



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

February 11, 2014

12:00 PM

Pierre, South Dakota

Call the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and adoption of Resolution concerning open meetings as current Board policy.
2. Discuss and forward adopted policy to the membership as a proposed constitutional amendment.
3. Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director

Proposed Resolution for SDHSAA

Whereas the South Dakota High School Activities Association is a voluntary, non-profit association;

Whereas being statutorily authorized the school boards of public schools and the governing body of non-public schools have delegated the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic activities to this association;

Whereas the South Dakota High School Activities Association staff and board are empowered to work jointly and in cooperation with member schools across South Dakota for the advancement of both curricular and co-curricular interscholastic activities;

Whereas the schools boards of the member public schools participating in the association are required to operate within the parameters of the open meeting laws of the State of South Dakota; and

Whereas the South Dakota High School Activities Association staff and board desire to continue to communicate openly and completely with these member schools to ensure that it operates with similar transparency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The official meetings of the Board of Directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association, consisting of a majority of the Board members of the association, are open to the public.

The SDHSAA shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire twenty-four hours before any meeting, by posting a copy of the notice describing the time and place of the meeting, visible to the public, at the principal office of the SDHSAA, and by posting it on the SDHSAA's website immediately upon dissemination of the notice to the Board.

If any printed material intended for consideration during the open meeting and relating to an agenda item of the meeting is prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the SDHSAA staff or board and the printed material is distributed before the meeting, the material shall either be posted on the SDHSAA's website or made available at the SDHSAA office at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or at the time the material is distributed to the SDHSAA board, whichever is later.

If, for any reason, certain of the printed material which is open for inspection is not available for posting on the website or available for viewing at the SDHSAA office, at least one copy of the printed material must be available in the meeting room for inspection by any person while the SDHSAA board is considering the printed material.

All records shall be open other than those records the SDHSAA receives or develops that are intended to be considered during executive or closed meetings. These records shall not be made available for review by or for distribution to the public.

While the South Dakota High School Activities Association desires to operate openly with its member schools, the SDHSAA Board of Directors recognizes that important reasons exist for it to enter into executive or closed session for certain purposes. Those reasons include:

- (1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character, or fitness of any employee or prospective employee;
- (2) Discussing any actions impacting participation by or eligibility of a student or member school in extracurricular activities;
- (3) Consideration and discussion of confidential records received from members schools or students for utilization by the Board during its decision making process;
- (4) Consulting with legal counsel, or reviewing communications from legal counsel, on matters requiring his or her legal expertise;
- (5) Preparing for or reporting upon contract negotiations; and
- (6) Discussing financial, marketing, pricing, proprietary or other business sensitive matters whose release might be deemed harmful by the board to the position of the association.