



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

March 3, 2021

10:30 AM CT

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on March 3, 2021, at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Craig Cassens

Randy Soma

Dr. Jerry Rasmussen

Mark Murphy

Tom Culver

Barry Mann

Marty Weismantel

Board Member Michael Talley participated via Zoom.

Staff members present included Dr. Dan Swartos, Jo Auch, Dr. John Krogstrand, Brooks Bowman, Aaron Magnuson, and Ryan Mikkelsen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig Cassens at 10:30 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

Motion by Marty Weismantel second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of Item #12.5, Spring Transfer Waivers.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #2- Public Forum

Chairman Cassens reviewed the SDHSAA Public Forum protocol. The following individuals spoke:

- Jeff Heisinger of McCook Central/Montrose spoke regarding Item #8- athletic alignments.

Item #3- Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held January 13, 2021 and Special Meeting held February 1, 2021.

Motion by Mark Murphy, second by Randy Soma, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #4- Approval of Finance Reports

SDHSAA Executive Director Dr. Dan Swartos and SDHSAA Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen reported on the income statements and balance sheets for January of 2021 and the cash flow report. Brad Reinke from Reinke-Gray presented information on SDHSAA investment accounts.

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.

Motion Carried 8-0.

Item #5- Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Vouchers for January 2021 in the amount of \$275,014.13.
- B. Consider Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Bridgewater-Emery, Ethan, Marion, and Freeman Academy in the sport of football, effective the 2021-22 school year.
- C. Consider request to join SDHSAA Membership in 2021 from Black Hills Christian Academy in Spearfish, South Dakota.
- D. Consider request to join SDHSAA Membership in 2021 from Jefferson High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- E. Consider Request by Sioux Falls Christian High School to sponsor Tennis, effective the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Randy Soma, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion carried 8-0.

Item #6- Reports

The board heard reports on the following:

- New Website update from Aaron Magnuson
- State One-Act Play from Brooks Bowman
- State Gymnastics from Jo Auch
- State Wrestling from Dr. John Krogstrand
- Basketball Advisory from Jo Auch
- Golf Advisory from Dr. Krogstrand
- In/Out of Season Advisory from Dr. Krogstrand and Jo Auch
- Gymastics Advisory from Jo Auch
- Wrestling Advisory from Dr. Krogstrand
- 2021 Board Goals update from Dr. Swartos
- There was no report from the SDHSAA Foundation Board or the SDSSA

Chairman Cassens directed the Board to move to Item #10 on the agenda

Item #10- Conduct Second Reading on Staff Submitted Constitutional Change

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, to accept the Staff Submitted Constitutional Change as a second reading and to place on a ballot for a vote of the membership.

Motion Carried 8-0.

Item #11- Conduct a Second Reading of Board of Directors Dates/Times for 2021-22

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Mark Murphy, to approve the 2021 Board of Directors Dates/Times for 2021-22.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #12- Consider Ticket Price Change for 2021 State A Boys Basketball

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Soma, to set the Ticket Prices for 2021 State A Boys Basketball at \$11 for adults/\$7 for students inclusive of the Public Facility Maintenance Fee.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #12.5- Extend COVID Transfer Waiver

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Barry Mann, to extend the COVID waiver for students in schools who are not participating due to local/tribal/federal COVID ordinances through Spring 2021.

Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Cassens declared the Board in recess at 11:40 AM and out of recess at 12:02 PM.

Item #13- Legislative Update

Dr. Swartos gave an update on the 2021 Legislative Session and spoke regarding SB 170, SB 177, SB 128, and HB 1217.

Chairman Cassens declared the Board in Recess at 11:57 AM and out of Recess at 12:20 PM.

Chairman Cassens directed the Board to return to Item #7 on the agenda.

Item #7- Consider Action on 2020-21 All State Chorus and Orchestra

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to proceed with Option #2 on All-State Chorus and Orchestra, hosting the event as scheduled with 90 minute rehearsals.

Motion failed on a 3-5 vote with Culver, Mann, and Talley voting Yes and Cassens, Rasmussen, Murphy, Weismantel, and Soma voting No.

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Randy Soma to proceed with Option #5, cancelling All-State Chorus and proceeding with All-State Orchestra with all performers wearing masks and bell covers on all wind instruments.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #8- Conduct First Reading to Adopt Region Alignments in all Athletic Activities effective the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Randy Soma, Second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the Region Alignments on a first reading as proposed.

Motion carried 8 -0.

Item #9- Conduct First Reading to adopt District/Region Alignments in all Fine Arts Activities effective the 2021-22 School Year

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Tom Culver, to approve the District/Region Alignments as a first reading as proposed.

Motion carries 8-0.

Chairman Cassens directed the Board to move to Item #14.

Item #14- Board Sharing

Chairman Cassens invited the Board to share news or other messages.

- Mike Talley thanked Dan for his legislative work and the staff for their hard work.
- Dr. Jerry Rasmussen expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board.
- Tom Culver noted appreciation for people who reach out regarding SDHSAA matters, and is appreciative for the opportunity to be involved.
- Randy Soma noted appreciation to the staff for their work and appreciation for the staff in Watertown and Rapid City for their work on State Gymnastics and Wrestling.
- Craig Cassens noted appreciation for the staff and Board of Directors.
- Mark Murphy thanked Dan for the legislative updates and thanked the staff for their work.
- Barry Mann thanked the staff and noted that the pandemic is not over. He urged everyone not to let up on efforts of mitigation.
- Marty Weismantel noted he attended a show choir competition in Sioux Falls and noted appreciation to the staff.

Item #15- Executive Session per 1-25-2.1

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2.1.

Motion carried 8-0.

Chairman Cassens declared the Board in Executive Session at 1:46 P.M. and out of Executive Session at 2:28 P.M.

Item #16- Adjourn

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Randy Soma to adjourn.

Chairman Cassens declared the meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director