



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

**June 15, 2023**

**8:30 AM CT**

**Pierre, South Dakota**

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on June 15, 2023 at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Mark Murphy            Kelly Messmer            Dani Walking Eagle    Eric Denning  
Dr. Jeff Danielsen    Marty Weismantel    Tom Culver

Board members Michael Talley and Barry Mann were not present (excused).

Staff members present included Dr. Dan Swartos, Jo Auch, Randy Soma, Brooks Bowman, and Ryan Mikkelsen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Murphy at 8:30 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Item #1-Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Tom Culver, to approve the agenda as amended, adding items 7K- Rapid City Public Schools tryout request and 23.5- July SDHSAA Board Meeting change.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #2- Executive Session**

Motion by Dani Walking Eagle, second by Kelly Messmer, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.5. *Motion carried 7-0*

Chairman Murphy declared the Board in Executive Session at 8:32AM and out of Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

**Item #3- Consider Contract with Teall Properties Group for corporate sponsorship management**

No action was taken. The Board will consider this at a later meeting, with information about the service and contract provided to schools prior to the meeting.

**Item #4- Public Forum**

Chairman Murphy reviewed the SDHSAA Public Forum protocol. No speakers were present.

**Item #3- Approval of the minutes from meeting held April 12-13, 2023.**

Motion by Kelly Messmer, second by Tom Culver, to approve the minutes as presented.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

### **Item #6- Approval of Finance Reports**

SDHSAA Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen reported on the income statements and balance sheets for April and May of 2023 and the cash flow report. Brad Reinke presented the report from Reinke Gray.

Motion by Jeff Danielsen, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.  
*Motion Carried 7-0.*

### **Item #7- Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Vouchers for April and May of 2023.
- B. Approval of NFHS Rulebook publications with published exceptions.
- C. Out of state travel requests for 23-24
- D. Appoint Dr. Swartos as Treasurer for FY24 and set a surety bond for \$2,000,000.
- E. Approve Barry Mann, Jared Vasquez, Bob Cornely, Frank Cutler, Tammy Neale, Darby Steele, Tammy Griffith, Tim Steffensen, Jeff Deslauries, and Mark Murphy as the 23-24 Distinguished Service Award recipients
- F. Request from Sioux Valley to sponsor softball in 23-24
- G. Co-op dissolution of Gregory and Burke in Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance
- H. Request from Sturgis Brown on early football and volleyball practices due to the Sturgis Rally
- I. Request from Herried to sponsor wrestling in 23-24
- J. Request from Groton to sponsor boys soccer in 23-24
- K. Request from Rapid City Schools for early tryouts due to OCR compliance

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Dani Walking Eagle, to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
*Motion carried 7-0.*

### **Item #8- Reports**

The board heard reports on the following:

- All-State Jazz Band/Show Choir, State Tennis, State Softball, and State Track and Field from SDHSAA staff.
- SDHSAA Finance Committee update from Dr. Swartos
- SDHSAA Classification and Calendar Committee updates from Dr. Swartos
- SDIAAA/SDHSCA Report from Jordan Bauer
- SDHSAA Board Goals Report from Dr. Swartos

### **Item #9- First reading of the FY24 SDHSAA Budget**

Dr. Swartos reviewed the FY24 SDHSAA Financial Budget

Motion by Kelly Messmer, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve a first reading of the FY24 SDHSAA Financial Budget.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #10- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Changes to SDHSAA Athletics Handbook**

Motion by Dani Walking Eagle, second by Tom Culver, to approve all presented items as a second reading for implementation.

*Motion carried 7-0. **Approved changes can be found in Appendix A of the minutes.***

**Item #11- Consider changes to the 2024 State Wrestling Tournaments**

Randy Soma presented the changes recommended by the SDHSAA Wrestling Advisory:

1. Move the SDHSAA State Dual Tournament to the Saturday of NFHS Week 32 (February 10, 2024), with matches not counted towards individual tournament seeding and not counted towards the descent plan.
2. To hold the SDHSAA State Dual Tournament at separate sites for Class A and Class B, with weigh-ins at 8:30 AM, first round at 11:00AM, and finals at 2:00 PM
3. To change the boys and girls individual tournament schedule as follows
  - a. Thursday Session 1:
    - i. 8:00 AM Weigh-Ins
    - ii. 10:00 AM First Round Matches
  - b. Thursday Session 2
    - i. 4:00 PM Quarterfinal Matches
  - c. Friday Session 1
    - i. 6:30 AM Weigh-Ins
    - ii. 9:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Consolation Matches
  - d. Friday Session 2
    - i. 3:00 PM Semifinals and 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Consolation Matches
    - ii. To Follow- 4<sup>th</sup> Round Consolation Matches
  - e. Saturday
    - i. 8:00 AM Weigh-Ins
    - ii. 10:00 AM 3/5/7 Place Matches
    - iii. 1:00 PM Championship Matches

Motion by Kelly Messmer, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve all recommendations.

*Motion carried 6-1, with Danielsen dissenting.*

**Item #12- Conduct First Reading of Proposed Changes to SDHSAA Fine Arts Handbook**

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve all proposals as a first reading.

*Motion carried 7-0. **Proposals can be found on Item 12 of the June 15, 2023 Agenda***

**Item #13- Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on Site Selection Recommendations**

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, to approve the recommendations for 26-27 sites, 25 and 26 One Act Play, 26 Girls A Basketball, 24 Girls AA Basketball, and 2024 Softball.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #14- Consider Medal Bids**

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Dani Walking Eagle, to accept the 2023-2026 medal bid from Trophies Plus of Breda, Iowa.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #15- Consider Merchandise Bids**

Motion by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, second by Tom Culver, to accept the 2023-2026 Merchandise Bid from Park Bench Apparel of Rapid City, SD.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #16- Corporate Partner Extensions**

Motion by Kelly Messmer, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve contract extensions for Farmer's Union Insurance, Dacotah Bank, and Sanford Health as corporate partners.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #17- Review/Approve SDHSAA Board Election and Constitutional Amendments**

Election Results were as follows:

- Large School Board of Education
  - Randy Hartmann, Pierre- 127 Yes, 0 No
- Division III Representative (Principal)
  - Adam Shaw, Madison- 64
  - Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin- 42
  - Drew Bunkers, Dell Rapids- 27
- Amendment #1
  - Yes- 139, No- 3
- Amendment #2
  - Yes- 140, No- 3

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Kelly Messmer, to recognize the election of Randy Hartmann as Large School BOE Representative, ratify Constitutional Amendments 1 and 2, and set a runoff election between Adam Shaw and Jeff Sheehan for the Division III representative.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #18- Receive nominations for Division I Principal, to finish the term of Michael Talley**

Jim Altenburg of Harrisburg nominated Ryan Rollinger of Harrisburg

Jocelyn Hafner of Rapid City Stevens nominated Krista Inman of Rapid City Stevens

Casey Meile of Sioux Falls Public Schools nominated Dan Conrad of Sioux Falls Jefferson

All three will appear on a Division I ballot to be sent to member schools.

**Item #19- Resignation of Barry Mann from SDHSAA Board due to Retirement**

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the resignation of Barry Mann from the SDHSAA Board due to retirement, to thank Barry for his service to the SDHSAA, and to appoint Dani Walking Eagle to finish Barry's final year.

*Motion carried 6-0, with Dani Walking Eagle abstaining.*

**Item #20- Second Reading – Policy on Adding SDHSAA Sports and Activities**

Motion by Kelly Messmer, second by Dani Walking Eagle, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and implement the policy on Adding SDHSAA Sports and Activities.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #21- Consider Contract Renewal of A&M for SDHSAA Trophies**

Motion by Dani Walking Eagle, second by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, to approve contract renewal of A&M of Princeton, IL for SDHSAA Trophies.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #22- Consider agreement with Bound on Digital Ticketing**

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

**Item #23- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023-24**

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Tom Culver, to cast a unanimous ballot for Kelly Messmer as SDHSAA Board President for 2023-24 and that nominations shall cease.

*Motion carried 6-0, with Messmer abstaining.*

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Kelly Messmer, to cast a unanimous ballot for Marty Weismantel as SDHSAA Board Vice-President for 2023-24 and that nominations shall cease.

*Motion carried 6-0, with Weismantel abstaining.*

**Item #23.5- Change of Dates for July 2023 Board Meeting**

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Dani Walking Eagle, to change the July SDHSAA Board of Directors meeting to July 24<sup>th</sup> for Strategic Planning and July 25<sup>th</sup> for the regular meeting.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #24- Resolutions**

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Kelly Messmer, to approve resolutions honoring Mark Murphy and Barry Mann for their service to the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

**Item #25- Board Sharing**

Marty Weismantel thanked the staff for their work and congratulated Jo Auch on a great first state softball tournament.

Dr. Jeff Danielsen noted his appreciation for the first softball tournament, thanked host sites for their work during the year and noted all the unseen work that is accomplished. He noted that he appreciates the people who have gotten involved.

Tom Culver thanked the Board members and the staff for their work.

Kelly Messmer echoed much of what had already been said, thanked Randy Jo and Brooks for their work on state track, state softball, and All-State Jazz Band and Show Choir. He thanked Mark Murphy and Barry Mann for their time on the Board.

Dani Walking Eagle is happy to continue on the Board for another year and is appreciative of the commitment of the Board of Directors to the kids of South Dakota.

Eric Denning noted his appreciation for his time so far on the Board and thanked Mark and Barry for their service.

Mark Murphy thanked the staff and Board. He thanked the staff for their class and professionalism and thanked the Member Schools for their trust and their work.

**Item #26- Executive Session SDCL 1-25-1**

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-1.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

President Murphy declared the Board in Executive Session at 12:10 PM and out at 12:24 PM.

**Item #27- Staff Contracts**

Motion by Kelly Messmer, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve staff contracts for 2023-24 as negotiated (7% increase), with a FY23 year-end bonus of \$2,500 for executive staff and \$1,500 for administrative staff. Staff contracts for 2023-24 are as follows: Executive Director Dan Swartos- \$190,685.27, Assistant Executive Director Jo Auch- \$125,088.97, Assistant Executive Director Randy Soma- \$112,285.80, Assistant Executive Director Brooks Bowman- \$108,406.24, Technology Director Aaron Magnuson- \$95,455.67, Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen- \$70,165.20, Administrative Assistants Cindy Bresee and Marsha Karst- \$24.17/hour, Administrative Assistant Nicki Axtell- \$23.27/hour.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

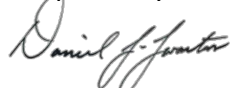
**Item #28- Adjourn**

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Tom Culver, to adjourn.

*Motion carried 7-0.*

President Murphy declared the meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos  
SDHSAA Executive Director