



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SDHSAA OFFICE**

**APRIL 15, 2019**

**11:00 a.m. CST**

**Pierre, South Dakota**

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

ITEM #1 – Approve the agenda.

ITEM #2 – Determine that a quorum is present.

ITEM #3 – Designate a parliamentarian for the meeting.

ITEM #4 – Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2018 Annual Meeting.

ITEM #5- Finance report from Mr. Brad Reinke, Reinke-Gray Wealth Management.

ITEM #6 – Accept nominations from the floor for the following Board Positions, beginning July 1, 2019:

- **West River At-Large:** to be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director. This position is currently held by Steve Morford, Secondary Principal at Spearfish High School. The West River At-Large representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a high school attendance center physically located West of the Missouri River in South Dakota. This position must be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director or an Assistant/Vice Principal who devotes time to athletics/activities. **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 four-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.
- **Large School Group Board of Education Member-** To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Board of Education member. This position was vacated by Dr. Paul Turman, Board of Education member from Pierre. The Large School Group Board of Education representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2016-17 ADM from 1,749.230 to 561.525. The Large School Group schools include SF Roosevelt with a 2016-17 ADM of 1,749.230 to Pierre T.F. Riggs with an ADM of 561.565, to include SF New Technology. **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 **four-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election. Member schools in the Large School Group include: RC Central, RC Stevens, Aberdeen Central, Brandon Valley, Harrisburg, Yankton, Huron, Mitchell, SF O’Gorman, Douglas, and Pierre T.F. Riggs.
- **Native American At-Large Representative-** To be filled by a Secondary Principal. This position is currently filled by Silas Blaine, Superintendent at Crazy Horse. The Native American At-Large position shall be filled by a Native American Principal from a SDHSAA member school with at least 50% Native American population grades 9-12. **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 is unable to run for re-election. Eligible schools include: Crazy Horse, Lower Brule, St. Francis, Takini, Tiospaye Topa, Pine Ridge, Crow Creek, Little Wound, Marty, Flandreau Indian, Todd County, Wakpala, McLaughlin, Oelrichs, Red Cloud, Dupree, White River, Andes Central, Waubay, Wagner, Timber Lake, Sisseton, and Bennett County.

**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 votes cast. If not candidate receives a majority, a run-off election shall be held between the top two vote getters”. This complete section may be found on pages eight (8) and nine (9) of the Constitution and Bylaws.

ITEM #7 – Introduction of one (1) proposed constitutional amendment as submitted by the SDHSAA Board of Directors. **SEE APPENDIX A**

- A. Recognition of SDHSAA Board Members/Staff who will speak on behalf of the proposed constitutional amendment as submitted by the SDHSAA Board of Directors as published in the 2019 Annual Meeting Bulletin.
- B. Recognition of delegates who wish to speak for or against the proposed amendment.
- C. Accept amendments, in writing, to the proposed amendment so long as they do not negate the intent of the original amendment.

ITEM #8 – 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 (10) days following the annual meeting, April 25, 2019.
- B. Deadline for return of all ballots is Thursday, May 30, 2019.
- 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, 2019 between the top two vote recipients.
- 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 25, 2019.
- E. Deadline for return of all ballots is Thursday, May 30, 2019.
- F. For a constitutional amendment to pass, it must receive a sixty percent favorable vote of the Association members who cast a ballot.

ITEM #9 – Recognition of all past member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and retiring administrators present.

ITEM #10 – Member comments.

ITEM #11 – Any other business that the membership and/or Board of Directors might wish to consider.

ITEM #12 – Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. Swartos".

Dr. Daniel Swartos  
SDHSAA Executive Director

**Amend the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as follows (new language in red underline):**

Chapter II – Bylaws for Athletics; Part I – Further Eligibility Requirements for Athletic Contests; Section 9.

Student/Coach Ejection from a Contest.

**SECTION 9. STUDENT/COACH EJECTION FROM A CONTEST.** Any student or coach ejected from an interscholastic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

**In the sport of football only, any player ejected/disqualified for specifically violating the provisions of “Illegal Personal Contact” as outlined in Rule 9-4-3 of the NFHS Football Rules:**

**(a) Shall be disqualified only for the remainder of the current game if the foul occurs in the first half of a game, or,**

**(b) Shall be disqualified from the remainder of the current game, as well as the first half of the next varsity contest, if the foul occurs in the second half of a game.**

A second ejection that occurs during the same sport season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for the next four regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

A third ejection...

**Rationale:** The intent of this rule is to provide a lesser penalty for in-game contact fouls that may or may not be adjudicated properly by contest officials. NFHS Rule 9-4-3 allows for the ejection of a player when flagrant personal contact acts occur, such as targeting or a blindside block. The intention is to reduce what can be an ejection that requires a sit-out of nearly 25% of an athlete’s season for plays that, while should be taken out of the game, remain difficult to officiate. Of note, acts such as fighting, contacting a game official, and other heinous acts are not given leeway by this rule, and would still require the two- game sit-out. NFHS Rule 9-4-3 more generally references acts that are more germane to actual football plays; this rule change would allow our officials, coaches and administrators a bit of a reprieve when dealing with an ejection for what may or may not have been a “football play.” The penalty structure mirrors what is currently in place in the NCAA, but remains more strict on unsportsmanlike or other conduct issues.