



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

November 4th, 2020

10:30 AM

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on June 11, 2020, at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Craig Cassens	Randy Soma	Dr. Jerry Rasmussen	Marty Wesimantel
Michael Talley	Barry Mann	Mark Murphy	Tom Culver

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

SDHSAA Executive Director Dr. Dan Swartos joined the meeting Via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig Cassens at 10:33 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #2- Public Forum

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

- Bill Clements of Dakota Valley spoke in opposition to the football proposal.
- Chad Conaway of Lennox spoke in opposition to the football proposal.
- Michael Ricke of Madison spoke in opposition to the football proposal.
- Randy Marso of Brandon Valley spoke in opposition to the football proposal.
- Todd Palmer of Sturgis spoke in opposition to the football proposal.
- Brian Moser of Pierre spoke in opposition to the football proposal.
- Adam Nowowiejski of Belle Fourche spoke in opposition to the football proposal and asked for more transparency in the process.
- Jordan Bauer of Rapid City Central spoke to the football proposal and asked for more transparency in the process.
- Robert Spiers of Spearfish spoke regarding State Debate and offered Spearfish High School as a host site for Class A schools for the State Debate Tournament.

Item #3- Approval of the minutes from the Strategic Planning meeting held August 12, Regular Meeting held August 13, and special meetings held August 24, 2020 and October 16, 2020.

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, 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 August and September of 2020 and the cash flow report. Brad Reinke from Reinke-Gray presented information on SDHSAA investment accounts.

Motion by Randy Soma, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.

Motion Carried 8-0.

Item #5- Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

1. Vouchers for August of 2020 in the amount of \$381,171.08 and September of 2020 in the amount of \$139,729.11.
2. Approval of Request from Rapid City Public Schools for basketball tryouts

Motion by Mark Murphy, second by Tom Culver, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #6- Reports

The board heard reports on the following:

- State Golf, Soccer, and Cross Country from Dr. John Krogstrand
- State Tennis and Cheer and Dance from Jo Auch
- Journalism Convention, All-State Chorus and Orchestra Auditions, and Oral Interp from Brooks Bowman.
- Native American Advisory Council from Dr. Dan Swartos
- NFHS Section V Meeting from Dr. Dan Swartos- Dr. Swartos has been nominated to a seat on the NFHS Board of Directors and will take that seat in July of 2021.
- Tennis Advisory from Jo Auch
- Cheer and Dance Advisory from Jo Auch
- Track/Cross Country Advisory from Dr. John Krogstrand
- There was no report from the SDHSAA Foundation Board or the SDSSA

Item #7- Consider Winter Sports and Fine Arts Rules Modifications, General Guidance, Monitoring Sheet, and Return to Play Form

Motion by Marty Wesimantel, second by Barry Mann, to approve the Task Force recommendations.

*Motion carried 8-0.*Winter activities COVID Information can be found on the SDHSAA website.*

Chairman Cassens called the Board to recess at 12:50 PM and out of recess at 1:12 PM.

Item #8- Receive Report from Football Classifications Subcommittee

The Board held much discussion regarding the report from the subcommittee.

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel to use the top 9 schools listed in the proposal for Class 11AAA (RC Central, RC Stevens, SF Roosevelt, SF Lincoln, SF Washington, SF Jefferson, O’Gorman, Brandon Valley, and Harrisburg), add Aberdeen Central, Watertown, and Tea Area to the existing Class 11AA, the next 14 schools as Class 11A, the remaining 11-man schools as Class 11B, and continue with three classes of 9-man football as a first reading pertaining to the 2021 classification cycle.

Motion carried 7-1, with Cassens, Mann, Soma, Rasmussen, Culver, Murphy, and Weismantel voting “Aye” and Talley voting “No”.

Item #9- Consider Changes to Volleyball SoDak 16

Motion by Mark Murphy, second by Marty Weismantel, to host volleyball SoDak 16 contests at the higher seed, with the SDHSAA mediating in the event fans cannot travel to the higher seed due to restrictions or if the venue is not available or large enough to host the event.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #10- Consider Change to Ticket Prices for 2020 State Volleyball

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve changing state volleyball prices from \$15 adult/\$10 student per session to \$10 adult/\$6 student per session, with a \$1 facility fee being added to AA volleyball at the Swiftel Center in Brookings, and to not sell all-tournament passes.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #11- Consideration of ADM Language for the 2020-21 ADM County

Motion by Randy Soma, second by Mark Murphy, to take the ADM count in December as normal for a one year classification cycle in 2021-22, and to use the 2018 ADM count in all schools where a December 2020 ADM count is unavailable.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #12- Consider an Adjustment to the FY21 Budget

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve a \$14,700 expense increase to line item 6451 and a \$14,700 revenue decrease to line item 4523 due to changes in Regional Oral Interp events.

Motion carried 8 -0.

Item #13- Board Sharing

Chairman Cassens asked the Board for any items they would like to share:

- Barry Mann thanked the staff for their work along with school, community, and tribal leaders for the same.
- Randy Soma thanked state tournament hosts for their hard work.
- Michael Talley updated the Board on the status of Rapid City Public Schools moving to Level 3.
- Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Tom Culver, Mark Murphy, and Marty Weismantel thanked the SDHSAA staff for their work.
- Chairman Cassens echoed all of the thanks shared by other board members.

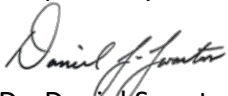
Item #14-Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1

Chairman Cassens recommended moving the Executive Session to the January Board meeting. No Executive Session was held.

Item #15- Adjournment

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Barry Mann to adjourn.
Chairman Cassens declared the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director