

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

April 21, 2015

T.F. Riggs High School

Pierre, South Dakota

Chairman Rick Weber called the meeting to order at 2:00 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:

Aberdeen Central	Huron	Rapid City Christian	St Thomas More
Avon	Jones County	Sanborn Central	Sturgis Brown
Belle Fourche	Langford Area	SF Lincoln	Todd County
Bennett County	Lemmon	SF O’Gorman	Tri-Valley
Brandon Valley	Madison	SF Roosevelt	Wall
Canton	McIntosh	SF Washington	Watertown
Douglas	Pierre T.F. Riggs	Sioux Valley	Waverly-South Shore
Flandreau	Platte-Geddes	Spearfish	West Central

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

Chairman Weber designated James Weaver as parliamentarian for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Annual Meeting

Minutes from the April 22, 2014 Annual Meeting were reviewed.

It was moved by Mr. Larry Ball, Jones County High School, seconded by Mr. Randy Marso, Brandon 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 2013-2014 Audit

Brad Reinke of Reinke Gray Wealth Management presented a financial report to the membership. The test results of 2013-2014 audit report disclosed four (4) written audit findings. In conjunction with Mr. Dave Schlosser and Mr. Tim Flannery of the SD Department of Legislative Audit, all findings were addressed up with approved corrective action plans.

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) Place \$140,000 in the Corporately Funded Contingency Fund to bring the fund to the 1.4 million dollar goal established in 2007.
- 2) Designate \$155,000 to be placed in the SDHSAA Foundation.

- 3) Reimburse the member schools at 80% of the formula for team reimbursements for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 4) The Committee recommended the Corporately Funded Contingency Fund equal 60% of the current operating budget.

And finally, the Finance Committee recommends that SDHSAA board member, Mr. Steve Morford, Principal at Spearfish High School, be appointed as a member to the Finance Committee starting at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

It was moved by Mr. Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley High School, seconded by Mr. Eric Smart, Canton High School, to approve the financial report, audit report, and Finance Committee Report as submitted.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Accept Nominations for three positions on the SDHSAA Board of Directors

Chairman Weber announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the East River At-Large Representative—Representative to be filled by an athletic/activities director. An assistant or vice principal/athletic or activities director who devotes time to athletics/activities would be eligible for the seats open to athletic/activities directors; athletic/activities directors who teach would be eligible for those seats open to athletic/activities directors. This position is currently held by Mr. Rick Weber, Superintendent at Flandreau High School. The east river At-Large Board of Directors member must be elected from the east 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. The person elected will serve a five year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and will be unable to run for reelection.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Gene Brownell, Aberdeen Central High School, who placed the name of Mr. Steve Moore, Watertown High School, in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Clay Anderson, Belle Fourche High School, who placed the name of Mr. Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley High School, in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Jay Swatek, West Central High School, who placed the name of Mr. Brad McDonald, Tri-Valley High School, in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Jon Meyer, Waverly-South Shore High School, who placed the name of Mr. Mike Schmidt, Wilmot High School, in nomination.

Chairman Weber announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the Small School Group Board of Education Representative to be filled by a school board member. This position is currently held by Mr. Todd Trask, representing the Wall School District. The Small School Group Board of Education member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 458.989 to 7.000. The small school group includes those schools from Spearfish High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 458.989 to School for the Blind/VI with a 2012-2013 ADM of 7.000. The person elected will serve a five year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and will be unable to run for reelection.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, who placed the name of Mr. Gary Darrow, school board member from Edgemont, in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Wayne Semmler, Bennett County High School, who placed the name of Mr. Mike Olson, school board member from Bennett County, in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Frank Cutler, Platte-Geddes High School, who placed the name of Mr. Monte Wagner, school board member from Platte-Geddes, in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Ms. Jennifer Gustafson, Langford High School, who placed the name of Mr. David Planteen, school board member from Langford in nomination.

Chairman Weber recognized Dr. Jeff Danielsen, West Central High School, who placed the name of Mr. Bryan Skinner, school board member from West Central, in nomination.

Chairman Weber announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the Division II Representative. This position is currently held by Mr. Dan Whalen, Activities Director at Pierre T.F. Riggs High School. The Division II Representative member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 683.426 to 193.086. The Division II Schools include Yankton High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 683.426 to Crow Creek High School with an ADM of 193.086. The person elected will serve a three year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and will be unable to run for reelection.

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Eric Smart, Canton High School, who placed the name of Mr. Bud Postma, Madison High School, in nomination.

Being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Terry Nebelsick of Huron, seconded by Mr. Mark Meile of Sioux Falls, to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Postma.

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 one (1) proposed constitutional amendments as submitted by SDHSAA member schools. SEE APPENDIX A

Chairman Weber recognized Mr. Terry Nebelsick, Superintendent at Huron High School, who spoke in favor of the amendment as published in the 2015 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Weber 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 1, 2015.
- B. Deadline for return of all ballots is Friday, May 29, 2015.
- 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 29, 2015, between the top two vote getters.
- D. The ballots pertaining to the proposed constitutional amendment will be mailed to the superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual Meeting, May 1, 2015.
- E. Deadline for return of all ballots is Friday, May 29, 2015.
- 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 Weber 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, Ms. Ronda Rinehart, Freeman High School, and Mr. Clay Anderson of Belle Fourche High School.

Chairman Weber asked all retiring school administrators, to please stand and be recognized by those in attendance. Mr. Wayne Semmler, Bennett County High School, Ms. Karen Hahn, Spearfish High School, and Mr. Dan Whalen, Pierre T.F Riggs 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. Steve Moore, Watertown High School, seconded by Mr. Mike Paris, Sturgis High School, to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

Proposed Constitutional Change—Submitted by SDHSAA Member School Petition:

To revise Article VI, Sections 1 and 2, page 8 of the SDHSAA Constitution:

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. For the purpose of administering the affairs of the Association under the powers granted by this Constitution and the Bylaws of this Association there is hereby created a separate administrative entity designated as the Board of Directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members.

Seven of these shall be Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic/Activity Directors of member schools and two shall be members of the Board of Education of a member school. One member shall be a Native American Superintendent, Principal or Athletic/Activity Director from a Native American member school. The composition of the seven administrative positions shall occur in such manner that at no time shall any of the three groups be represented by more than three persons. Representation will be in a ratio system with Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic/Activities Directors being rotated through the ratios.

The term of a Board of Directors member will be five years in length. No member of the Board of Directors will be eligible to be elected to consecutive terms. A Board of Directors member may be elected or appointed to fill an unexpired term.

No (1) member public school district, OR, (2) private/parochial school shall be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors. **Adopted 5-27-14**

Section 2. Election of Board of Directors members.

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

One 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, and one member of the Board of Directors shall be elected as an At-Large member from the east river, 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.
- B. Four members of the Board of Directors shall be elected according to four divisions of school enrollment (9-11).
- C. Two members of the Board of Directors shall be Board of Education Members. One Board of Education member shall be from the large-school group which comprises approximately one-half of the school enrollment (Grades 9-11). The other Board of Education member shall be from the small-school group which comprises approximately the other half of the school enrollment (Grades 9-11).
- D. 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. The At-Large position shall be filled by a Native American Superintendent, Principal or Athletic/Activity Director.
- 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. **Adopted 5-27-14**

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to determine the four divisions of school enrollment (9-11), such divisions 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
Ratio—1 in 8 to 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
Ratio—1 in 29 to 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
Ratio—1 in 143 to 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
Ratio—1 in 143 to 1 in 126

Enrollment figures shall be from the previous school year and shall be the Average Daily Membership enrollment figures for Grades 9-11 as submitted to the Executive Director.

Those signing the petition were:

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>
Aberdeen Central	Becky Guffin	Armour	Burnell Glanzer
Avon	Tom Culver	Baltic	Bob Sittig
Belle Fourche	Steven Willard	Beresford	Brian Field
Bridgewater-Emery	Jason Bailey	Canistota	Larry Nebelsick
Chamberlain	Debra Johnson	Cheyenne-EB	Carol Veit
Clark	Luanne Warren	Dakota Valley	Al Leber
Douglas	Alan Kerr	Elkton	Brian Jandahl
Flandreau	Rick Weber	Frederick	Justin Downes
Freeman	Don Hotchkiss	Groton Area	Joe Schwan
Hill City	Mike Hanson	Hot Springs	Danielle Root
Huron	Terry Nebelsick	Kimball	Jeff Rieckman
Lead-Deadwood	Dan Leikvold	Menno	Chris Christensen
Montrose	Lonny Johnson	Newell	Barbara Paulson
Parker	Donavan DeBoer	Pierre	Kelly Glodt
Platte-Geddes	Joel Bailey	Rapid City	Tim Mitchell
Redfield	Shad Storley	Sanborn Central	Linda Whitney
Scotland	Damon Alvey	South Central	Cheryl Thaler
Tea Area	Jennifer Lowery	White River	Tom Cameron
Willow Lake	Scott Klautd	Woonsocket	Rod Weber