



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SDHSAA MEMBERSHIP
SDHSAA OFFICE BUILDING**

April 21, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA membership held its annual meeting on April 21, 2020. The meeting was held via electronic teleconference (Zoom) due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The meeting was called to order by SDHSAA Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos at 11:01 a.m..

Representing the SDHSAA staff in the SDHSAA office were Dr. Dan Swartos, Dr. John Krogstrand, Ms. Jo Auch, Mr. Brooks Bowman, Mr. Isaac Jahn, and Mr. Aaron Magnuson.

Item #1-Determine that a quorum is present

Dr. Swartos took a count of represented schools and determined that the threshold of ten (10) member schools was present, with the following 40 schools represented:

Aberdeen Central	Avon	Baltic	Belle Fourche	Brandon Valley
Bridgewater-Emery	Brookings	Chester Area	Corsica-Stickney	Dakota Valley
Dell Rapids	Faith	Faulkton	Flandreau	Garretson
Groton Area	Hanson	Harding Co.	Huron	Irene-Wakonda
Langford Area	Madison	Pierre Riggs	Rapid City Central	Scotland
SF Lincoln	SF New Tech	SF Roosevelt	SF Washington	Sioux Valley
Sisseton	Spearfish	Stanley Co.	St. Thomas More	Sturgis Brown
Timber Lake	Watertown	Wilmot	Winner	Yankton

Item #2-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Daniel Hooey, Stanley County High School seconded by Randy Marso, Brandon Valley High School to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried 40-0.

Item #3-Designate a parliamentarian for the meeting

Motion by Steve Morford, Spearfish High School, seconded by Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, to designate Dr. John Krogstrand of the SDHSAA as parliamentarian.

The motion carried 40-0.

Item #4-Approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2019 Annual Meeting

It was moved by Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, seconded by Bob Sittig, Baltic High School, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 minutes of the SDHSAA Annual Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried 40-0.

Item #5- Financial Report:

Mr. Brad Reinke of Reinke-Gray Wealth Management presented an overview of the SDHSAA financial position to the membership.

It was moved by Ryan Mors, Yankton High School, seconded by Daniel Hooey, Stanley County High School, to approve the financial report as presented.

Motion carried 40-0.

Item #6- Accept Nominations from the floor for Board of Directors positions, beginning July 1, 2020

Chairman Ruesink announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **East River At-Large Representative**- to be filled by an Superintendent. This position is currently held by Moe Ruesink, Athletic Director at Sioux Valley High School. The East River At-Large representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a high school attendance center physically located East of the Missouri River in South Dakota. The position must be filled by a Superintendent. **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.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Bob Sittig, Baltic High School, who placed the name of Mr. Heath Larson, Chester Area School District, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Daniel Hooey, Stanley County High School, who placed the name of Mr. Jeff Kusters, Frederick School District, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Brian Moser, Pierre T.F. Riggs High School, who placed the name of Dr. Kelly Glodt, Pierre School District, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Dan Martin, Timber Lake High School, who placed the name of Tom Culver, Avon School District, in nomination.

Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Swartos declared nominations closed.

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Small School Group Board of Education Representative**- To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Board of Education member. This position is currently held by Mr. David Planteen, Board of Education member at Langford Area. The Small School Group Board of Education representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2018-19 ADM from 557.332 to 3.000. The Small School Group schools include Sturgis Brown with a 2018-19 ADM of 557.332 to Elk Mountain with an ADM of 3.000. **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 is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Joe Schwann, Groton Area High School, who placed the name of Mr. Marty Weismantel, Groton Area School District Board of Education, in nomination.

Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Swartos declared the nominations closed.

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Division 1 Representative-** To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Secondary Principal. This position is currently filled by Dr. Brian Maher, Superintendent at Sioux Falls Public Schools. This position shall be filled by a Secondary Principal or an Assistant/Vice Principal whose primary job function is not as an Athletic/Activities director from a SDHSAA member school with a 2018-19 ADM of 1,872.793 to 1,320.807. The Division 1 schools include Sioux Falls Roosevelt, with a 2018-19 ADM of 1,872.793 to Rapid City Stevens, with a 2018-19 ADM of 1,320.807, to include Sioux Falls New Technology High School. **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.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Nate Malchow, Sioux Falls Washington High School, who placed the name of Mr. Dan Conrad, Sioux Falls Washington High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, who placed the name of Mr. Michael Talley, Rapid City Central High School, in nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Chairman Maher declared the nominations closed.

It was moved by by Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, seconded by Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, to accept nominations and close the nomination process.

Motion carried 40-0.

Item #7- Introduction of one (1) proposed constitutional amendment as submitted by SDHSAA staff

Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos and Assistant Executive Directors Ms. Jo Auch and Dr. John Krogstrand spoke in favor of the proposed amendment as published in the 2020 Annual Meeting agenda and bulletin:

BYLAWS, PAGE 20 Ch. II Part II Section 3

SECTION 3. MANDATED TEAM PRACTICE. No member school shall participate in an athletic contest, in any sport, unless the team has had two full weeks of practice. This regulation does not apply to individuals. In the sports of fall golf and fall tennis member schools may commence interscholastic competition with one full week of practice. This regulation does not apply to individuals. NOTE: Two full weeks of practice is interpreted to mean ten practice days counting Monday through Saturday prior to the first contest. One full week of practice is interpreted to mean five practice days counting Monday through Friday prior to the first contest.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE BYLAWS, PAGE 20 Ch. II Part II Section 3: Change to read:

SECTION 3. MANDATED TEAM PRACTICE. No member school shall participate in an athletic contest, in any sport, unless the team has had ~~two full weeks of practice.~~ **five days of practice.** This regulation does not apply to individuals. ~~In the sports of fall golf and fall tennis member schools may commence interscholastic competition with one full week of practice. This regulation does not apply to individuals.~~
NOTE: ~~Two full weeks of practice is interpreted to mean ten practice days Monday through Friday/Saturday prior to the first contest. One full week of practice is interpreted to mean five practice days counting Monday through Friday prior to the first contest.~~

Rationale: This has been a request from our member schools for several years. The Association ends up giving out waivers every year due to weather and other circumstances and makes the time frame consistent across all sports (tennis and golf currently already use the 5 day rule). This does NOT replace or lessen any heat acclimatization rules and/or procedures that are currently in place for fall sports or adjust the first allowable contest dates- those would need advisory and board approval separate from what this amendment proposes.

It was moved by Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School , seconded by Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown, to send the proposed constitutional amendment to the membership for vote.

Motion carried 40-0.

Item #8- Explanation of voting procedures and time frame to be followed.

Dr. Swartos explained the following voting procedures:

- 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- May 1, 2020.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 30, 2020.
- 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- May 1, 2020.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 30, 2020.
- 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 members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and retiring administrators

Chairman Ruesink asked all past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and any retiring administrators to be recognized.

Item #10-Member Comments

Dr. Swartos asked if there were any comments from member schools in the crowd. Terry Rotert of Huron if a biography of the nominees would be included with the Board election ballots. Dr. Swartos thanked the membership for their work with students at the local level during the COVID-19 response.

Item #11- Any other business that the membership and/or Board of Directors might wish to consider

Dr. Swartos asked if there was any other business. Terry Nebelsick, Huron School District, asked to recognize outgoing SDHSAA Board members and made a motion to thank all SDHSAA Board Members for their service. That motion was seconded by Steve Moore, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School.

Motion carried 40-0. No additional business was discussed.

Item #12- Adjournment

It was moved by Daniel Hooey, Stanley County, seconded by Rick Weber, Flandreau, to adjourn.

Dr. Swartos declared the Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Swartos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director