



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

November 24, 2020

10:30 AM CT

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a special meeting on November 24, 2020, via teleconference with members present as follows:

Randy Soma	Michael Talley	Marty Weismantel
Tom Culver	Mark Murphy	Dr. Jerry Rassmussen

Board Members Barry Mann and Craig Cassens were excused.

Staff members present at the SDHSAA office included Dr. Dan Swartos, Jo Auch, and Dr. John Krogstrand.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairman Randy Soma at 10:30 A.M.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Mark Murphy, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #2- Public Forum

Vice-Chairman Soma called for the public forum per SDHSAA policy.

Public Forum speakers were as follows:

- Loren Paul of SDEA spoke in opposition to season changes due to potential contractual issues with coaches.
- Brian Moser of Pierre TF Riggs, Tracy Collins of Bison, Ryan Mors of Yankton, Rick Weber of Flandreau, Adam Nowowiejski of Belle Fourche, and Rod Weber of Woonsocket spoke in opposition to season changes.
- Jared Vasquez of Rapid City Stevens spoke regarding Item #4 and asked the board for consistency and a level playing field for schools who are currently in a distance learning model.
- Jordan Bauer of Rapid City Central urged staff and Board to consider alternatives for end of season tournaments in the event that they need to be pushed back.
- Hank Taken Alive of McLaughlin spoke regarding Item #3 in favor of supporting athletes at schools who have not been able to participate this year.

Item #3- Consider Request from Crazy Horse, Little Wound, and Pine Ridge High Schools

Crazy Horse Superintendent Silas Blaine, Little Wound Superintendent Charles Cuny Jr., and Pine Ridge Superintendent Michael Carlow addressed the board regarding the current situation in their schools and

other Native American schools across the state. They urged the board to consider allowing for a spring season/league and to consider a fifth year of eligibility.

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Tom Culver, authorize SDHSAA staff to work with impacted schools on allowing leagues for Fall and Winter sports to occur in the spring. *Motion carried 6-0.*

Item #4- Discussion on Competition Start Dates for Winter Activities

The Board had a lengthy discussion on competition start dates for winter activities.

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Mark Murphy, to strongly recommend mask use for anyone not actively participating in contests for the duration of the winter activities season and for schools to develop a model to limit attendance at contests based on facility size for each contest.

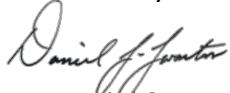
Motion carried 6-0.

*No changes to season start or end dates were made.

Item #6- Adjourn

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Mark Murphy to Adjourn.
Vice-Chairman Soma declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director