



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD VIA ELECTRONIC TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19**

April 21, 2020

Following the Annual Meeting

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA Board of Directors held a regular meeting on April 21, 2020. The meeting was held via electronic teleconference (Zoom) due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The following members were present:

Moe Ruesink	Dr. Brian Maher	Dr. Jerry Rasmussen	Craig Cassens
Mark Murphy	Randy Soma	David Planteen	Dan Aaker

Board member Barry Mann was excused.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moe Ruesink at 12:01 P.M.

Item #1-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, seconded by David Planteen to approve the agenda as amended, with Item #12 (NFHS Summer Conference) and Item #16 (Executive Session) removed.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #2- Open Forum

Joey Struwe, Sioux Falls Lincoln Athletic Director, discussed the athletic administrators professional outreach program that will be held June 14-15 via Zoom. There were no other speakers at the open forum.

Item #3-Approve the cancellation of State Events for the remainder of 2019-20, plan for participant recognition for those who qualified for state events, approve participation fee changes for 2019-20, and approve payment of spring sport region medals.

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Dr. Brian Maher, to approve the following:

- Cancellation of all postponed winter state activities and all 2019-20 spring activities.
- Recognize state basketball teams with a plaque, medal, and state tournament basketball.
- Waive 2019-20 participation fees in Student Council, Boys Tennis, Class B Golf, Class A and AA Girls Golf, Track and Field, and Visual Arts.
- Authorize the SDHSAA to pay for all region medals and plaques for Spring Sports.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #4- Approve changes to the 2020 Summer Contact rules due to COVID-19

It was moved by Craig Cassens, seconded by Dan Aaker, to approve the following language changes to the 2020 Summer Contact rules:

1. The summer time period for contact, which normally begins the Sunday following State Track and goes through July 31st, will not begin until the current proclamation regarding COVID-19 by Governor Noem is allowed to expire. The proclamation currently extends through May 31st.
2. If necessary, the Board will look at further alterations of the summer contact policy at their June Board of Directors meeting.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #5- Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Athletics Handbook, proposed changes from the Sports Officials Advisory Council, and the Sports Medicine Advisory Council, as submitted by the various Advisory Committees/Councils.

Basketball

Motion by Dan Aaker, second by Randy Soma, to approve the following Basketball Proposals:

- #1- Move first allowable Girls Basketball practices to begin Monday, Week 21, with first allowable contest Friday, Week 22.
- #2- Move first allowable contest date for Boys basketball to Thursday, Week 23.
- Eliminate restriction on pre-wrap as a hair control device.
- Continue with SoDak 16 contests being played at a neutral site, and direct SDHSAA staff to select sites that are closer in proximity to the higher seeds for each contest.
- In AA vs A or B contests, mercy rule may be used by mutual agreement prior to the start of the contest.

Motion carried 8-0.

Cheer and Dance

Motion by Mark Murphy, second by David Planteen, to approve the following Cheer and Dance Proposals:

- Cheer and Dance #1- Changes to the Safety Scoresheet for Cheer and Dance
- Competitive Cheer #1- Male participation/co-ed category.
- Competitive Cheer #2- Ruberic Changes and Clarification
- Competitive Dance #1- One safety judge, with a recommendation for four performance judges during the regular season. State competition will have one safety judge and four performance judges.
- Competitive Dance #2- In the Class A State Competition, teams must compete in two of the four dance styles to be eligible for Grand Champion. Teams may compete in three categories during the regular season.

Motion carried 8-0.

Board member Barry Mann joined the meeting at 12:57 PM.

Football

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, second by Randy Soma, to approve the following football proposal:

- #1- First allowable practice date for 11 AAA/AA/A change to Monday of NFHS Week 6.

Motion Carried 5-3, with Planteen, Soma, Rasmussen, Maher, and Ruesink voting "Aye" and Murphy, Cassens, and Aaker voting "No". Mann abstained.

It was moved by Dan Aaker, seconded by Mark Murphy, to approve the following football proposal:

- #2- First allowable practice date for 11B and 9-Man football to Thursday of NFHS Week 5.

Motion carried 6-2, with Aaker, Maher, Planteen, Rasmussen, Soma, and Ruesink voting "Aye" and Cassens and Murphy voting "No". Mann abstained.

It was moved by Aaker, seconded by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following football proposal:

- #3- Change the current 10% rule language regarding cooperatives to a 20% rule.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, second by Mark Murphy, to defeat Football Proposal #4, concerning reclassification.

Motion carried 8-0.

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, second by Randy Soma, to authorize SDHSAA staff to reconvene the football advisory committee in order to develop a new football classification proposal with a mandate of five classifications. The motion was amended to include a deadline of the proposal to be presented on or before the June SDHSAA Board of Directors meeting.

Motion carried 7-1, with Planteen voting "No" and Mann abstaining.

It was moved by David Planteen, second by Mark Murphy, to implement the 35-point running clock in class 11AAA and 11AA.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Chairman Ruesink declared the Board in recess at 2:11 PM and out of recess at 2:26 PM.

Golf

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following Golf proposals:

- #1- Allow Class AA teams two coaches on-course coaching abilities.
- #2- Class AA day two championship pairings implement a “combination” system.

Motion carried 9-0.

Gymnastics

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by David Planteen, to approve the following Gymnastics proposals:

- #1- Top nine teams from each class will qualify for the state meet. The champion from each Region/State Qualifying meeting will advance to the State competition, with the next seven highest scores from each class advancing as wildcards, regardless of region, creating the nine team qualifiers in each class.
- #2- Remove the All-Around in-season qualifying standards. The All-Around division at the State meet will be those participants that qualified for state in each of the four events.

Motion carried 9-0.

Soccer

It was moved by David Planteen, second by Mark Murphy, to defeat the following proposal:

- #1- Change Soccer from a Fall to a Spring sport, with implementation in 2021-22.

Motion carried 9-0.

Tennis

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Dr. Brian Maher, to approve the following Tennis proposals:

- #1- During the regular season, the host school would have the option to play short sets.
- #2- Allow “between point” coaching, with the coach outside the fence on the same side of the court as their player(s).
- #3- Rotate when Class A and AA will play their state tournament on a two-year rotation.

Motion carried 9-0.

Track and Field/Cross Country

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Craig Cassens, to approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country Proposals:

- #1- All SDHSAA schools will be required to use Athletic.net for all result uploading, rosters, meet entries, result tracking, and meet information beginning with the 2020-21 school year.
- #2- Allow for a “finals only” event in Class A and B Track and Field Regions in the 100/110 Hurdles if fewer than 16 individuals are entered.

- #6- Change the order of the races at the Region and State Track and Field Meets based upon the rotation of the 4x800 M relay on an annual basis.

Motion carried 9-0.

It was moved by Dan Aaker, second by David Planteen, to approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country Proposal:

- #3- Class A and B will utilize a "Top 24" performance standard for qualification to the State Track and Field Meet.

Motion carried 7-1, with Cassens voting "No" and Mann abstaining.

It was moved by David Planteen, second by Craig Cassens to approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country Proposal:

- #4- Javelin will become a SDHSAA standard event in Track and Field, with Spring 2021 as a regular season only event, followed by a scored event in Class AA in the Spring of 2022. Only rubber-tipped (non-metallic) javelins are legal for SDHSAA competition.

Motion carried 7-1, with Soma voting "No" and Mann abstaining.

It was moved by David Planteen, second by Dr. Brian Maher, so approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country Proposal:

- #5- Allowing the 200M Dash to be "reversed" in direction if agreed upon by the Meet Manager and Meet Referee, if the facility permits, and if the wind direction would be in favor of the switch. This would not apply to the State Track and Field meet.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Craig Cassens, to approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country Proposal:

- #7- Beginning in the Spring of 2022, all three classes of the State Track and Field Meet will be held at a single site/venue over three days.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Volleyball

There were no Volleyball proposals.

Wrestling

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Mark Murphy, to approve the following Wrestling proposals:

- #1- Increase the minimum number of deals to be wrestled for eligibility for the State Dual Championships from 8 to 10.

- #2- Changing the selection of teams for the State Dual Championships.
- #3- Amend the State Wrestling Tournament schedule.
- #4- Require that a minimum of five wrestlers be seeded in each weight class at Regions.
- #5- Impose a December 1st annual deadline for schedules to be posted to the SDHSAA website for Dual competitions.
- #6- Require SDHSAA Dual events to utilize the Random Draw for starting weight class.
- #7- Implement a Girls Division at the State Wrestling Championships, beginning in 2020-21.

Motion carried 9-0.

In/Out of Season & AD Advisory Committee

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Dr. Brian Maher, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Implement a one-year classification cycle during the 2021-22 school year.

Motion carried 9-0.

Sports Officials Advisory Committee

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, seconded by Randy Soma, to approve the following proposals:

- #1- Cross Country officials will be required to complete an online rules meeting and exam during the Fall Sports testing/exam period on an annual basis.
- #2- Change the Officials Code of Ethics- Item #25.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #6- Consider Broadcast Bids

It was moved by David Planteen, seconded by Randy Soma, to accept the five-year Broadcast Bid from South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #7- Consider Medal Bids

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Dr. Brian Maher, to accept the three-year medal bid from A&M.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Item #8- Consider Merchandise RFP Document and Timeline

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, second by David Planteen, to approve the RFP Document and timeline as presented.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Item #9- Conduct a First Reading on State Event Sites for 2021-22 and 2022-23 State Basketball Tournaments and all events for the 2023-24 school year.

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Dan Aaker, to approve the recommendations as presented for a first reading. **SITES LOCATED IN APPENDIX A.**

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Item #10- Approval of the Minutes from the March 4, 2020 and March 27, 2020 meetings of the Board of Directors

It was moved by David Planteen, second by Randy Soma, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Item #11- Approval of the Finance Reports

SDHSAA Finance Director Isaac Jahn presented the following reports:

- Income statements and balance sheets for February and March of 2020
- Cash Flow Chart
- Financial reports for Region Wrestling, Girls Basketball, and Boys Basketball
- Income from satte events held in 2019-20

It was moved by David Planteen, second by Craig Cassens, to approve the finace reports as presented.

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Item #12 was scratched from the Agenda.

Item #13- Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- Approval of vouchers paid as follows:
 - February of 2020- \$165,396.51
 - March of 2020- \$213,930.64

Motion carried 8-0, with Mann abstaining.

Item #14- Reports

The Board heard the following reports:

- State Debate report from Brooks Bowman
- State B Girls Basketball report from Jo Auch
- Advisory reports for Sports Officials, Sports Medicine, Site Selection, Speech, and Music
- Board Goals update from Dr. Swartos

Item #15- Board Sharing

The Board was asked if they had any items to share or report on.

Chairman Moe Ruesink thanked the Board for their input and guidance.

Mark Murphy thanked the Board Members for their work and talked about Fall activity preparation.

Randy Soma thanked the membership for their input on issues.

Dr. Jerry Rasmussen and Dan Aaker echoed thanks to the Board and to the membership.

David Planteen thanked the crew in Spearfish who worked with us during State B Girls Basketball.

Item #16 was scratched from the Agenda.

Item #17- Adjournment

It was moved by Criag Cassens, seconded by Dr. Brian Maher to adjourn.

Chairman Moe Ruesink adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.

APPENDIX A

2019-20 Committee Members: Moe Ruesink- Sioux Valley (Chair), Randy Soma (Brookings), Casey Meile (Sioux Falls Public), Randy Marso (Brandon Valley), Barry Mann (Wakpala), Jared Vasquez (Rapid City Stevens), Terry Rotert (Huron), Gene Brownell (Aberdeen)

Basketball Sites (B Boys remain in Aberdeen)

Year	B Girls	A Girls	A Boys	AA Girls	AA Boys
2022	Watertown	Brookings (Frost)	Rapid City	Rapid City	Sioux Falls
2023	Huron	Sioux Falls Pentagon	Sioux Falls	Brookings (Frost)	Rapid City

2023-24 Sites

Activity	Site	Dates
Boys A Golf	Rapid City (Hart Ranch)	Oct. 2-3, 2023
Boys AA Golf	Brandon Valley	Oct. 2-3, 2023
Girls A Tennis	Sioux Falls	Oct. 2-3, 2023
Girls AA Tennis	Sioux Falls	Oct. 5-6, 2023
Soccer	Brandon Valley	Oct. 14, 2023
Journalism	Spearfish- BHSU	Oct. 16, 2023
Cheer & Dance	Rapid City	Oct. 20-21, 2023
Cross Country	Rapid City	Oct. 21, 2023
Chorus & Orchestra	Sioux Falls	Oct. 27-28, 2023
Football	Vermillion	Nov. 9-11, 2023
Combined Volleyball	Rapid City	Nov. 16-18, 2023
Oral Interp	Harrisburg	Dec. 1-2, 2023
One-Act Play	Brandon Valley	Feb. 1-3, 2024
Gymnastics	Rapid City	Feb. 9-10, 2024
Combined Wrestling	Rapid City	Feb. 22-24, 2024
Debate & IE	Watertown	Mar. 1-2, 2024
Girls B Basketball	Rapid City Ice Arena	Mar. 7-9, 2024
Boys B Basketball	Aberdeen	Mar. 14-16, 2024
Girls A Basketball	Brookings (Frost Arena)	Mar. 7-9, 2024
Boys A Basketball	Rapid City	Mar. 14-16, 2024
Girls AA Basketball	Sioux Falls Pentagon	Mar. 7-9, 2024
Boys AA Basketball	Sioux Falls	Mar. 14-16, 2024
Visual Arts	Sioux Falls	Mar. 14-16, 2024
All-State Band	TBD	Mar. 21-23, 2024
SDSCA Student Council	Rapid City	Mar. 24-26, 2024
All-State Jazz Band/S. Choir	Aberdeen- NSU	Apr. 25-27, 2024
Boys A Tennis	Rapid City	May 13-14, 2024
Boys AA Tennis	Rapid City	May 16-17, 2024
Track & Field	Sturgis/Spearfish/RC	May 24-25, 2024
Boys/Girls B Golf	Mitchell	June 5-6, 2024
Girls A Golf	Vermillion	June 5-6, 2024
Girls AA Golf	Pierre	June 5-6, 2024

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