



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

April 15-16, 2019

Following the Annual Meeting

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA Board of Directors held a regular meeting on April 15 and 16, 2019, at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Dr. Brian Maher
Silas Blaine

Moe Ruesink
Randy Soma

Dr. Jerry Rasmussen
David Planteen

Craig Cassens
Steve Morford

Staff members present included Dr. Dan Swartos, Ms. Jo Auch, Dr. John Krogstrand, Mr. Brooks Bowman, and Mr. Isaac Jahn.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Brian Maher at 12:16 P.M.

Item #1-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by David Planteen, seconded by Randy Soma to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

Item #2- Open Forum

Mr. Clay Anderson, Belle Fourche High School Athletic Director, addressed the Board of Directors regarding public input at Board of Directors meetings.

Item #3-Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook and changes from the Sports Officials Advisory Council, as submitted by the various Advisory Committees/Councils

Basketball:

It was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following:

- #2- Eliminate pre-game handshakes with officials
- #4- Mandate no more than a 15-minute warm-up for all regular season contests

Motion carried 8-0

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Craig Cassens, to approve the following:

- #6- Discontinue the Class A Combined tournament beginning with the 2019-20 season

Motion failed 2-6, with Randy Soma, Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Steve Morford, Dr. Brian Maher, Craig Cassens, and Silas Blaine dissenting

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve the following proposals as amended:

- #5- Discontinue the Class AA Combined tournament beginning with the 2020-21 season
- #6- Discontinue the Class A Combined tournament beginning with the 2020-21 season

Motion carried 7-1, with Steve Morford dissenting

Competitive Cheer and Dance:

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by David Planteen to approve the following:

- Competitive Cheer and Dance #1- Inquiry Process
- Competitive Cheer #1- Cheer Rubric and Score Sheet
- Competitive Dance #1- Eliminate language pertaining to female only participation
- Competitive Dance #2- Teams must compete in 3 of 4 categories, one of which must be Pom, to be considered for Grand Champion

Motion carried 8-0

Football:

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Moe Ruesink to approve the following proposals:

- #1- 11B Playoff Format: Seed teams 1-16
- #3- Seven-man officiating crews in Semi-Finals and Finals
- #4- Implementation of instant replay in Finals

Motion failed 1-7, with David Planteen, Randy Soma, Jerry Rasmussen, Craig Cassens, Steve Morford, Moe Ruesink, and Silas Blaine dissenting

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Randy Soma, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- 11B Playoff Format: Seed teams 1-16
- #4- Implementation of instant replay in Finals

Motion carried 8-0

Golf:

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Reinstate Region play in Class AA Golf
- #2- Class A qualifying change from top 60% to top 50%

Motion carried 8-0

Gymnastics:

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Class A All-Around qualifying score change from 32.0 to 33.0
- #2- Failure to post the contestant number or correct number for the contestant will result in a 0.2 point deduction

Motion carried 8-0

Soccer:

It was moved by David Planteen, seconded by Silas Blaine, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Games worked by officials in the opening round and second round of playoffs count towards the required seven contests needed to work the finals

Motion carried 8-0

Tennis:

It was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Tie-breaking procedure
- #2- Create a second classification of Tennis

Motion carried 8-0

Volleyball:

It was moved by Craig Cassens, seconded by Silas Blaine to approve the following proposals:

- #2- Required officials' evaluation by head coaches for all dual matches played
- #3- Eliminate the handshake after introduction of players
- #4- Amended VB Warm-up Proposal of 15 minutes, 3-6-6 format. Three minutes of shared ball handling, six minutes visiting team entire playing floor, six minutes home team entire playing floor

Motion carried 8-0

Wrestling

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- 50% Rule Waiver in case of injury or illness
- #2- Wrestle out to 5th place in Regions for state tournament alternates
- #3- Increase student manager passes from 2 to 4
- #4- Wrestle out to four places at State Dual Tournament
- #5- Allow combination weigh-ins for duals preceding a tournament

Motion carried 8-0

In/Out of Season

It was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Craig Cassens, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Additional in-season allowable participation in non-school functions in Cheer and Dance
- #2- Allow Cheer and Dance athletes to attend up to two collegiate tryouts during the in-season time frame with approved waiver from SDHSAA
- #4- Adjust number of allowable athletics in club team, private lessons, etc. sections for Competitive Cheer from four to five
- #5- Adjust the number of allowable athletes in club team, private lesson, etc. section for nine-man football from six to seven

Motion carried 8-0

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Moe Ruesink to approve the following proposals:

- #3- Change the first date of practice for all classes of football to the Monday of NFHS Week Six

Motion failed 3-5, with David Planteen, Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Steve Morford, Craig Cassens, and Silas Blaine dissenting

Sports Officials Council

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by David Planteen, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- An official may not participate in a state tournament in the classification that may involve his or her own children and/or stepchildren as players, statisticians, student managers, or cheerleaders. Wrestling officials may not officiate in a combined state wrestling tournament in which his or her own children and/or stepchildren are players, statisticians, student managers, or cheerleaders due to the nature of the tournament
- #2- Change the requirement of gymnastics judges to attend the judges clinic in even years instead of annually
- #3- Pay for officials must be made to the official no later than six weeks following the contest worked
- #4- "New" officials will be allowed to register after the cut-off date for the sport
- #5- In addition to the game suspension, when an athlete or coach is ejected from a contest, he/she must watch the NFHS Sportsmanship Course on the NFHSLearn website and show proof of course completion to the SDHSAA office prior to returning to the playing floor/field.
- #6- Officials who are region coordinators will have their initial officials registration fee waived for the sport in which they are the coordinator

Motion carried 8-0

Chairman Maher declared the Board in recess at 2:19 PM and out of recess at 2:31 PM

Due to time constraints and out of courtesy for those waiting to address the issue, Chairman Maher directed the Board to move to Item #6.

Item #6- Conduct a first reading related to state event sites for the 2022-23 school year

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve as a first reading the proposed state event sites for the 2022-23 school year, noting that these may change due to changes in state tournament formats in the sports of basketball and tennis.

*Motion carried 8-0 *Site selection document can be found in Appendix A*

Due to time constraints and out of courtesy for those waiting to address the issue, Chairman Maher directed the Board to move to Item #10

Item #10- Approval of contract with South Dakota State University regarding 2019 Football Championships

Dr. Swartos and Dr. Krogstrand updated the board on the contract specifics with South Dakota State university in regards to the 2019 State Football Championships.

No action was taken at this time.

Dr. Maher Directed the Board to return to Item #4 on the agenda.

Item #4 - First reading of changes to the athletic handbook proposed by SDHSAA Staff

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Silas Blaine, to approve proposal #1- adding instant replay at the state basketball tournament per NFHS guidelines.

Motion carried 7-1 with Steve Morford dissenting

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Randy Soma, to approve proposal #2 relating to playoff seeding in AAA playoffs.

Motion carried 7-1 with Moe Ruesink dissenting

Item #5- Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Fine Arts Handbook

Music

It was moved by David Planteen, seconded by Steve Morford, to approve the following:

- #1- Change maximum time limit listed in region music handbook for all vocal and instrumental ensembles to 25 minutes
- #2- Change Article 3, Section 14 of the region music handbook to reflect a restriction of 10 entries, no more than 5 of which can be in one discipline

- #3- Change Article 6, Section 4 of region music handbook to state “Events used for small group division AND/OR large group division”, change maximum time limit to 25 minutes, and remove “Swing Choir” from the handbook
- #4- Strike 14.A.d from audition scales for strings in the orchestra handbook
- #5- Move All State Jazz band to NFHS Week 44 pending approval of contracted facilities

Motion carried 8-0

Debate

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Silas Blaine to approve the following Debate proposals:

- #1- Form a sub-committee of three Class AA and three Class A coaches to review and analyze the state of policy debate
- #2- Remove section E.4 from the Debate handbook
- #3- Remove Article 5, Section 4.H.1 from the Debate handbook
- #4- Change Article 6, Section 1.B to state “...the team/debater should debate on the opposite side of the questions”

Motion carried 8-0

One-Act Play

It was moved by Craig Cassens, seconded by David Planteen, to approve the following One-Act Play proposals:

- #1- Change hosting guidelines to require 1500 seats for the awards ceremony and 700 theatre seats
- #2- Add the following to Article 2, Section 8.1.a of the One-Act Handbook: “Prior to the day of the Region contest, schools may make arrangements with the host site to rehearse on their stage, if the venue is available”
- #3- Create a sub-committee to develop a rubric or critique sheet to be used at Region contests
- #4- Create a sub-committee to develop a technical theatre aspect to judging at the state festival
- #5- Approve “Pirates of Penzance” as the Technical Theatre prompt in 2019-20

Motion Carried 8-0

Oral Interp

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen to approve the following Oral Interp proposals:

- #1- Add judging requirements of having judged a minimum of 2 Oral Interp contests during the current school year to be qualified to serve as a judge at the state festival
- #2- State Oral Interp format change: Remove point system that determines superior performances
- #3- Approve “Heroism” as the 2019-20 Storytelling Theme

Motion carried 8-0

Because Agenda Item #6 was already heard, the Board moved to Agenda Item #7

Item #7- Conduct a Second Reading to Adopt Region Alignments in all Athletic Activities Effective the 2019-20 and 2020-21 School Years

Jeff Kusters from Frederick Area appealed Frederick Area's move from Region 2B to Region 1B in Basketball, Volleyball and Track and Field.

Lance Witte and Leonard "Yamni" Jack from Lower Brule appealed Lower Brule's move from Region 7B to Region 2B in Basketball, Volleyball, and Track and Field.

It was moved by Craig Cassens, seconded by David Planteen to approve the athletic alignments as amended with Frederick moved to Region 2B and Lower Brule moved to Region 7B.

Motion failed 2-6 with David Planteen, Dr. Brian Maher, Randy Soma, Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Moe Ruesink, and Steve Morford dissenting.

It was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen to approve the athletic alignments as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

Item #8- Conduct a Second Reading to Adopt District/Region Alignments in all Fine Arts Activities Effective the 2019-20 and 2020-21 School Years

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Silas Blaine, to approve the Fine Arts alignments as presented.

Motion Carried 8-0

Item #9- Approve Hold Harmless Document from the University of South Dakota regarding the 2019 Football Championships

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by David Planteen, to approve the Hold Harmless document between the SDHSAA and the University of South Dakota as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

Because Agenda Item #10 was already heard, the Board moved to Item #11

Item #11- Approval of the Minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting of the SDHSAA Board of Directors

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Steve Morford, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

Dr. Maher declared the Board in recess at 4:13 PM, with the plan of resuming at 8:30 AM on April 16th.

Dr. Maher declared the board out of recess at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 16th, 2019.

Item #12- Financial Reports

SDHSAA Finance Director Isaac Jahn presented the following Financial Reports:

- Income statements for February & March of 2019
- Balance sheets for February & March of 2019
- Cash flow chart
- Financial reports for region wrestling, girls basketball, and boys basketball
- Income and expenditure reports for state events held to date

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Silas Blaine, to approve the financial reports as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

Item #13-Set travel allowance for the 2019 NFHS Summer Meeting in Indianapolis

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by David Planteen, to approve the travel allowance for the 2019 NFHS Summer Meeting in Indianapolis as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

Item #14-Consent Agenda

Chairman Maher 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 Craig Cassens, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

- A. Approval of vouchers paid as follows:
 - February of 2019- \$147,747.35
 - March of 2019- \$343,122.64
- B. Approve the application for cooperative sponsorship of activities from the schools of Newell and Sturgis Brown in the sport of soccer beginning with the 2019-20 school year
- C. Approve a request from Rapid City Area Schools for the beginning of girls and boys basketball tryouts for the 2019-20 school year due to OCR concerns
- D. Approve a request from Hot Springs High School to add boys and girls soccer beginning with the 2019-20 school year
- E. Approve a request for dissolution of cooperative sponsorship of activities from Eureka and Bowdle high schools in the sports of volleyball, girls and boys basketball, cross country, and track and field beginning with the 2019-20 school year

- F. Approve a request for cooperative sponsorship of activities from Eureka, Bowdle, and Edmunds Central in the sports of volleyball, girls and boys basketball, cross country, and track and field beginning with the 2019-20 school year

The motion carried 8-0.

Item #15- Staff reports:

The following staff reports were given:

- A. Executive Director Dan Swartos confirmed the schedule for the June 6, SDHSAA Board of Directors meeting
- B. Executive Director Dan Swartos gave a preview of the upcoming Legal Summit in Indianapolis
- C. State Tournaments/Events:
 - a. Assistant Director Brooks Bowman reported to the board on State Debate/IE, Visual Arts, All-State Band, and Student Council
 - b. Assistant Director Jo Auch reported on the Class B Basketball Tournaments
 - c. Executive Director Dan Swartos reported on the Class A Basketball Tournaments
 - d. Assistant Director John Krogstrand reported on the Class AA Basketball Tournament
- D. Assistant Director Jo Auch reported on the Sports Officials Advisory Committee
- E. Executive Director Dan Swartos reported that the Finance Committee will meet in early May
- F. There was no report from the Superintendent's Association
- G. There was no report from the SDHSAA Foundation Board

Item #16- Board Sharing

The Board visited about the NFHS Summer Conference in Indianapolis. Board Member Steve Morford noted that staff should start attending Softball sessions, with the news of member schools considering asking the SDHSAA to sanction the sport. Board member David Planteen spoke about the need to review the media passes process for state events.

Chairman Maher declared the board in recess at 9:43 AM and out of recess at 9:55 AM.

Item #17- Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.4

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Randy Soma to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.4.

Motion carried 8-0 and the board went into executive session at 9:55 AM.

Chairman Maher declared the Board out of executive session at 10:19 AM.

Item #18- Adjourn

It was moved by David Planteen to adjourn.

Chairman Maher declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Swartos".

Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director

APPENDIX A

Site Selection Committee Recommendations for 2022-23

2019-20 Committee Members: Moe Ruesink- Sioux Valley (Chair), Randy Soma (Brookings), Casey Meile (SF Public), Jared Vasquez (RC Stevens), Randy Marso (Brandon Valley), Gene Brownell (Aberdeen Central), Craig Boyens (Watertown), Silas Blaine (Crazy Horse)

Activity	Site	Dates
Boys A Golf	Aberdeen	Oct. 3-4, 2022
Boys AA Golf	Mitchell	Oct. 3-4, 2022
Girls Tennis	Sioux Falls/Brandon Valley	Oct. 6-8, 2022
Soccer	Tea	Oct. 15, 2022
Journalism	Brookings- SDSU	Oct. 17, 2022
Cheer & Dance	Brookings	Oct. 21-22, 2022
Cross Country	Huron	Oct. 22, 2022
Chorus & Orchestra	Sioux Falls	Oct. 28-29, 2022
Football	Vermillion	Nov. 10-12, 2022
Combined Volleyball	Sioux Falls	Nov. 17-19, 2022
Oral Interp	Mitchell	Dec. 2-3, 2022
One-Act Play	SF O’Gorman	Feb. 2-4, 2023
Gymnastics	Aberdeen	Feb. 10-11, 2023
Combined Wrestling	Sioux Falls	Feb. 23-25, 2023
Debate & IE	Mitchell	Mar. 3-4, 2023
Girls B Basketball	Huron	Mar. 9-11, 2023
Boys B Basketball	Aberdeen	Mar. 16-18, 2023
Combined A Basketball	Sioux Falls	Mar. 16-18, 2023
Combined AA Basketball	Rapid City	Mar. 16-18, 2023
Visual Arts	Rapid City	Mar. 16-18, 2023
All-State Band	Pierre	Mar. 23-25, 2023
SDSCA Student Council	Rapid City	Mar. 26-28, 2023
All-State Jazz Band	Rapid City	Apr. 27-29, 2023
Boys Tennis	Rapid City	May 18-20, 2023
Track & Field	SF O’G/Tea/SF	May 26-27, 2023
Boys/Girls B Golf	Aberdeen	June 5-6, 2023
Girls A Golf	Sioux Falls	June 5-6, 2023
Girls AA Golf	Yankton	June 5-6, 2023

****Subject to change pending Board action on changes to Athletic Handbook**

