



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SDHSAA Office Pierre, South Dakota

April 17-18, 2024 Following the Annual Meeting Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA Board of Directors held a regular meeting on April 17-18, 2024. The meeting was held on April 17th, 2024 at the SDHSAA office with Board and Membership participation allowed via Zoom and completed in person and via Zoom on April 18th, 2024. The following members were present:

Kelly Messmer	Marty Weismantel	Dr. Jeff Danielsen	Eric Denning
Ryan Rollinger	Adam Shaw	Trent Osborne	Dani Walking Eagle
Randy Hartmann			

Board member Dani Walking Eagle was excused for the entirety of the meeting on April 18th.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Messmer at 12:03 P.M.

Item #1-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Randy Hartmann, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of items 14E and 14F regarding the dissolution of the Marion/Freeman/Freeman Academy/Menno wrestling cooperative and reforming of the Marion/Freeman/Freeman Academy wrestling cooperative.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #2- Open Forum

President Messmer explained the Open Forum procedure and asked for speakers.

Dan Wyatt of Madison, SD spoke to the Board regarding concerns from the American Legion and the sanctioning of baseball.

Following that discussion, President Messmer directed the Board to move to Item #8.

Item #8- Acknowledge receipt of letters from member schools requesting the SDHSAA to start the process of sanctioning baseball.

Motion by Ryan Rollinger, second by Trent Osborne, to acknowledge receipt of letters by Mt. Vernon High School and McCook Central High School regarding the sanctioning of baseball and direct the SDHSAA staff to begin a study, per SDHSAA policy.

Motion carried 8-0, with Denning abstaining.

Item #2- Open Forum (continued)

The following individuals spoke to the Board regarding proposed alignments.

- Beresford AD Owen Reinalda
- EPJ AD Justin Clercx
- Dakota Valley AD Bill Clements
- Sioux Valley AD Moe Ruesink
- Lemmon AD Josh Anderson
- Wessington Springs AD Jason Kolousek

President Messmer directed that the Board move to items 5 and 6- alignments.

Item #5- Conduct a second reading to adopt alignments in all athletic activities effective the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. All finalized alignments can be found on the SDHSAA website under athletics, classification information, 2024-25 and 2025-26 proposed athletic alignments.

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the basketball and volleyball alignments as presented. *Motion carried 9-0.*

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Hartmann, to approve the Competitive Cheer and Dance, Gymnastics, and Soccer alignments as presented. *Motion carried 9-0.*

It was moved by Dani Walking Eagle, second by Eric Denning to approve the Cross-Country alignments with the following changes:

- Move Lemmon to Region from 4B to 5B
- Move Jones County to 5B to 4B
- Move Sanborn Central/Woonsocket from 2B to 3B
- Move Canistota from 3B to 2B

Motion carried 9-0

It was moved by Eric Denning, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the Wrestling alignments with the following changes:

- Move Sioux Valley from Region 2B to Region 1B

Motion carried 9-0

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Trent Osborne, to approve the Golf alignments as presented. *Motion carried 9-0.*

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Hartman, to approve the Softball and Tennis alignments as presented. *Motion Carried 9-0.*

Item #6- Conduct a second reading to adopt alignments in all Fine Arts Activities effective the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Alignments can be found on the SDHSAA website under Fine Arts, Classification Information, 2024-25 and 2025-26 proposed fine arts alignments.

It was moved by Eric Denning, second by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, to approve the fine arts alignments as presented, with changes to Sioux Falls Jefferson and Sioux Falls Lincoln from the first reading in Art Wars, moving them from the Vermillion region to the Brookings region. *Motion carried 9-0.*

President Messmer declared the board in recess at 1:15 and out at 2:15.

Item #3- Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Athletics Handbook, proposed changes from the Sports Officials Advisory Council, and the Sports Medicine Advisory Council, as submitted by the various Advisory Committees/Councils. Explanations and rationales for all proposals can be found in the April 12 Board of Directors Agenda on the SDHSAA website.

Basketball- None of the proposed basketball changes reached a 60% threshold on the AD vote, there was no action to approve any proposed changes.

Sideline Cheer

Motion by Ryan Rollinger, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the following Sideline Cheer proposal as a first reading:

- Sideline Cheer Proposal #1- Allow football cheerleaders the same number of passes at the dome as the state basketball tournament- 8 cheerleaders plus a mascot at post-season events for football.

Motion carried 9-0.

Competitive Cheer

Motion by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, second by Adam Shaw, to approve the following Competitive Cheer proposal as a first reading:

- Competitive Cheer Proposal #1- Changes to the safety score sheet

Motion carried 9-0.

Competitive Dance- There were no Competitive Dance Proposals this year.

Football- None of the proposed football changes reached a 60% threshold on the AD vote, there was no action to approve any proposed changes.

Golf

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Randy Hartmann, to approve the following Golf proposals as a first reading:

- Golf Proposal #1- Add a 2nd coaching badge at state in A/B golf.
- Golf Proposal #2- Alternate golfer at the state tournament Class B.

Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Trent Osborne, to approve the following Golf Proposal as a first reading:

- Golf Proposal #3- Team Waves off the back- Class A

Motion carried 9-0.

There was no action on Golf Proposal #4- Coaches Carts at state tournament, as it did not meet the 60% threshold of AD votes.

Gymnastics

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Hartmann, to approve the following Gymnastics proposal as a first reading:

- Gymnastics Proposal #1- Class AA Qualifying meet on Saturday of Week 31.

Motion carried 9-0.

Soccer- There were no soccer proposals this year.

Softball

It was moved by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, second by Trent Osborne, to approve the following softball proposal:

- Softball Proposal #1- Language changes regarding doubleheaders, triangulars, and JV/sub-varsity contests.

Motion carried 9-0.

Tennis

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Eric Denning, to approve the following Tennis proposal as a first reading:

- Tennis Proposal #1- Indoor play policy- Consolation matches are 8 game pro-sets with 7 point tie-break when going indoors at state tennis

Motion carried 9-0.

Track and Field/Cross Country-

It was moved by Eric Denning, second by Ryan Rollinger, to approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country proposal as a first reading:

- T/F Proposal #1- Pole Vault/High Jump-Starting Height change at state track and field. Starting height is the 12th place qualifier height minus 3 inches (pole vault) and 1 inch (high jump).

Motion carried 9-0

Volleyball- None of the proposed volleyball changes reached a 60% threshold on the AD vote, there was no action to approve any proposed changes.

Wrestling

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Dani Walking Eagle, to approve the following Wrestling proposals as a first reading:

- Wrestling Proposal #1- Utilize the NFHS weight class of 235 as the highest weight in girls wrestling, starting in 2024-25.
- Wrestling Proposal #2- Set girls regionals as the Thursday or Friday of NFHS Week 33, combining regions 1A/1B, 2A/2B, 3A/3B, and 4A/4B.

Motion carried 9-0.

In/Out of Season & AD Advisory Committee- No proposals this year.

Sports Officials Advisory Committee

It was moved by Ryan Rollinger, second by Randy Hartman, to approve the following proposals as a first reading:

- Sports Officials Proposal #1- Remove requirement for mechanics test in basketball and football.
- Sports Officials Proposal #2- Implement a new wrestling officials' shirt. Both existing and new would be allowed in 2024-25 and 2025-26 but all officials at a contest must match uniforms. New shirt mandated in 2025-26 post-season and beyond for regular and post season.

Motion carried 9-0.

Sports Medicine Advisory – No proposals this year.

Item #4- Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Fine Arts Handbook. Explanations and rationales for all proposals can be found in the April 12 Board of Directors Agenda on the SDHSAA website.

Music- It was moved by Randy Hartmann, second by Adam Shaw to approve music handbook proposals as a first reading:

- Music Proposal #1- Allow schools that are more than a 2-hour drive from the All-State Chorus and Orchestra venue, with all-state chorus members who also participate in football games (players, managers, sideline cheerleaders) the Thursday prior to ASC&O to arrive at the start of the afternoon rehearsal on Friday. If any such school is randomly selected for a spot check, that school will perform spot check at 1:45PM on Friday.

Motion carried 9-0.

Debate- It was moved by Randy Hartmann, second by Eric Denning, to approve the following proposals as a first reading:

- Debate Proposal #1- Language change to Article 1, Section 1.A, allowing a one or two judge panel in preliminary round if necessary.
- Debate Proposal #2- Amend Article 4, Section 5.D.6.b., allowing coaches to strike judges if lay judges are not in a plurality in semi or final rounds of Public Forum Debate.
- Debate Proposal #3- Move to a 0-30 point scale for state debate tournament rounds
- Debate Proposal #4- Amend Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 3.A.5, excluding judges with teams in the semi-final round from judging the semi-final round.

Motion carried 9-0.

Speech- It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Trent Osborne, to approve the following Speech proposals as a first reading:

- Speech Proposal #1- Added hosting lighting requirements for State One-Act Play.
- Speech Proposal #2- Prohibit the performing of material created by generative AI sources.
- Speech Proposal #3- Allow districts to utilize tabroom.com
- Speech Proposal #4- Adopt "Love" as the 2024-25 storytelling theme for Oral Interp
- Speech Proposal #5- Raise chairperson stipend from \$2/entry to \$4/entry at district and region oral interp contests

Motion carried 9-0.

Journalism- No proposals

Visual Arts- It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, to approve the following Visual Arts proposals as a first reading:

- Visual Arts Proposal #1- Change Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 2, making clear that Digital Art will be a category moving forward.
- Visual Arts Proposal #2- Prohibit the use of AI in any State Visual Arts entry

Motion carried 9-0.

Student Council- There were no student council proposals this year.

Item #7- Approve the hiring of Kristina Sage as SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director

It was moved by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, second by Adam Shaw, to approve the hiring of Kristina Sage as SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director, beginning July 1, 2024.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #9- Receive Resignation Letter from Cindy Bresee as Administrative Assistant

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Eric Denning, to approve the resignation letter of Cindy Bresee as Administrative Assistant effective May 10, 2024, with thanks to Cindy for her service to the Association.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Messmer directed the Board to move ahead to Item 17 (executive session), after which the Board will go into recess until 8:30 Thursday morning.

Item #17- Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.4

It was moved by Ryan Rollinger, second by Trent Osborne, to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.4. *Motion Carried 9-0.*

President Messmer declared the Board in Executive Session at 2:44 PM.

President Messmer declared the Board out of Executive Session at 3:28 PM.

President Messmer declared the Board in recess for the remainder of the day at 3:29PM on April 17, 2024.

President Messmer declared the Board out of recess at 8:31 AM on April 18, 2024 with all members present except for Dani Walking Eagle, who was excused. The Board began the day with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #10- Approval of the Minutes from the February 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Eric Denning, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #11- Approval of the Finance Reports

SDHSAA Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen presented the following reports:

- Income statements and balance sheets for February and March of 2024
- Cash Flow Chart
- Financial reports for Region Wrestling, Girls Basketball, and Boys Basketball
- Income from state events held to date in 2023-24

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Ryan Rollinger, to approve the finance reports as presented.
Motion carried 8-0.

Item #12- Set Travel Allowance for the 2024 NFHS Summer Meeting.

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Eric Denning, to approve the travel allowance for the 2024 NFHS Summer Meeting.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #8- Set Board of Directors Times/ Dates for 2023-24

It was moved by Ryan Rollinger, second by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, to approve the following dates and times for Board of Directors meetings in 2024-25 (all times Central Time, all meetings at SDHSAA office in Pierre):

- July 31, 2024 Strategic Planning- 10:30 AM (NFHS Week 4)
- August 1, 2024 Regular Meeting- 8:30 AM (NFHS Week 4)
- November 6, 2024 Regular Meeting- 10:30 AM (NFHS Week 18)
- January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting- 9:00 AM (NFHS Week 29)
- March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting- 10:30 AM (NFHS Week 35)
- April 23, 2025 Annual Meeting – 11:00 AM (NFHS Week 42)
- April 23-24, 2025 Regular Meeting- 12:30 PM and 8:30 AM (NFHS Week 42)
- June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting- 8:30 AM (NFHS Week 50)

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #14-Consent Agenda

It was moved by Eric Denning, second by Trent Osborne, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- Approval of vouchers paid as follows:
 - February of 2024- \$151,254.31
 - March of 2024- \$199,568.35
- Penalty to Sturgis Brown High School Wrestling program for violation of in-season rules.
- Request from Sioux Falls Lutheran to add boys and girls golf beginning in 2023-24
- Request from Groton and Langford for a football cooperative beginning in 2024-25
- Request to dissolve the Marion/Freeman/Freeman Academy/Menno wrestling cooperative effective in 2024-25
- Request from Marion, Freeman, and Freeman Academy for a wrestling cooperative beginning in 2024-25

Motion carried 7-0, with Weismantel abstaining.

Item #15- Reports

The Board heard the following reports:

- Dr. Swartos confirmed the schedule for the June 12, 2024 Board of Directors meeting
- State Debate, Visual Arts, All-State Band, and Student Council report from Brooks Bowman
- State Basketball Reports from Jo Auch, Dan Swartos, and Randy Soma
- Advisory reports for Student Council, Debate, Speech, Music, and Sports Officials
- NFHS Board Meeting/Legal Meeting/ SMAC report by Dr. Swartos
- Finance Committee update by Dr. Swartos
- Board Goals update from Dr. Swartos
- Foundation Update from Cassie Stoesser and John Hanson from South Dakota Community Foundation
- Dr. Danielsen provided a Superintendent's report

Item #16- Board Sharing

The Board was asked if they had any items to share or report on.

- Eric Denning thanked everyone for their work on the winter state events.
- Marty Weismantel thanked the staff and all involved for their work.
- Dr. Jeff Danielsen thanked everyone for their work, noted that he was looking forward to the Spring state events, and reminded everyone to keep in mind the added work to many when activities are added.
- Adam Shaw thanked the staff, welcomed Kristina Sage, and thanked Cindy for her service to the SDHSAA.

- Randy Hartman thanked everyone, noted the importance of balance, and encouraged a strong finish to the year.
- Ryan Rollinger echoed all previous comments and thanked Jo for her work with the Association.
- Trent Osborne also echoed previous comments and thanked everyone for the welcome and the work.
- Kelly Messmer echoed previous comments and encouraged the Board and all others to get out to state events, particularly those you may have never attended before.

Item #18- Adjournment

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Marty Weismantel to adjourn. *Motion carried 8-0.*

Seeing no more business at hand, President Messmer declared the Board adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Swartos, Ed.D.

SDHSAA Executive Director