

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes**

April 22, 2014

T.F. Riggs High School

Pierre, South Dakota

Chairman Darren Paulson called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and declared that a count of the delegate cards indicated that a quorum (ten schools) was present and the meeting was declared officially open. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegate cards presented showed representation from the following schools:

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| Aberdeen Central | Garretson | Mitchell | SF Washington |
| Aberdeen Roncalli | Great Plains Lutheran | Mobridge-Pollock | Sioux Valley |
| Arlington | Harding County | Mt. Vernon | Spearfish |
| Avon | Harrisburg | Platte-Geddes | Stanley County |
| Belle Fourche | Highmore-Harold | Pierre | Sturgis |
| Brookings | Huron | Rapid City Central | Sully Buttes |
| Canistota | Irene-Wakonda | Rapid City Stevens | Tri-Valley |
| Canton | Jones County | St Thomas More | Wall |
| Cheyenne-Eagle Butte | Kimball | Sanborn Central | Watertown |
| Custer | Lemmon | SF Lincoln | West Central |
| Dakota Valley | Madison | SF O’Gorman | White River |
| Flandreau | Marion | SF Roosevelt | Woonsocket |

Darren Paulson was present to represent the SDHSAA Board of Directors. Representing the SDHSAA staff were Wayne Carney, Jo Auch, James Weaver, and John Krogstrand.

Chairman Paulson designated James Weaver as parliamentarian for the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Annual Meeting

Minutes from the April 16, 2013 Annual Meeting were reviewed.

It was moved by Mr. Larry Ball, Jones County High School, seconded by Mr. Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley High School, to approve the minutes as presented.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Financial Report from Reinke Gray Wealth Management and Audit Report based upon the 2012-2013 Audit

Brad Reinke of Reinke Gray Wealth Management presented a financial report to the membership. The test results of 2012-2013 audit report disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. The Association has received an audit with no findings the past five fiscal years.

It was moved by Mr. Jared Vasquez, Rapid City Stevens High School, seconded by Mr. Bill Clements, Dakota Valley High School, to approve the financial report and audit report as submitted.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Rick Weber, representing the SDHSAA Finance Committee, presented a Finance Committee Report to the membership. Mr. Weber emphasized the fact that the Finance Committee recommendations may vary from year to year based on the number of corporate partners and the dollars available for distribution at the end of the current fiscal year.

The report included the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- 1) Continue to work to achieve a corporately funded contingency fund level of 70% of the current SDHSAA budget.
- 2) Waive the membership dues for member schools for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 3) Waive the subscription and postage fees for member schools for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 4) Waive the catastrophic insurance and the participant legal liability insurance fees for the member schools for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 5) Reimburse to the member schools at 80% of the formula for team reimbursements for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 6) Athletic and Fine Arts participation fees shall be received for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 7) Place any remaining balance to the corporately funded contingency fund.

Cost savings to the member schools are estimated at over \$200,000.

Also, the committee informs member schools to budget for dues, subscription and postage fees and catastrophic and participant liability insurance for school year 2015-2016.

The finance committee will be looking at a transition plan to stop using one-time money to pay for on-going expenses.

The finance committee will meet in late summer/early fall to discuss strategies on ways to educate the membership on corporate sponsorship and the SDHSAA Foundation.

And finally, the finance committee recommends that SDHSAA board member, Mr. Jason Uttermark, Principal at Aberdeen Central High School, be appointed as a member to the Finance Committee starting at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

It was moved by Dr. Rod Weber, Woonsocket High School, seconded by Mr. Jeff Danielson, West Central High School, to approve the Finance Committee Report as submitted.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Accept Nominations for four positions on the SDHSAA Board of Directors

Chairman Paulson announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **West River At-Large** vacancy on the Board of Directors. The West River At-Large vacancy is a five-year term commencing July 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2019. The West River At-Large vacancy is to be filled by a principal. A principal, assistant, or vice-principal, is considered a principal and would be eligible only for those seats open to principals. This position is currently held by Mr. Darren Paulson, Activities Director at Rapid City Central High School. The West River At-Large Board of Directors member must be elected from the West River region. The Missouri River shall be the dividing line between the east and west regions. In the event that the boundaries of a school district are located on both sides of the Missouri River, the physical location of the high school shall determine whether said school district is east river or West River.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Clay Anderson, Belle Fourche High School, who placed the name of Mr. Steve Morford, Spearfish High School, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **Native American At-Large** vacancy on the Board of Directors. The Native American At-Large vacancy is a five-year term commencing July 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2019. The Native American At-Large position shall be filled by a superintendent. This position is currently held by Mr. Eldon Marshall, Activities Director at White River High School. One member shall be elected as an At-Large member from a SDHSAA member Native American school. Native American school shall be defined as any SDHSAA member school with a Native American student population of at least 50% in grades 9-12 as determined by the SD Department of Education.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Larry Mendoza, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School, who placed the name of Dr. Roger Bordeaux, Todd County High School, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **Large School Group Board of Education** vacancy on the Board of Directors. The Large School Group Board of Education vacancy is a four-year term commencing July 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2018. 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. The person elected will serve a four year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Steve Moore, Watertown High School, who placed the name of Ms. Tammy Rieber, Watertown, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Jared Vasquez, Rapid City Stevens High School, who placed the name of Mr. James Hansen, Rapid City, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Terry Nebelsick, Huron High School, who placed the name of Mr. Sherman Gose, Huron, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Jason Uttermark, Aberdeen Central High School, who placed the name of Mr. Todd Kolden, Aberdeen, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Robert Arends, Garretson High School, who placed the name of Ms. Sandy Klatt, Brandon Valley, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Mark Meile, Sioux Falls Public Schools, who placed the name of Mr. Todd Thoelke, Sioux Falls, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Geoff Gross, Mitchell High School, who placed the name of Ms. Deb Olson, Mitchell High School, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **Division III** vacancy on the Board of Directors. The Division III vacancy is a two-year term commencing July 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2016. The Division III Representative is to be filled by a superintendent. A superintendent/CEO in any combination is considered a superintendent and would be eligible for only those seats open to superintendents. The Division III Board of Directors member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 193.086 to 7.000. The Division III group includes those schools from Canton High School to School for the Blind/VI. The person elected will serve a two year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Jeremy Chicoine, Sully Buttes High School, who placed the name of Mr. Mike Lodmel, Tri-Valley High School, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Dr. Rod Weber, Woonsocket High School, who placed the name of Ms. Linda Whitney, Sanborn Central High School, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Kent Anderson of Wall High School, who placed the name of Mr. Keven Morehart, Philip High School, in nomination.

Chairman Paulson recognized Ms. Sarah Carter, School Board Member of Stanley County High School, who placed the name of Mr. Dan Martin, Stanley County High School, in nomination.

Being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Mark Meile, Sioux Falls Public Schools, seconded by Mr. Randy Soma, Brookings High School that nominations cease.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

(UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE) DIRECTORS MEMBERS: “Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to one five-year term. Nominations for membership on the Board of Directors shall be made orally at the Annual Meeting of the Association. An election shall be determined by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election shall be held between the top two vote getters.” This complete section may be found on page eight (8) of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Introduction of three (3) proposed constitutional amendments as sponsored by the SDHSAA Board of Directors and two (2) proposed constitutional amendments as submitted by SDHSAA member schools. SEE APPENDIX A

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Rick Weber, Superintendent at Flandreau High School, who spoke in favor of amendment number one as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Todd Trask, School Board Member representing Wall High School, who spoke in favor of amendment number two as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Dan Whalen, Activities Director at Pierre T. F. Riggs High School, who spoke in favor of amendment number three as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Terry Nebelsick, Superintendent at Huron High School, who spoke in opposition of amendment number three as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Craig Nowotny, Activities Director at St. Thomas More High School, who spoke in favor of amendment number four as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Jeff Danielson, Superintendent at West Central High School, who spoke in opposition of amendment number four as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Terry Gerber, Superintendent at Canton High School, who spoke in favor of amendment number five as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Chairman Paulson recognized Mr. Jeff Danielson, Superintendent at West Central High School, who spoke in favor of amendment number five as published in the 2014 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Hearing no further discussion, Executive Director Carney explained the following voting procedure:

Explanation of voting procedure and time frame to be followed:

- A. The ballot pertaining to the Board of Directors positions will be mailed to the superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual Meeting, May 2, 2014.
- B. Deadline for return of all ballots is Tuesday, May 27, 2014.
- C. In order to be elected to the Board of Directors, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast in the election. If none of the candidates receive a majority, a runoff election will be held immediately following May 27, 2014, between the top two vote getters.
- D. The ballots pertaining to the proposed constitutional amendments will be mailed to the superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual Meeting, May 2, 2014.
- E. Deadline for return of all ballots is Tuesday, May 27, 2014.
- F. For a constitutional amendment to pass, it must receive a sixty percent favorable vote of the Association members who cast a ballot.

Past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and retiring administrators recognized.

Chairman Paulson asked all past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors to please stand and be recognized by those in attendance. Those recognized were Mr. Terry Nebelsick of Huron High School, Mr. Craig Nowotny of St. Thomas More High School, Mr. Larry Ball, Jones County High School, Mr. Gene Brownell, Aberdeen Central High School, and Mr. Clay Anderson of Belle Fourche High School.

Chairman Paulson asked all retiring school administrators, to please stand and be recognized by those in attendance. Mr. Steve Randall, Platte-Geddes High School, Mr. Bob Arend, Garretson High School, and Mr. Larry Ball, Jones County High School, were recognized for their years of service to the youth of the state.

Other Business

Being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, seconded by Mr. Clay Anderson, Belle Fourche High School, to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

Proposed Constitutional Change Number One:

To revise Chapter II, Part I, Section Nine, page 19:

Current Language:

Section 9. Student/Coach Ejection from a Contest. Any student or coach ejected from an interscholastic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

The second violation in a sport's season carries a mandatory four-contest period of ineligibility/suspension.

Proposed Revised Language:

Section 9. Student/Coach Ejection from a Contest. Any student or coach ejected from an interscholastic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

A second ejection that occurs during the same sport season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for the next four regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

A third ejection that occurs during the same sport season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that specific sport season at all levels of competition.

Rationale for Adoption:

- 1) Current policy does not have any penalty for a third ejection of a student or coach during a sports season. This additional statement would close the gap wherein a third ejection would occur and allow a penalty to be enforced.
- 2) Some grammatical changes were made to the second ejection language to provide a more concise penalty statement that matches the verbiage in the discussion on a first ejection.

Proposed Constitutional Change Number Two:

To revise Chapter I, Article VI, page 8 – Administrative Organization

Revisions As Follows:

Addition to last paragraph of Article VI, Section 1, page 8 – Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors.

No (1) member public school district, OR, (2) private/parochial school shall be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors.

NOTE: This will take effect as current board members complete their term.

Example:

A board member from each Mitchell Public and Mitchell Christian Schools could serve on the SDHSAA Board of Directors simultaneously; however, neither Mitchell Public nor Mitchell Christian may have two individuals serve simultaneously on the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Rationale for Adoption:

- 1) To best represent the member schools and their diversity, no member school district or private/parochial school should be represented by more than one member on the board.
- 2) When matters are voted upon that affect the membership, a diverse section of the member schools better represents the entire membership.

Proposed Constitutional Change Number Three:

Chapter I, Article VI, page 8:

Section 2: Board of Directors

Proposed Additional Language, Added as “Item E” under Election of the members of the Board of Directors shall be governed as follows:

- E. When a representative of the Board of Directors loses the qualifications for which he or she was elected or appointed; such as resignation, removal from a district or category, withdrawal from the profession, or any other reason which might make one ineligible to serve, he or she no longer remains eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

Rationale for Adoption:

- 1) The Constitution states in Article VI, Section 1., page 8:
“The composition of the six administrative positions shall occur in such manner that at no time shall any of the three groups be represented by more than three persons.”
- 2) The Constitution states in Article VI, Section 2 A., page 8:
“Should the east or west river Board of Directors member move to a school on the opposite side of the river, membership on the Board of Directors shall be forfeited.”

This same language should apply to all members of the Board of Directors, not just those who move from east or west of the river.

- 3) For a person to ask a particular professional group/organization, i.e. SDIAAA, for permission to complete their term on the Board of Directors places that group/organization in a precarious position.

Proposed Constitutional Change Number Four—Submitted by SDHSAA Member School Petition:

To revise Article VI, Section 2A, page 8 of the SDHSAA Constitution:

Section 2. Election of Board of Directors members.

Election of the members of the Board of Directors shall be governed as follows:

- A. One member of the Board of Directors shall be elected as an At-Large member from the west river member schools with said position filled by either a superintendent, principal, or athletic/activity director from a member school. ~~The west river At Large Board of Directors member must be elected from the west river region and the east river At Large Board of Directors member must be elected from the east river region of the state.~~ The Missouri River shall be the dividing line between the east and west regions. In the event that the boundaries of a school district are located on both sides of the Missouri River, the physical location of the high school shall determine whether said school district is east river or West River. Should the ~~east or~~ west river Board of Directors member move to a school on the opposite side of the river, membership on the Board of Directors shall be forfeited.

Rationale for Adoption:

- 1) The size of the Board of Directors does not need to change to accommodate the proposed changes.
- 2) The West River at-large position shall be filled by either a superintendent, principal, or athletic/activities director.
- 3) Within the past 20 years, the east river region has held 75% of the positions on the Board of Directors for 12 years (6 of the 8 positions) and 62.5% of the positions for 8 years (5 of the 8 positions).

To revise Article VI, Section 2, items B. and D., page 8 – Election of Board of Directors Members as follows:

B. ~~Three~~ Four members of the Board of Directors shall be elected according to ~~three~~ four divisions of school enrollment (~~9-11~~) grades nine through eleven. These divisions shall be determined based upon school district enrollment as determined by the Average Daily Membership number as used in classification as identified by the South Dakota Department of Education for the previous school year.

D. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to determine the ~~three~~ four divisions of school enrollment (9-11), such divisions will be created beginning with the school districts that have the highest enrollment being placed in the following divisions to be outlined as follows to be outlined as follows:

- 1) Division I to include at least one-fourth of the total student enrollment. SF Roosevelt-RC Stevens
Current # of students: 9,791.210—eight member schools.
Proposed # of students: 7,529.123—six member schools
Current Ratio—1 in 8
Proposed Ratio—1 in 6

- 2) Division II shall include the next-highest enrolled group of school districts to include at least one-fourth of the total student enrollment. Aberdeen Central-Harrisburg
Current # of students: 10,072.778—twenty nine member schools.
Proposed # of students: 7,655.909—twelve member schools
Current Ratio—1 in 29
Proposed Ratio—1 in 12
- 3) Division III shall include the next-highest enrolled group of school districts in terms of enrollment to include at least one-fourth of the total student enrollment. Spearfish-Bon Homme
Current # of students: 10,181.387—one hundred and forty three member schools.
Proposed # of students: 7,610.323—thirty six member schools
Current Ratio—1 in 143
Proposed Ratio—1 in 36
- 4) Division IV shall contain all remaining school districts. Sioux Valley-School for the Blind/VI
Proposed # of students: 7,475.235 - one hundred and twenty six member schools
Current Ratio—1 in 143
Proposed Ratio—1 in 126

Rationale for Adoption:

- 1) This division better represents all member schools with each division representing approximately 25% of the student population, grades 9-11, in our member schools.
- 2) The division titles are for election rotations only, and are not designated as a representational block on the board.
- 3) Full implementation of this amendment would not be realized until the 2017-18 school year.
- 4) Schools would be divided based on total district enrollment, as opposed to that of individual high schools; eliminating the possibility that one school district may be represented by multiple divisions.
- 5) The four divisions provides all member schools with a lower ratio of number of schools within each division, thus providing a greater opportunity for member schools to have representation on the Board of Directors.

Those signing the petition were:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Alcester-Hudson | Tim Rhead | Pine Ridge | Dusty LeBeaux |
| Beresford | Brian Field | Rapid City | Dr. Tim Mitchell |
| Canistota | Larry Nebelsick | RC Christian | Greg Robinson |
| Canton | Terry Gerber | Red Cloud | Christian McGhee |
| Custer | John Pedersen | Rutland | Carl Fahrenwald |
| Elk Point-Jefferson | Jeff Zeller | SF Lincoln | Valerie Fox |
| Garretson | Robert Ahrend | SF New Technology | Dolly Ellwein |
| Hill City | Mike Hanson | SF Roosevelt | Mark Hofer |
| Hot Springs | Danielle Root | SF Washington | Dan Conrad |

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| Kadoka Area | Jamie Hermann | Sisseton | Jack Appel |
| Lennox | Robert Mayer | Spearfish | Karen Hahn |
| Montrose | Lonny Johnson | St. Thomas More | Craig Nowotny |
| Mt. Vernon | Eric Denning | Sturgis | Don Kirkegaard |
| New Underwood | Jeff Marlette | Tea Area | Brent DeBoer |
| Oelrichs | Rob Davis | Tri-Valley | Brad McDonald |
| Oldham-Ramona | Tom Ludens | Wall | Dennis Rieckman |
| Philip | Keven Morehart | Webster Area | Bill Sawinsky |
| | | Winner | Dan Aaker |

Proposed Constitutional Change Number Five—Submitted by SDHSAA Member School Petition:

The SDHSAA may not enact any rule that requires Class A or Class B schools to implement a shot clock at any level of boys’ or girls’ basketball without first obtaining a 60% majority vote in support of the rule change by the member schools casting a ballot.

Those signing the petition were:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Alcester-Hudson | Tim Rhead | Arlington | Chris Lund |
| Avon | Tom Culver | Beresford | Brian Field |
| Canton | Terry Gerber | Centerville | Doug Voss |
| Chester | Heath Larson | Clark | Brian Heupel |
| Colman-Egan | Darold Rounds | Dell Rapids | Summer Schultz |
| Deubrook Area | Kevin Keenaghan | Deuel | Dean Christensen |
| Doland | Jim Hulscher | Garretson | Robert Arend |
| Gayville-Volin | Jason Selchert | Hamlin | Joel Jorgenson |
| Harrisburg | James Holbeck | Howard | Mike Cullen |
| Irene-Wakonda | David Hutchison | Montrose | Lonny Johnson |
| Mt. Vernon | Patrick Mikkonen | Northwestern | Ray Sauerwein |
| Oldham-Ramona | Tom Ludens | Rutland | Carl Fahrenwald |
| Summit | Kurt Jensen | Tri-Valley | Mike Lodmel |
| Vermillion | Mark Froke | Webster Area | Jim Block |
| Willow Lake | Scott Klautt | Wilmot | Larry Hulscher |