

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

April 18, 2017

T.F. Riggs High School

Pierre, South Dakota

Chairman Steve Morford called the meeting to order at 2:17 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	McCook Central	SF Washington
Avon	Irene-Wakonda	Mitchell	Sioux Valley
Belle Fourche	Iroquois	Rapid City Central	Spearfish
Brandon Valley	Jones County	Rapid City Stevens	St. Thomas More
Brookings	Kimball	SF Lincoln	Sturgis
Canistota	Langford Area	SF O’Gorman	Tiospa Zina
Hanson	Madison	SF Roosevelt	Watertown
			West Central

Representing the SDHSAA staff were Wayne Carney, John Krogstrand, and Brooks Bowman.

Chairman Morford designated John Krogstrand as parliamentarian for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Annual Meeting

Minutes from the April 19, 2016 Annual Meeting were reviewed.

It was moved by Mr. Terry Rotert, Huron High School, seconded by Mr. Mike Paris, Sturgis 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 2015-2016 Audit

Mr. Brad Reinke of Reinke Gray Wealth Management presented a financial report to the membership. Mr. Isaac Jahn, SDHSAA Comptroller, reported that the 2015-2016 audit report was not completed at the time of the Annual Meeting. The audit report will be presented at the June 8, 2017, meeting of the Board of Directors

Following discussion, the Financial Report and Audit Report were accepted.

Accept Nominations for one position on the SDHSAA Board of Directors

Chairman Morford announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **Division II Representative**—Representative to be filled by a 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. Jason Uttermark, Principal at Aberdeen Central High School. The Division II Representative member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2014-2015 ADM from 919.906 to 517.783. The Division II schools include Watertown High School with a 2014-2015 ADM of 919.906 to Sioux Falls O’Gorman with an ADM of 517.783. **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. Member schools eligible to serve include: Watertown, Aberdeen Central, Brookings, Yankton, Pierre, Mitchell, Harrisburg, Douglas, Huron, Sturgis, and SF O’Gorman. Brandon Valley is not eligible as Brandon Valley has a member on the current SDHSAA Board of Directors.

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.

Chairman Morford recognized Mr. Randy Marso, Brandon Valley High School, who placed the name of Mr. Randy Soma, Brookings High School, in nomination.

Chairman Morford recognized Mr. Troy Terronez, Watertown High School, who placed the name of Mr. Steve Moore, Watertown High School, in nomination.

Introduction of one (1) proposed constitutional amendments as submitted by SDHSAA Board of Directors

Chairman Morford spoke in favor of the amendment as published in the 2017 Annual Meeting Bulletin.

As per the SDHSAA Constitution, Article X, page 12, the constitution may be amended in two ways:

SECTION 1. METHOD OF PROPOSING. 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.

Amend Chapter II – Bylaws for Athletics, Part I Further Eligibility Requirements for Athletic Contests, Section 1, Sub-Section N (additions in **BOLD**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~, other editorial changes and renumbering not listed):

TRANSFER OF ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR SDHSAA OPEN ENROLLMENT STUDENTS. Any student who transfers from a member high school to another member high school shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics provided such student has met the standards for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment as defined in the following paragraph:

SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students transferring from one high school to another must have the school (s)he leaves file a transcript of credits with the principal of the school to which (s)he is transferring. Until such transcript is filed the student is ineligible.

In order for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students to be eligible immediately for participation in interscholastic athletics of the SDHSAA, the student must **both: (1) be** enrolled on the first day of the school year at the school they are open enrolling to, **and, (2) have not competed in any SDHSAA sanctioned athletic contest at the school they are open enrolling from during that school year’s athletic season.** Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

For students ~~who do not meet these criteria enrolled on the first day of the school year at the school they are open enrolling to:~~

- a. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a five (5) day week shall become eligible on the forty-sixth (46th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Member schools must have the

necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

b. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in an SDHSAA member school which operates a four (4) day week shall become eligible on the thirty-seventh (37th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Revised 2005 Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

3. In addition, all such students must meet all other eligibility requirements.
4. For purposes of this Bylaw “standards for open enrollment” shall mean such standards authorized by a public school board as required by SDCL §13-28-40 through and including SDCL §13-28-47. In the case of a non-public school, such comparable standards and time-lines, as set forth in SDCL §13-28-40 through and including SDCL §13-28-47 would be applicable to such school.
5. In such cases, eligibility is applicable to the initial SDHSAA athletic open enrollment transfer only. Any subsequent SDHSAA athletic open enrollment transfer to another high school shall render the student ineligible for one year with one exception. The exception: In the event a student returns to: (1) his/her former school; or (2) where his/her parents reside, the student will not be eligible until the beginning of the following school year.

NOTE: The open enrollment statutes SDCL §13-28-40 through §13-18-47 do not change the Bylaws of the SDHSAA. Thus Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Sub-Sections (a) and (f) apply to sports eligibility for all open enrollment students.

- Once enrolled in a nonresident district or non-assigned school, the student may remain enrolled and is not required to resubmit annual applications.
- Students who open enroll from one school in a cooperative to the other school(s) in the same cooperative will not have to sit out the 45/36 school day waiting period providing all school(s) in the cooperative coop in all athletic activities in the same gender. Minutes-November 25, 2002

NOTE: See State Statutes section of Athletic Handbook for Open Enrollment Options between North Dakota and Minnesota.

Rationale:

- 1) Once a student reports to practice, and participates in a contest, team membership has been established.
- 2) Once team membership has been established, any student who gains their athletic eligibility through athletic open enrollment, should be required to meet the 45/36 scheduled days of school period of ineligibility, which this rule change enforces for all grade 9-12 students equitably.
- 3) Regardless of the scheduled fall academic start date of member schools, a student should not be able to take advantage of a given situation to represent more than one member school during that sport season.
- 4) This change closes a loophole that presently exists where an incoming freshman could participate in multiple practices and games for a given team in the fall, and then choose to enroll elsewhere without completing an athletic open enrollment that any other student would otherwise have to complete prior to the start of the academic year.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Morford 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, April 28, 2017.

- B. Deadline for return of all ballots is Tuesday, May 30, 2017.
- 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 30, 2017, 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, April 28, 2017.
- E. Deadline for return of all ballots is Tuesday, May 30, 2017.
- 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 Morford asked all past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors to please stand and be recognized by those in attendance. Those recognized were, Mr. Craig Nowotny of St. Thomas More High School, Mr. Larry Ball, Jones County High School, Mr. Gene Brownell, Aberdeen Central High School, Mr. Eldon Marshall, White River High School, Mr. Darren Paulson, Rapid City Central High School, Mr. Mike Ruth, Iroquois High School, and Mr. Clay Anderson of Belle Fourche High School.

Member Comments

There were no member comments.

Other Business

Being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Darren Paulson, Rapid City Central High School, seconded by Mr. Mark Meile, SF Washington High School, to adjourn at 2:49 p.m.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director