



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

March 4, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on March 4, 2015, at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

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| Rick Weber | Todd Trask | Dr. Jason Uttermark | Dan Whalen |
| Linda Whitney | Sandy Klatt | Dr. Roger Bordeaux | Steve Morford |

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Weber at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Dan Whalen, to approve the agenda as submitted.

The motion passed 8-0.

Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Dr. Jason Uttermark, to approve the minutes as submitted.

The motion passed 8-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports as Submitted

Following a review of all financial reports, it was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Todd Trask, to approve the following financial reports as submitted:

- A. Income statements for December of 2014 and January of 2015
- B. Balance sheets for December of 2014 and January of 2015
- C. Cash flow chart
- D. Financial report from Brad Reinke, Reinke Gray Wealth Management

The motion passed 8-0.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Weber 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 Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Linda Whitney, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Approval of vouchers paid as follows:
December of 2014—\$118,906.55
January of 2015—\$128,238.98

- B. Approve a request for Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Freeman High School and Freeman Academy High School in the sport of soccer effective the 2015-2016 school year.
- C. Approve a request for Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Freeman High School and Freeman Academy High School in the sport of football effective the 2015-2016 school year.
- D. Approve a change in the host site for the 2016 State One-Act Play Festival from Aberdeen to Brandon, and the 2017 State One-Act Play Festival from Brandon to Aberdeen.
- E. Consider penalty for Wakpala High School for playing an ineligible player in the sport of boys' basketball.

The motion passed 8-0.

Staff Reports:

- A. State events held to date: One-Act Play, Gymnastics, and Wrestling
 - 1. Assistant Executive Director Weaver reported on the State One-Act Play Festival held at SF O'Gorman High School
 - 2. Assistant Executive Director Auch reported on the State Gymnastics Meet held at the Watertown Civic Arena
 - 3. Assistant Executive Director Krogstrand reported on the State "A" Wrestling Tournament held in Sioux Falls and Executive Director Carney reported on the State "B" Wrestling Tournament held in Rapid City
- B. Proposed constitutional change(s) as submitted by petition. Proposal(s) to be voted on by all SDHSAA member schools following the Annual Meeting to be held April 21, 2015 in Pierre.
Please refer to Appendix A
- C. Board positions for 2015-2016—**Please refer to Appendix B**
- D. Committee Reports: Out-of-Season, Basketball, Wrestling, and Gymnastics—All Committee reports are available on the front page of the SDHSAA website.
- E. Officials' Background Check Update—more study at this time.
- F. Inclement weather policy—will be taken up at the SDIAAA Conference in Pierre
- G. SDHSAA Foundation Report—Dr. Kelly Glodt, SDHSAA Foundation Board member, presented a report to the Board on the Foundation Board's progress to date

Action Items:

Consider a request for Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Canistota High School and Marion High School effective the 2015-2016 school year.

Canistota High School and Marion High School filed a request for Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities in the following sports effective the 2015-2016 school year:

- Girls' cross country
- Girls' volleyball
- Girls' basketball
- Girls' track
- Girls' golf
- Boys' cross country
- Boys' basketball
- Boys' track
- Boys' golf
- Cheerleading

Mr. Larry Nebelsick, Superintendent at Canistota High School, Mr. Scott Swier, Legal Counsel for Canistota High School, and Scott Tieszen, a parent from the Marion School District all spoke towards the motion to dissolve.

Following discussion, it was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, to approve the dissolution of cooperative sponsorship of activities.

The motion passed 7-1. Those voting aye were: Rick Weber, Dr. Jason Uttermark, Dan Whalen, Linda Whitney, Sandy Klatt, Dr. Roger Bordeaux, and Steve Morford. Those voting nay were: Todd Trask.

Second reading on proposed Class 11 “A” football post-season playoff format.

During the January 14, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board voted 8-0 to approve as a first reading a proposed Class 11 “A” football post-season playoff format. The Football Advisory Committee discussed a re-structuring of Class 11 “A” football post-season playoff format. The following proposal was considered as a first reading:

Re-structuring Class 11 “A” Football from an eight-game regular season with 16 teams in the playoffs to a nine-game regular season with eight teams in the playoffs.

Upon receiving preliminary, and now final, numbers from the South Dakota Department of Education, concerns were raised from the membership and Football Advisory Committee regarding the format of 11A Football, given the geographic location of where anticipated schools/teams were going to be located, and the difficulty therein of creating region alignments that were fair, equitable, and would not include drives of over 300 miles for preliminary round of post-season play.

The discussion yielded one option that the 11A coaches had previously discussed as a change, even before the alignment question came to fruition: using 11AA/AAA as a model and copying that season format of nine regular season games and only taking eight teams to the playoffs.

Rationale for Change:

- Less travel on school nights for Class 11A teams. This past year, the first two rounds of playoffs were conducted on Tuesday and Monday nights, respectively. The average distance/time for these games was over two hours of travel on a school night, with some trips in the past years being as far as six-to-eight hour trips. The “new” system would limit travel for Class 11A to a Thursday (quarter-finals) and Friday/Saturday (semi-finals, date by school choice) prior to games in the Dome.
- Competitive nature of the contests. Rather than continuing with the Round-of-Sixteen games which yielded an average 36.4 point margin of victory, we would eliminate the bye from each team’s regular season schedule and provide them another regular season contest, which is more likely to be more competitive.
- Financial benefit to schools. This plan would also serve as a financial benefit to schools, knowing that each team/school would have the opportunity to help offset costs with an additional home game per two years. Also inclusive in this plan would be financial benefits through reduced travel by way of another regular season contest versus the potential for state-wide bracket games through use of wildcard and regional alignment system.
- Removal of regional system which is troublesome at this level. Last alignment period, we had a region that ran from Hartford to Eagle Butte, Chamberlain and Mission, guaranteeing us at least one major trip of over 300-plus miles on the first night of playoffs. Continuing the regional alignments would ensure at least two of these school-night trips in not only the first round, but also the second as well. The new method gives us the best chance of eliminating a good portion of these trips, with an absolute cap of four such school-night games taking place, with the likelihood being much lower for a higher frequency.

Moe Ruesink, Activities Director at Sioux Valley High School, and Eric Smart, Activities Director at Canton High School, spoke to the proposal.

Following discussion, it was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the Class 11 "A" football post-season playoff format.

The motion passed 8-0.

Chairman Weber declared the Board in recess at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Weber declared the Board back in session at 11:54 a.m.

Adopt district/region alignments in all activities effective the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

[Athletic Alignments](#) *(click link to view complete listing)*

Class "AA" Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, and Cross Country:

It was moved by Sandy Klatt, seconded by Dr. Jason Uttermark, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sports of Class "AA" basketball, volleyball, track, and cross country as presented.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

Class "A" Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, and Cross Country:

It was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Steve Morford, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sports of Class "A" basketball, volleyball, track, and cross country as presented.

Mr. Jim Groen, Athletic Director at SF Christian, proposed Madison to move to Region 2 as per the original proposal. Mr. Groen also voiced support for the Sweet 16 format. Dr. Roger Bordeaux also voiced his support for a Sweet 16 format.

Moe Ruesink, Activities Director at Sioux Valley High School and Joel Osborne, Activities Director at Redfield High School, spoke in favor of the alignments.

Following discussion, the motion passed 7-1. Those voting aye were: Dr. Jason Uttermark, Dan Whalen, Linda Whitney, Sandy Klatt, Dr. Roger Bordeaux, Todd Trask, and Steve Morford. Those voting nay were: Rick Weber.

Class "B" Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, and Cross Country:

It was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Todd Trask, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sports of Class "B" basketball, volleyball, track, and cross country.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

Football:

The alignments in Class 11 "AAA", 11 "AA", and 11 "A" football were approved at previous meetings and needed no further action.

It was moved by Dan Whalen, seconded by Linda Whitney, to adopt the alignments as proposed in 11 "B" football.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

It was moved by Dr. Jason Uttermark, seconded by Linda Whitney, to approve the alignments as proposed in 9 “AA” football.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

It was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Steve Morford, to approve the alignments as proposed in 9 “A” football.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

It was moved by Todd Trask, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the alignments as proposed in 9 “B” football.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

“AA” Gymnastics, Competitive Cheer, Competitive Dance, and Soccer:

It was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Dr. Jason Uttermark, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sports of “AA” gymnastics, competitive cheer, competitive dance, and soccer.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

“A” Gymnastics, Competitive Cheer, Competitive Dance, and Soccer:

It was moved by Todd Trask, seconded by Dan Whalen, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sports of “A” gymnastics, competitive cheer, competitive dance, and soccer.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

“AA” and “A” Golf:

As “AA” does not conduct region golf tournaments, no action was needed.

It was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Dr. Jason Uttermark, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sport of “A” golf.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

“B” Golf:

It was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Steve Morford, to adopt the alignments as proposed in the sport of “B” golf.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

“A” Wrestling:

It was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the alignments as submitted, with the exceptions of placing Brandon Valley in Region 2 and Cheyenne-Eagle Butte in Region 3.

Randy Marso, Activities Director at Brandon Valley High School, Randy Soma, Activities Director at Brookings High School, Clay Anderson, Activities Director at Belle Fourche High School, and Mark Meile, Activities Director for the SF Public Schools, all spoke in favor of the proposed alignment.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

“B” Wrestling:

It was moved by Sandy Klatt, seconded by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, to adopt the 2012-13/2013-14 Class “B” wrestling alignments for 2015-16 and 2016-17 with the following changes: place Sisseton in Region 1, Little Wound in Region 4, and Potter County in Region 1.

Mike Schlachter, Head Wrestling Coach at Gettysburg High School, Tyler Sorenson, Head Wrestling Coach at Beresford High School, Jeremy Chicoine, Activities Director at Sully Buttes High School, Dan Martin, Superintendent at Stanley County High School, and Steve Gilbertson, Head Wrestling Coach at Arlington High School, all spoke in favor of the motion.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

Tennis:

No regions exist in the sport of tennis.

[Fine Arts Alignments](#) (click link to view complete listing)

It was moved by Dr. Jason Uttermark, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve all fine arts alignment proposals with the exception of Region Music.

Following discussion, the motion passed 8-0.

NOTE: All adopted alignments, athletic and fine arts, are available on the SDHSAA website.

Chairman Weber declared the Board in recess at 12:57 p.m.

Chairman Weber declared the Board back in session at 1:35 p.m.

Referring Decisions of the Board of Directors

Board member and Sanborn Central School District Superintendent Linda Whitney worked with Superintendent Dr. Dan Leikvold of Lead-Deadwood, on a policy related to referring decisions of the Board of Directors. The proposed policy states:

REFERRING DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Any decision by the Board of Directors that involves a capital expense or adding additional personnel can be referred to the vote of the membership by filing a petition with the signatures of 30 superintendents of member schools and submitted to the office of the Executive Director within 30 days of the board action that is in question. The Board of Director's decision in question will not take effect until the vote of the membership is completed. The vote of the entire membership will be completed not more than 45 days following the receipt of the petition by the Executive Director. To be repealed, sixty (60) percent of the member schools must vote in favor of the appeal. If the appeal percentage is not met, the decision goes into effect on July 1, or immediately if after July 1.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to refer the policy back to the Superintendent's Association for further review and clarification.

Proposed constitutional change(s) as submitted by the Board

As per SDHSAA Constitution, Article X, Section 1, constitutional change(s) may be proposed in two ways:

Amendments to this Constitution or any set of Bylaws hereinafter included may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or by member schools through presentation of a petition signed by the administrators of thirty or more member schools. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive

Director thirty days or more prior to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting in order to be considered at that meeting.

No changes have been proposed by the Board of Directors.

No further action was taken.

Approve Calendar Committee Members

SDHSAA staff was directed to submit a list composed of superintendents, principals, athletic/activities directors, and fine arts directors to form a fall calendar committee. Based on input from each respective professional group, staff would recommend the following:

Superintendents:

Class B—Tom Cameron—White River

Class A—Al Leber—Dakota Valley

Class AA—Terry Nebelsick—Huron

Principals:

Class B – Rhonda Gross – Arlington

Class A – Mary Weiss – Hot Springs

Class AA – Bud Gusso – Douglas

Activities Directors:

Class B – Jim Kocer - Scotland

Class A – Todd Palmer – Chamberlain

Class AA – Randy Marso – Brandon Valley

Fine Arts:

Scott Walker – Watertown

Rogene Brown – Sioux Falls

Helen Mogen – Chester

Following discussion, it was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Dan Whalen, to approve the calendar committee members.

The motion passed 8-0.

Approve Pierre T.F. Riggs to move from Music Region 6 to Music Region 5 for region contest

Pierre T.F. Riggs wishes to join a music region which includes another school their size for more accurate reflection of their music programming.

Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Dr. Jason Uttermark, to approve the move of Pierre T.F. Riggs from Region 6 to Region 5 for region music contest.

The motion passed 8-0.

Review the minutes from the August 27, 2014, Strategic Planning Meeting

Chairman Weber led the Board through a discussion of the minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held August 27, 2014. It was suggested that the Association index the agenda online when posted and provide the member schools with the proposals immediately following the respective advisory committee meetings.

No further action was taken.

Board Sharing

Assistant Executive Director Weaver reported on the “selfie” wall that students used to take pictures during the State One-Act Play Festival. The report included social media impressions of over 136,000 and 222,000 for One-Act Play and State Wrestling respectively. The “selfie” wall so far, has had a positive impact within the state tournaments on promoting positive public relations with the association. The goal for the upcoming events of State Debate and the six State Basketball Tournaments is to reach 500,000 social media impressions. It was requested that Assistant Executive Director Weaver send to all CVB’s the hash tag to be used during the state basketball tournaments.

Chairman Weber declared the Board in recess at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Weber declared the Board back in session at 2:55 p.m.

Executive Session – Student Eligibility Appeal – 1-25-2.2

It was moved by Linda Whitney, seconded by Dan Whalen, to go into Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. to discuss a student eligibility appeal.

The motion passed 8-0.

Chairman Weber declared the Board out of Executive Session at 4:25 p.m.

It was moved by Sandy Klatt, seconded by Steve Morford, to uphold the Appeal Committee decision.

The motion passed 6-2. Those voting aye were: Rick Weber, Dr. Jason Uttermark , Dan Whalen, Linda Whitney, Sandy Klatt, and Steve Morford. Those voting nay were: Dr. Roger Bordeaux and Todd Trask.

Executive Session – Personnel SDCL-1-25-2.4

It was moved by Dan Whalen, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to go into Executive Session at 4:27 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The motion passed 8-0.

Chairman Weber declared the Board out of Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Dr. Jason Uttermark, seconded by Steve Morford, to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

The motion passed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director

Proposed Constitutional amendment by petition

To revise Article VI, Section 2 A, page 8:

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**

NOTE: See Administrative Procedure Policy at the end of this document.

SECTION 2. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to five-year terms. 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.

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 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.
- 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.

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to determine the 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:

- 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

NOTE: The ADM's for classification purposes for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years will be used to determine the four divisions.

Board positions to be nominated at the Annual Meeting scheduled for April 21, 2015:

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. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a five year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

Small School Group Board of Education—Representative to be filled by a school board member. 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. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a five year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

Division II 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. Dan Whalen, Activities Director at Pierre T.F Riggs High School. The Division II 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 2012-2013 ADM of 193.086. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a three year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.