



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

April 20, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA membership held its annual meeting on April 20, 2021 at the SDHSAA office in Pierre, with a Zoom option for membership attendance. The meeting was called to order by SDHSAA Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos at 11:03 a.m..

Representing the SDHSAA staff in the SDHSAA office were Dr. Dan Swartos, Dr. John Krogstrand, Ms. Jo Auch, Mr. Ryan Mikkelsen, 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 42 schools represented:

Aberdeen Central	Avon	Groton	Dakota Valley	Brookings	Faulkton
St. Thomas More	Crazy Horse	Madison	Tiospa Zina	Belle Fourche	Edgemont
Northwestern	Todd County	Mitchell	Watertown	Timber Lake	Lake Preston
Waverly/South Shore	Hanson	SF Christian	Mt. Vernon	RC Central	Lemmon
Wessington Springs	Chester Area	Spearfish	Little Wound	Harding Co.	Deubrook
Brandon Valley	Milbank	Roosevelt	RC Stevens	St. Francis	Huron
Pierre TF Riggs	Sturgis Brown	Howard	Mobridge-Pollock	Miller	Wakpala

Item #2-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Terry Rotert, Huron High School seconded by Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown High School to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried 42-0.

Item #3-Designate a parliamentarian for the meeting

Motion by Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, seconded by Terry Rotert, Huron High School, to designate Dr. John Krogstrand of the SDHSAA as parliamentarian.

The motion carried 42-0.

Item #4-Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Annual Meeting

It was moved by Randy Marso, Brandon Valley High School, seconded by Jim Bridge, Hanson High School, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 minutes of the SDHSAA Annual Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried 42-0.

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 Bill Clements, Dakota Valley High School, seconded by Steve Moore, Roosevelt High School, to approve the financial report as presented.

Motion carried 42-0.

Item #6- Accept Nominations from the floor for Board of Directors positions, beginning July 1, 2021

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **West River At-Large Representative**- to be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director. This position is currently Vacant. 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. The position must be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director. **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 **three-year** term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Dan Martin, Timber Lake High School, who placed the name of Mr. Kelly Messmer, Harding County High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, who placed the name of Mr. Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Mike Carlson, Tiospa Zina High School, who placed the name of Mr. James Bagwell, Crazy Horse High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Brian Moser, Pierre TF Riggs High School, who placed the name of Mr. Cooper Garnos, Lyman High School, in nomination.

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

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Division III Representative**- To be filled by a Superintendent. This position is currently held by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Superintendent of the Dakota Valley School District. The Division III representative may be a Superintendent from any SDHSAA member school with a 2020-21 ADM from 442.270 to 126.777. The Small School Group schools include Todd County with a 2020-21 ADM of 442.270 to Tiospa Zina with an ADM of 126.777. **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 **two-year** term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Dakota Valley School District, who placed the name of Mr. Derek Barrios, Elk Point-Jefferson School District, 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 4 Representative**- To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Athletic/Activity Director. This position is currently filled by Mr. Craig Cassens, Secondary Principal at Faulkton High School. This position shall be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director from a SDHSAA member school with a 2020-21 ADM of 121.422 to 3.000. The Division 4 schools include Parker, with a 2020-21 ADM of 121.422 to Elk Mountain, with a 2020-21 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. Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown High School, who placed the name of Mr. Kyle Courtney, Rapid City Christian High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Dan Martin, Timber Lake High School, who placed the name of Mr. Brent Mareska, Tiospaye Topa High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Nathan Bloom, Summit High School, who placed the name of Mr. Jon Meyer, Waverly/South Shore, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Terry Rotert, Huron High School, who placed the name of Mr. Jeff Kusters, Frederick Area High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Jason Klousek, Wessington Springs High School, who placed the name of Mr. Eric Denning, Mt. Vernon High School, in nomination.

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

It was moved by Tom Culver, Avon High School, seconded by Brian Moser, Pierre TF Riggs High School, to accept nominations and close the nomination process.

Motion carried 42-0.

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

Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos spoke in favor of the proposed amendment as published in the 2020 Annual Meeting agenda and bulletin:

Proposed Constitutional Change, Submitted by SDHSAA Staff Amend Article III, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution as Follows:

SECTION 2. BASIS FOR CLASSIFICATION BY ENROLLMENT. When member schools are classified according to enrollment for participation in the various athletic or fine arts activities sponsored by the Association, ~~Average Daily Membership (ADM) based on enrollment in grades 9-11, as documented by member schools on the SD SIMS NET Average Daily Membership Report form.~~ The ADM shall be the basis upon which schools are classified. ~~A copy of the enrollment data will be received from the Department of Education by the Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association on the first Friday in December of each reclassification/alignment year~~ **reflective of actual figures collected by the South Dakota Department of Education on the last Friday in September of each reclassification/alignment year will be utilized to establish classifications.** Reclassification and alignments for all sports and fine arts activities shall be done at the same time so that the two-year periods are concurrent for all activities.

Rationale: Due to changes within the South Dakota Department of Education's reporting mechanisms, the change was suggested to the SDHSAA Executive Staff as the Average Daily Membership (ADM) is becoming increasingly more difficult to determine and calculate within schools. Minimal changes and evaluations may be need to be made to the figures used for classification within sports to reflect the calculation date, but in general, the numbers already calculated in September are reflective of school rank and order as to the ADM calculation.

It was moved by Terry Rotert, Huron High School , seconded by Marty Weismantel, Groton Area High School, to send the proposed constitutional amendment to the membership for vote.

Motion carried 42-0.

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- April 30, 2021.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 31, 2021.
- In order to be elected to the SDHSAA Board of Directors, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast in the election. If none of the candidates received a majority an runoff election will be held between the top two vote recipients immediately following the May 31, 2021 deadline.
- 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 30, 2021.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 31, 2021.
- 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

Dr. Swartos 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. No comments were given.

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. No other business was raised.

Item #12- Adjournment

It was moved by Jared Vasquez, Rapid City Stevens High School, seconded by Brian Moser, Pierre TF Riggs, to adjourn.

Dr. Swartos declared the Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:31 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director