



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

April 12, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA membership held its annual meeting on April 12, 2023 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 11:00 A.M..

Representing the SDHSAA staff in the SDHSAA office were Dr. Dan Swartos, Mr. Randy Soma, 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 13 schools represented:

Aberdeen Central	Avon	Brandon Valley	Groton Area	Hamlin
Harding County	Mt. Vernon	Pierre TF Riggs	RC Central	Spearfish
St. Francis	Wakpala	Watertown		

**Item #2-Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Kelly Messmer, Harding County High School seconded by Marty Weismantel, Groton High School to approve the agenda as presented.

*The motion carried 13-0.*

**Item #3-Designate a parliamentarian for the meeting**

Dr. Swartos designated Randy Soma of SDHSAA as the meeting parliamentarian.

**Item #4-Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Annual Meeting**

It was moved by Mark Murphy, Aberdeen Central High School, seconded by Tom Culver, Avon High School, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 minutes of the SDHSAA Annual Meeting as presented.

*Motion Carried 13-0.*

#### **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 Marty Weismantel, Groton Area High School, seconded by Eric Denning, Mt. Vernon High School, to approve the financial report as presented.

*Motion carried 13-0.*

#### **Item #6- Accept Nominations from the floor for Board of Directors positions, beginning July 1, 2023**

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Large School Board of Education Representative**- to be filled by a Board of Education Member. This position is currently held Mark Murphy of Aberdeen Central High School. The Large School Board of Education representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2021-22 enrollment count of 1517 (RC Central) to 625 (O’Gorman). The position must be filled by a Board of Education Member. **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. Brian Moser, Pierre TF Riggs High School, who placed the name of Randy Hartmann, Pierre School District, 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 Secondary Principal. This position is currently held by Dani Walking Eagle of St. Francis High School. The Division III Representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2021-22 enrollment count of 443 (Tea Area) to 125 (Redfield). The position must be filled by a Secondary Principal. **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. Kelly Messmer, Harding County High School, who placed the name of Drew Bunkers, Dell Rapids High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Eric Denning, Mount Vernon High School, who placed the name of Adam Shaw, Madison High School, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Mr. Jim Hulscher, Hamlin School District, who placed the name of Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin High School, in nomination.

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

**Sample ballots are found in Appendix A**

#### **Item #7- Introduction of three (3) proposed constitutional amendment as submitted by SDHSAA staff**

Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos spoke in favor of all three proposed amendments as published in the 2023 Annual Meeting agenda and bulletin.

It was moved by Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, seconded by Dani Walking Eagle, St. Francis High School, to send constitutional amendment #1 to the membership for vote.

*Motion carried 13-0*

Upon discussion, Dr. Swartos elected to pull the proposed amendment to the amateur rule/NIL for further research and feedback from the membership.

It was moved by Kelly Messmer, Harding County High School, seconded by Mike Talley, Rapid City Central High School, to send proposed constitutional amendments #3 to the membership for vote.

*Motion carried 13-0.*

**Sample ballots can be found in Appendix A**

**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 e-mailed to the Superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual meeting- April 22, 2023.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 31, 2023.
- The ballots pertaining to the proposed constitutional amendment will be e-mailed to the Superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual Meeting- April 22, 2023.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 31, 2023.
- 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. Brian Moser of Pierre TF Riggs High School spoke about the need for action on coach, fan, and athlete conduct. The concept of an ethics/sportsmanship advisory or council will be explored.

**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**

There being no further business, Dr. Swartos declared the Annual Meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M..  
Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Swartos, Ed.D.  
SDHSAA Executive Director



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
2023 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
Large School Board of Education Member  
TERM: JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2028**

**Large School Board of Education Member-** To be filled by a Board of Education member.

This position is currently held by Mark Murphy of Aberdeen Public Schools. The Large School Board of Education Member representative may be a Board of Education member from any SDHSAA member school with a 2021-22 ADM from 1517 to 625. The Large School Group schools include Rapid City Central with a 2021-22 ADM of 1517 to Huron with a 2021-22 ADM of 625. 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. Member schools in the Large School Group include: Rapid City Central, Sioux Falls Washington, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Jefferson, Rapid City Stevens, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Harrisburg, Brandon Valley, Aberdeen Central, Watertown, Brookings, Mitchell, Yankton, Sturgis Brown, Pierre T.F. Riggs, Douglas, and Huron. Rapid City and Watertown are ineligible due to already having representation on the Board.

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2023**.

**Randy Hartmann, Pierre School District**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Member School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

**Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.**



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
2023 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
DIVISION III REPRESENTATIVE- SECONDARY PRINCIPAL  
TERM: JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2028**

**Division III Representative-** To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Secondary Principal.

This position is currently held by Dani Walking Eagle of St. Francis High School. The Division III representative may be a secondary principal from any SDHSAA member school with a 2021-22 ADM from 443 to 125. The Division III schools include Tea Area with a 2021-22 ADM of 543 to Redfield with a 2021-22 ADM of 125. This position must be filled by a secondary Principal. **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 in the Division III Representative slot. Member schools in the Division III Representative group include: Tea Area, Todd County, Lakota Tech, Belle Fourche, Dakota Valley, West Central, Vermillion, Sioux Falls Christian, Lennox, Madison, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, Little Wound, Milbank, Sisseton, Canton, Custer, Dell Rapids, Chamberlain, Tri-Valley, Pine Ridge, Beresford, Hot Springs, Hamlin, Lead-Deadwood, Flandreau, Rapid City Christian, Elk Point-Jefferson, Mobridge-Pollock, Wagner, Sioux Valley, St. Francis, Winner, Red Cloud, St. Thomas More, McLaughlin, Groton, Baltic, Deuel, and Redfield. Groton is ineligible as they already have representation on the Board.

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2023.**

- Drew Bunkers, Dell Rapids High School**
- Adam Shaw, Madison High School**
- Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin High School**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Member School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

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## **Division III Principal- Candidate Biographies**

### **Drew Bunkers- Dell Rapids High School**

I'm a high school graduate of Lake Benton High School (Minnesota) and received my undergraduate degree from St. Cloud State University (Marketing). I have also received graduate degrees from South Dakota State (Health, Physical Education, and Recreation as well as Education Administration) and the University of Minnesota (Business and Marketing Education). Married to my beautiful wife Melissa and we are blessed with three amazing daughters (Kollyns, Reese, and Brynlee)

Twelve years in education with six of those being spent in the classroom teaching Business Education in Tracy, MN and at Harrisburg High School, and the other six as the high school principal for Dell Rapids Public. Served as the Assistant Activities Director in Dell Rapids for three years, and also have five years of varsity football coaching experience. I have previously been a registered official for both football and basketball. In addition to my career in education, I spent five years in the business world working in marketing and sales for the Kimberly-Clark Corporation and Daktronics.

### **Adam Shaw- Madison Central High School**

Thank you for taking the time to read through this quick bio. My name is Adam Shaw, and I am currently the high school principal for the Madison Central School District. I live in Madison with my wife Kate, and we have three wonderful children Brandon (22), McKenna (18), and Daveney (16). This year will conclude my 22nd year in public education. I was born and raised in Rochester, NY and graduated from high school in 1995. During the fall of 1995 I arrived in Madison, South Dakota to obtain a degree from Dakota State University and play football for the Trojans. At the conclusion of my collegiate career in 2000, I was hired by the Flandreau School District to teach Middle School Science. While teaching in Flandreau I coached football, wrestling, track, and summer boys' softball.

In 2004 I enrolled at the University of Sioux Falls and completed two master's degrees in school administration and technology integration. In 2006 I began my administrative career for the Marion School District. My role at Marion was high school principal from 2006-2010 and superintendent from 2010-2013. In 2013 I was hired to be the high school principal in Madison. During my time in Madison, I have had the opportunity to work with the SDHSAA through state events and also serving on the financial board of directors representing the SDASSP for the last five years.

Having children who have participated in athletics, and knowing the importance of the SDHSAA is what drives me to take on the challenge of serving on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. This would provide me with the chance to work on behalf of school districts and the SDHSAA to enhance the opportunities for the current and future students in our amazing state. I would appreciate your vote of support.

### **Jeff Sheehan- Hamlin High School**

Hello, my name is Jeff Sheehan. I graduated from Watertown High School where I was a 4-sport athlete. I received my Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Master's in Educational Leadership from North Dakota State University and my Specialist from University of Sioux Falls. I have been in education for 23 years, 8 as a classroom teacher and 15 years as a principal. I have also served as Athletic Director for 9 years at 3 different schools throughout those years. I have been a coach all 23 years of my career, coaching several sports at various levels, including volunteer coaching Special Olympic athletes.

I am currently finishing my 14<sup>th</sup> year as the middle/high school principal at Hamlin Education Center and am also the head football coach and assistant athletic director. I have always been passionate about sports and believe there are many life lessons to be learned from participation in athletics. They are an extension of the classroom and can be character building. I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the board, being from Hamlin with our distinctive population and circumstances and I would appreciate the opportunity to represent fellow coaches, athletes and educators as a member of the board of directors.



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

**2023 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT**

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2023**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Yes

No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Member School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (School Board President)

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**BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2023**

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Amend Article IX, Section 1 of the SDHSAA Constitution as such:

**SECTION 1. RECRUITMENT PROHIBITED:** No school may become or continue to be a member school if it gives or awards scholarships, free tuition, free bus transportation, free school lunch, or any other inducements, directly or indirectly, to persuade a student to attend its school. **In this context, “other inducements” are defined as any special arrangement by either school personnel or non-school individuals to provide a student or student’s family a benefit or benefits not offered to other students and/or not expressly authorized by SDHSAA rules and regulations. This could include, but is not limited to, jobs or housing for parents, residential relocation offers, promotional efforts in excess of efforts for all other students, promises of playing time, financial aid to parents or students, or any other benefit not authorized by SDHSAA guidelines.**

Nor shall any other undue influence be exerted by either school personnel or non-school individuals whereby an attempt is made to persuade or inspire a prospective student to attend a particular school for athletic purposes. **Examples of “other undue influence” include but are not limited to calling, texting, or e-mailing student athletes or sending letters, cards, or questionnaires to student athletes in an effort to persuade that student to attend or transfer to a school, inviting prospective student athletes to summer camps or open gyms, or contact of any kind of a nature that is designed to persuade the student to attend or transfer to a specific school because of athletics.** Confirmation of any such undue influence shall cause the student to be rendered ineligible pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article VII, Section 3, Subsection (g) of the Constitution. **Schools and coaches are subject to penalties per Article IX, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution, including but not limited to suspension of the school and/or program from regular season and post-season activities, suspension of the coach from all coaching duties, or the banning of parents/alumni/supporters from attendance at sanctioned activities.**

**Rationale:** The current language lacks definition or examples of the terms “other inducements” and “other undue influence”. The language offers definitions and examples of both terms to add clarity. In addition, current language only spells out penalties to the student. The added language clarifies that Article IX, Section 2 allows the Board of Directors to take action against the school, school personnel, and non-school personnel with confirmation of recruitment.



***SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION***

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**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

Yes

No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Member School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

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**BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2023**

# SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 9 of the SDHSAA By-Laws as such:

**SECTION 9. STUDENT/COACH EJECTION FROM A CONTEST.** Any student or coach ejected from an interscholastic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

In the sport of football only, any player ejected/disqualified for specifically violating the provisions of “Illegal Personal Contact” as outlined in NFHS Rule 9-4-3, subsections (a) through (i) and (k) through (o):

- a) Shall be disqualified only for the remainder of the current game if the foul occurs in the first half of a game; or
- b) Shall be disqualified from the remainder of the current game, as well as the first half of the next varsity contest, if the foul occurs in the second half of a game.

**Adopted 6-6-19.**

A second ejection that occurs during the same sports season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for the next four regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

A third ejection that occurs during that same sport season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that specific sport season at all levels of competition. **Adopted 5-27-14.**

If penalties are imposed at the end of a sports season and no contests remain, the penalty is carried over to the next school year to be served in that particular sport. If the ejected individual is in his or her senior year, the penalty shall instead carry over to their next ~~season of competition~~ **scheduled varsity contest in any sport where the student has previously established team membership and is an active member of the team** (the student may not join a sport at the end of a season in order to serve the suspension before the next season begins, they must have previously established team membership for the game suspension to count. The student may also not join a team and then not participate, solely for the purpose of serving the suspension. Example- student is ejected the last contest of basketball season, joins track to serve the game suspension but is not an active member of the team- does not practice or compete).

**Rationale:** There is ambiguity in the phrase “next season of competition” in the case of senior athletes who are in two sports during the same season and who receive an ejection in the final contest of one of those sports, with contests remaining in the other sport (example- student is involved in both volleyball and soccer and is ejected during their final soccer match while volleyball contests remain). The game suspension should be served during the next scheduled varsity contest, be it the next sport season or in a different sport in the same sports season. We also stipulate that a student cannot join a different sport in the same season for the purpose of serving the suspension prior the next sport season starting. The student must have already established team membership in that sport at the time of the ejection for the game suspension served to be considered valid.