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### SDHSAA Board of Directors Holds Special Meeting

On a 7-0 vote, the SDHSAA Board of Directors today approved language allowing for participation of both males and females in the sport of Competitive Dance during the 2018-19 season. Specifically, the language of the action read: "to suspend the restriction of requirement that only females may compete in competitive dance for the 2018-19 school year, allow boys and girls to participate alongside one another in competitive dance, and direct the Dance Advisory committee to study the issue during the intervening year and recommend language specific to the issue that must ultimately be considered and approved by the membership and Board of Directors."

SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos noted that "Today's action by the SDHSAA Board of Directors is a fair compromise in that it allows participation for next school year, while also directing action through the established process for rule changes that already exists. This topic will now follow that process and proceed through the Competitive Dance advisory committee, the SDHSAA member school Athletic Directors, and, ultimately, the SDHSAA Board of Directors."