at Clark High School on probation for a period of one year, January 9, 2013, to January 10, 2014.
 - 2) A letter of reprimand shall be sent to the administration of Clark High School requesting detailed steps to be taken to assure such oversights are in place so as to insure that this situation does not happen in the future. This letter should arrive in the SDHSAA office prior to the February 27, 2013, meeting of the Board of Directors.
- E. Approved an Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Menno High School and Marion High School in the sport of football effective the 2013-2014 school year.

The motion passed 8-0.

Set dates for 2013-2014 Board of Directors meetings.

It was moved by Rick Weber, seconded by Eldon Marshall, to approve the following dates and sites for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors meetings:

- * Wednesday-Thursday, August 28-29, 2013. New board member in-service to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Strategic Planning Meeting to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the SDHSAA office on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, with the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the SDHSAA office beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2013.
- * Wednesday, November 6, 2013. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- * Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- * Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- * Tuesday-Wednesday, April 22-23, 2014. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA Office Building, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, with the Annual Meeting of the Association scheduled for 2:00 p.m. The Regular meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.

- * Tuesday-Wednesday, June 10-11, 2014. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, and resume at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

The motion passed 8-0.

Proposed constitutional amendments

Each year at the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the executive staff seeks input relative to proposed constitutional changes for the upcoming school year. Staff brought forward one proposal for further discussion at the February 27, 2013, meeting of the Board.

The proposed change would be to Chapter II, Part III, Section 4, page 21 of the Bylaws. Please refer to Appendix A at the end of the minutes. The proposal will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their February 27, 2013, meeting prior to making a decision to sponsor.

No further action was taken.

2013 Legislative Session

At the present time, no proposed legislation that would directly affect the SDHSAA has been brought to the attention of any Board or staff member. Members of the audience were encouraged to notify the SDHSAA office should they hear of any pending legislation that would be of interest to the member schools.

No further action was taken.

Chairman Specht declared the Board in recess at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Specht declared the Board back in session at 10:45 a.m.

Classification Appeals

Every alignment year, the SDHSAA reviews applications for classification appeals. The classification appeals in the sport of football are done at the January meeting of the BOD's and all other sports are reviewed during the February/March meeting of the Board of Directors. The following classification appeals were heard in the sport of football:

- 1) Hamlin High School was granted their request for a classification appeal during the January 2009 and January 2011 meetings of the BOD's. Superintendent Joel Jorgenson supplied the Board with supplemental information and again applied for a classification appeal.

A motion was made by Jason Uttermark, seconded by Mike Ruth to approve the request from Hamlin High School.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

- 2) Mr. Brian Heupel, Superintendent of schools at Clark High School, and Mr. Hector Serna, Principal and Activities Director at Willow Lake High School requested a classification appeal in the sport of football. The Clark/Willow Lake football cooperative is experiencing a large demographic of students who, as part of their religious beliefs and practices, do not participate in co-curricular athletic programs. The Clark/Willow Lake football cooperative was granted a classification appeal during the January 2011 meeting of the BOD's.

A motion was made by Terry Nebelsick, seconded by Eldon Marshall, to approve the request from the Clark/Willow Lake High School football cooperative.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

- 3) A classification appeal request was received from the Mt. Vernon High School and Plankinton High School football cooperative.

The combined ADM for Mt. Vernon High School and Plankinton High School indicates they will continue to be below the 112.500 cutoff between 9 man football and 11 man football.

No further action was taken.

- 4) A classification appeal was submitted by the Watertown School District.

The ADM, as received from the Department of Education on January 8, 2013, for Watertown High School was 877.200. As per the newly adopted 11AAA football classification formula and policy, should a member school choose to petition up from 11AA to 11AAA, the eighth largest school, Brandon Valley High School, would have the option to petition down to 11AA. Following Sioux Falls O'Gorman's decision to petition up to 11AAA football, the Brandon Valley School District choose to stay in class 11AAA thus giving the seventh largest school, Watertown High School, the option to petition to 11AA football for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.

Superintendent Dr. Lesli Jutting informed the SDHSAA Board of Directors that the Watertown School Board would take formal action at their next regularly scheduled school board meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013, and a letter would be forwarded to the SDHSAA office indicating their wishes to compete in 11AA football for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.

No further action was taken.

- 5) A classification appeal request was submitted by Mr. Mike Sebern, Burke/South Central AD, and Mr. Erik Person, Burke Superintendent.

The combined ADM, as received from the Department of Education on January 8, 2013, for the Burke High School-South Central High School football cooperative would place the cooperative in Class 9B in the sport of football.

No further action was taken.

- 6) A classification appeal was received from Mr. Bo Beck, Superintendent at Eureka High School. Eureka High School currently has five (5) foreign exchange students and Bowdle High School has three (3) foreign exchange students counted in their ADM's for the 2012-2013 school year.

The combined ADM, as received from the Department of Education on January 8, 2013, for the Eureka High School-Bowdle High School football cooperative would place the cooperative in Class 9B in the sport of football.

No further action was taken.

- 7) A classification appeal was received from Ms. Bev Myer, Superintendent from Frederick High School. Frederick coops with Leola High School in the sport of football. The coop has three (3) students who do not participate in athletics due to their religious beliefs and practices, two (2) early graduates, and three (3) foreign exchange students that they would like to see exempted from their ADM for classification purposes.

Following discussion, it was moved by Rick Weber, seconded by Mike Ruth, to exempt only those three (3) students who do not participate in athletics due to their religious beliefs and practices.

The motion passed 8-0.

Foundation Games

Executive Director Carney presented the Board with two options for Foundation Games. Dating back to 2007, the BOD has discussed the possibility of Foundation Games as a way to generate revenue for the SDHSAA Foundation. While the decision to participate in a Foundation Game is optional with each member school, the opportunity to assist all member schools is a reality.

Option Number One:

- 1) Allow member schools to add one game/match to their regular season schedule. The game would be a “non-point producing” contest with 100 % of the gate receipts, minus an allowable stipend to host the contest to be determined by the Board of Directors, going directly to the SDHSAA Foundation. Other related proceeds, concessions/50/50 raffles/etc., would stay with the host site. The host site would fill out a financial form provided by the SDHSAA and forward the completed form to the SDHSAA office as well as a check to the SD Community Foundation which will oversee all deposits and provide the SDHSAA with a financial statement at the conclusion of each year. The contest(s) would have to be played within the regular season schedule and all proceeds from the Foundation would be channeled back to the member schools through the SDHSAA Finance Committee.

Foundation Games using this option would initially be allowed in the following:

- Basketball
 - Volleyball
- 2) The second option would be to declare one regular season contest, event, or performance as the Foundation Event with 40% of the gate receipts going to the Foundation and the other to be either kept by the host school or divided equally among the schools participating in the event. This could be in any event in which gate receipts are collected.

This item will be placed on the agenda for the February 27, 2013, meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board will discuss the item and may take action up to and including approval of a Foundation Games model.

Appeal Committee Hearing for a student from Little Wound High School

Chairman Specht declared the Board in Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Specht declared the Board out of Executive Session at 12:40 p.m.

Following discussion, it was moved by Rick Weber, seconded by Eldon Marshall, to uphold the decision of the Appeals Committee and to declare the student from Little Wound High School ineligible for interscholastic competition at Little Wound High School during the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed 8-0.

Staff reports:

A. Executive Director Carney reported on the Board positions that will become available following the June 4-5, 2013, Board of Directors meeting. Nominations for two (2) positions will be taken at the Annual Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2013:

Division II Representative—Representative to be filled by an **athletic director**. An assistant or vice principal/athletic or activities director who devotes time to athletics/activities, as well as

athletic/activities directors who teach, would be eligible for those seats open to athletic/activities directors. This position is currently held by Mr. Terry Nebelsick, superintendent at Huron High School. The Division II Board of Directors member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 683.426 to 193.086. The Division II group includes those schools from Yankton High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 683.426 to Crow Creek High School with a 2012-20113 ADM of 193.086. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.**

Large School Group Board of Education—Representative to be filled by a school board member. This position is currently held by Mr. Chris Specht, school board member from Yankton. The Large School Group Board of Education member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 1,579.756 to 477.070. The large school group includes those schools from SF Roosevelt High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 1,579.756 to Harrisburg High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 477.070. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.**

NOTE: The 2012-2013 ADM's will be used to determine Division II and Large School Group Board of Education classifications. Member schools will be notified prior to the April 16, 2013, meeting of the Board of Directors as to which schools represent Division II and which schools represent the Large School Group Board of Education.

- B. Executive Director Carney provided members of the Board of Directors with the following preliminary 2013 NFHS Summer Meeting information:

Hotel information:

Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center

Summer Meeting Schedule:

Monday, June 24: Opening General Session

Tuesday, June 25: Sessions

Wednesday, June 26: Sessions

Thursday, June 27: Sessions and Hall-Of-Fame Banquet

The Board was presented with a preliminary worksheet with an updated worksheet provided prior to the February 27, 2013, Board meeting.

- C. The June 4-5, 2013, meeting of the BOD's will be held on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Board Member Eldon Marshall will serve as host.
- D. Staff members gave short reports on state events held since the October 31, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting:
- Football—John Krogstrand
 - Volleyball—Jo Auch, John Krogstrand, Wayne Carney
 - Oral Interpretation—James Weaver
- E. Executive Director Carney updated the Board with site and venue contracts that have been secured since the October 31, 2012, meeting of the Board of Directors.
- F. A letter from the Sioux Falls O'Gorman administration and Board of Education relative to the sport of football was distributed to the Board of Directors.
- G. Assistant Executive Directors Jo Auch and John Krogstrand updated the Board on Coaches Education Requirements. Further discussion will occur and an update to the Board provided in February.
- H. Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand gave a Soccer Committee update. Board Member Terry Nebelsick expressed his disappointment that the SD School Soccer Association broke its covenant with the SDHSAA to continue to offer a club state championship as long as it was viable.
- I. Executive Director Carney presented the Board with an RFP from Baden Sports, Inc. for a ball contract extension to include the 2014-2015 through 2018-2019 school years. The Board will take formal action to adopt the contract during their February 27, 2013, meeting.

J. The Board reviewed a public opinion editorial piece that was printed in the Watertown Public Opinion.

Other business that the Board of Directors and/or membership might wish to consider

There were no other items of business.

Other items of interest:

There were no further items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mike Ruth, seconded by Darren Paulson, to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

The motion passed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director

Chapter II, Part III, Section 4, page 21 of the Bylaws:

Current language:

SECTION 4. BASIC PLANS FOR CONTESTS LEADING TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. The basic plans for dividing the schools into more than one class and providing tournaments and meets leading to state championships shall be determined by the association and may be amended by the same methods as used in amending other By-Laws. The basic plans shall be published by the Board of Directors in appropriate bulletins and copies sent to all member schools. These bulletins shall include, in addition to the details of the basic plans, the supplementary rules and regulations of the Board of Directors for implementing the basic plans.

When dividing the membership into classes for the purpose of competition, the Board of Directors shall use Average Daily Membership figures based upon the ADM in grades 9, 10 and 11. A copy of the enrollment data will be filed by the member schools with the Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association on or before the 15th day of January each year.

Reclassification for all sports or fine arts activities shall be done at the same time so that the two-year periods are concurrent for all activities.

In the years of reclassification the Executive Director will take the ADM on January 15th and formulate plans of alignments and disseminate to the membership on or before the 15th day of February to receive input into the staff alignment plans. The Board of Directors will make its final decision at the regular meeting held in February/March. In the years that end in 3, 5, 7 and 9 the plans will be addressing minimum change and equal numbers, provided the classification formula remains unchanged and in the year that ends in 1 the plans will address geography and equal numbers.

For activities in which there is no basic plan included in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have authority to set up classifications and make assignment of schools to districts, sections or regions as it deems necessary.

TRACK AND FIELD PLAN. For track and field meets that lead to and include state meets of the Association, the schools shall be divided into classes known as Class "AA", Class "A", and Class "B". The assignment of Class "B", "A" and "AA" schools to regions shall be done by the Board of Directors for a two year period in each class respectively.

Re-write as follows:

SECTION 4. BASIC PLANS FOR CONTESTS LEADING TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. The basic plans for dividing the schools into more than one class and providing tournaments and meets leading to state championships shall be determined by the association and may be amended by the same methods as used in amending other Bylaws. The basic plans shall be published by the Board of Directors in appropriate bulletins and copies sent to all member schools. These bulletins shall include, in addition to the details of the basic plans, the supplementary rules and regulations of the Board of Directors for implementing the basic plans.

When dividing the membership into classes for the purpose of competition, the Board of Directors shall use Average Daily Membership figures based upon the ADM in grades 9, 10 and 11. A copy of the enrollment data will be ~~filed by the member schools with the~~ **received from the Department of Education by the** Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association on the **first Friday in December of** ~~or before the 15th day of January each~~ **reclassification/alignment** year. Reclassification **and alignments** for all sports ~~or~~ **and** fine arts activities shall be done at the same time so that the two-year periods are concurrent for all activities.

In the years of reclassification the Executive Director will ~~take~~ receive the ADM's on the first Friday in December ~~January 15th~~ and formulate plans of alignments and disseminate to the membership on or before the 15th day of February to receive input into the staff alignment plans. The Board of Directors will make its final decision at the regular meeting held in February/March. ~~In the years that end in 3, 5, 7 and 9 the plans will be addressing minimum change and equal numbers, provided the classification formula remains unchanged and in the year that ends in 1 the plans will address geography and equal numbers.~~

For activities in which there is no basic plan included in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have authority to set up classifications and make assignment of schools to districts, sections or regions as it deems necessary.

~~**TRACK AND FIELD PLAN.** For track and field meets that lead to and include state meets of the Association, the schools shall be divided into classes known as Class "AA", Class "A", and Class "B". The assignment of Class "B", "A" and "AA" schools to regions shall be done by the Board of Directors for a two year period in each class respectively.~~

Rationale:

- 1) At one time, a majority of our member schools did not end their first semester until the second Friday in January. Currently there are a number of member schools that end their first semester prior to the Christmas vacation—December 21, 2012, this year.
- 2) The SDHSAA staff would appreciate additional time to gather the ADM numbers, send to the member schools for verification, and formulate proposed alignments for the future alignment cycle. This would allow additional time for staff verification of ADM's and formulation of proposed district/region alignments.
- 3) This would allow those member schools that are contemplating a cooperative agreement in the sport of football additional time to calculate their ADM's when making their decisions. Football cooperatives are approved at the January meeting of the BOD's.
- 4) In classification years, member schools would have access to more accurate information should they choose to appeal their football classification. Currently, their appeal needs to be to the SDHSAA office two weeks prior to the January meeting of the BOD's. With the ADM's gathered from the DOE on the first Friday in December member schools would be able to view their ADM's at the beginning of December to make a more accurate determination of whether to appeal their football classification or not.
- 5) Delete the sentence dealing with years 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 as minimum change, geography, and equal numbers are always factors used in determining alignment proposals during realignment years.
- 6) Delete the Track and Field Plan section. This was probably placed in the original constitution in 1906 as track and field was the first athletic activity to have a SDHSAA state sponsored event. Staff feels that track and field is adequately covered in Section 4.