



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

January 11, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on January 11, 2017, at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Steve Morford	Dr. Jason Uttermark	Sandy Klatt	Dr. Roger Bordeaux
Moe Ruesink	David Planteen	Dr. Brian Maher	

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morford at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by David Planteen, to approve the agenda as presented. Chairman Morford requested to move the executive session to follow agenda item number 8.

The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes from the November 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Dr. Uttermark, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

The motion passed 7-0.

Board Members Bud Postma and Jim Aisenbrey as well as Executive Director Wayne Carney joined the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Approval of the Financial Reports as Submitted

Following a review of all financial reports, it was moved by Dr. Maher, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the following financial reports as submitted:

- A. Income statements for October and November of 2016
- B. Balance sheets for October and November of 2016
- C. Cash flow chart
- D. Financial reports for sub-state/state football and district/region/state volleyball
- E. Financial report from Reinke Gray Wealth Management

The motion passed 9-0.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Morford asked if there were any items on the consent agenda that any Board member wished to move to the regular agenda.

Hearing no requests, it was moved by Dr. Uttermark, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

- A. Approved the vouchers paid as follows:
 - October of 2016--\$126,320.51
 - November of 2016--\$185,718.25
- B. Approved a request of Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Castlewood High School and Estelline High School effective the 2017-2018 school year.
- C. Approved a request from SF O’Gorman High School to petition to Class 11AAA in the sport of football.
- D. Approved a request from Huron High School to petition to Class AA in Debate.
- E. Approved a request from SF O’Gorman High School to petition to Class AA in Debate.
- F. Approved a request of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Rosholt High School, Campbell-Tintah, Minnesota, High School, and Fairmount, North Dakota, High School in the sport of track effective the 2016-2017 school year.
- G. Approved the disposal of the following surplus property that is either obsolete, no longer used, or no longer in working order: Vodavi Phone System.
- H. Approved a request of Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities between Eureka High School, Bowdle High School, Frederick High School and Leola High School in the sport of football effective the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion passed 9-0.

Staff reports:

- A. Board positions for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - Division II Representative**—Representative to be filled by an athletic/activities director. An assistant or vice principal/athletic or activities director who devotes time to athletics/activities would be eligible for the seats open to athletic/activities directors; athletic/activities directors who teach would be eligible for those seats open to athletic/activities directors. This position is currently held by Dr. Jason Uttermark, Principal at Aberdeen Central High School. The Division II Representative member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2014-2015 ADM from 919.906 to 517.783. The Division II schools include Watertown High School with a 2014-2015 ADM of 919.906 to Sioux Falls O’Gorman with an ADM of 517.783. **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 will be unable to run for reelection. Member schools eligible to serve include: Watertown, Aberdeen Central, Brookings, Yankton, Pierre, Mitchell, Harrisburg, Douglas, Huron, Sturgis, and SF O’Gorman. Brandon Valley is not eligible as Brandon Valley has a member on the current SDHSAA Board of Directors. Nominations will be taken during the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in Pierre on April 18, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. CT.
- B. The following state event reports held since the November 2, 2016, Board of Directors Meeting were presented:
 - Football—Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand
 - Volleyball— Assistant Executive Directors Jo Auch and John Krogstrand, and Executive Director Carney
 - Oral Interpretation— Assistant Executive Director Brooks Bowman
- C. The following Advisory Committee reports were presented by Assistant Executive Directors John Krogstrand and Jo Auch: Football, Sports Officials Advisory Council, Soccer, Golf, Tennis and Volleyball—All Committee Report minutes are available on the SDHSAA website.

- D. A Site Selection Committee report was presented by Chairman Morford—Minutes are available on the SDHSAA website
- E. A Student Council report was presented by Assistant Executive Director Brooks Bowman, specific to the leadership of the State Student Council Event. The SDSCA is looking for opportunities to hand the leadership of its State Event off in its entirety to another organization, likely the SDHSAA. Mr. Bowman presented potential budgetary information to the Board. Following discussion, Mr. Bowman was advised to further research the process used of the SDHSAA taking charge of an activity, especially fiscally, as well as continue to meet with sponsoring organizations of the State Student Council Association for further information and research to be presented to the Board at a later meeting.
- F. A Finance Advisory Committee report was presented by Chairman Morford. Dr. Maher asked if there is any organizational policy and/or procedures denoting where the authority lies for entering into contracts. He would like that information to be brought to the next board meeting.

Superintendents Report

Superintendent Lynn Vlasman was unable to attend the meeting. Jeff Danielsen emailed the Superintendents report which was read by Dr. Maher. No further action was taken.

Set Board Meeting dates and sites for the 2017-2018 school year

The following dates and sites were presented for approval:

- * Wednesday-Thursday, August 16-17, 2017. Strategic Planning Meeting to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the SDHSAA office on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, with the Regular Meeting of the Board to be held in the SDHSAA office beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017.
- * Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- * Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- * Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Regular meeting held in Pierre at the SDHSAA office beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- * Tuesday-Wednesday, April 17-18, 2018. Regular meeting held in Pierre at T.F. Riggs High School, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, with the Annual Meeting of the Association scheduled for 2:00 p.m. The Regular meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.
- * Thursday, June 7, 2018. A Board dinner to honor those retiring Board members will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting of the Board will be held at the SDHSAA office building beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Following discussion, it was moved by Bud Postma, seconded by Jim Aisenbrey, to approve the sites and dates for the 2017-2018 meetings of the Board of Directors as listed above.

The motion passed 9-0.

Chairman Morford declared the Board in recess at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Morford declared the Board back in session at 10:10 a.m.

Consider classification appeals for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 alignment years

Every alignment year, the SDHSAA reviews applications for classification appeals based on the average daily membership (ADM) numbers reported by the member schools to the SD Department of Education. The following classification appeals were submitted for consideration:

- 1) Hamlin High School in the sports of football & golf
- 2) Lake Preston High School in the sport of football
- 3) Mount Vernon High School and Plankinton High School in the sport of football
- 4) Sisseton High School in the sport of football
- 5) Beresford High School and Alcester-Hudson High School in the sport of wrestling
- 6) Tiospa Zina High School in the sport of football

Mr. Patrick Kraning, Hamlin High School Superintendent, provided the Board of Directors with documents to support the classification appeal from Hamlin High School. The male only ADM count for Hamlin High School, 75.371, placed Hamlin in the 11B class of football. However, due to religious belief and practice the actual number of male students who are able to participate is 35. That ADM number, 35, places Hamlin in the 9 man classification. Per SDHSAA policy, teams that appeal their classification from 11 man to 9 man, must be placed in the 9AA classification.

Hamlin High School also requested a classification appeal in the sport of golf to allow Hamlin to compete in Class B golf. Hamlin High School's total enrollment, grades 9-11, is 146.886. However, due to religious belief and practice the actual number of students who are able to participate is 68.000. The proposed ADM number, 78.886, places Hamlin in the Class B classification in the sport of golf.

Following discussion, it was moved by David Planteen, seconded by Dr. Jason Uttermark, to approve the classification appeals for Hamlin High School in the sports of football and golf.

The motion passed 9-0.

Lake Preston High School filed a classification appeal in the sport of football based upon three apostolic Lutheran students and another individual who does not attend school regularly, but is placed at the LifeScape facility in Sioux Falls.

Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Moe Ruesink, to approve the classification appeal for Lake Preston High School.

The motion passed 9-0.

Mount Vernon High School and Plankinton High School requested a classification appeal in the sport of football. The combined ADM used for classification purposes for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 alignment years for the Mount Vernon/Plankinton football cooperative is 63.156. This would place the Mount Vernon/Plankinton football cooperative in Class 11B for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 alignment period. However, Mount Vernon Superintendent, Mr. Patrick Mikkonen, and Athletic Director, Mr. Eric Denning, requested the Board to review the number of male students in grades 7-8-9 to determine if the Mount Vernon/Plankinton football cooperative should be given a grace period prior to moving into Class 11 B football. Per SDHSAA policy adopted in June of 2016, a grace period may be awarded if the "numbers published by the Department of Education" show that a school will return to the nine-man

ranks in the next classification cycle. Mr. Mikkonen & Mr. Denning noted that while the DOE numbers do show a total of 57 students in grades 7-8-9, three of those students have since left the districts, and asked the board to reconsider their classification placement.

Following much discussion, it was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the classification appeal for the Mount Vernon/Plankinton football cooperative.

The motion failed on a 3-6 roll call vote. Those voting aye were: Moe Ruesink, Jim Aisenbrey, and Sandy Klatt. Those voting nay were: David Planteen, Dr. Jason Uttermark, Dr. Roger Bordeaux, Dr. Brian Maher, Steve Morford, and Bud Postma.

SDHSAA Board of Directors members requested that the policy be reviewed through the advisory process to determine changes or rework the policy as needed to alleviate this question in future years.

Sisseton High School requested a classification appeal in the sport of football to allow Sisseton to compete in Class 11B football. Per the numbers received from the Department of Education, Sisseton's male only ADM was reported to the SDHSAA is 101.838 placing Sisseton in Class 11A in the sport of football. Sisseton noted that due to a clerical error, four students who were mistakenly entered as juniors instead of seniors in the information provided to the DOE. Mr. Jack Appel, Sisseton High School Athletic Director, requested by appeal that these four students be taken off the 101.838 count which would place Sisseton at 97.838 thus placing Sisseton in Class 11B in the sport of football.

It was moved by Sandy Klatt, seconded by Jim Aisenbrey, to approve the classification appeal for Sisseton High School in the sport of football.

The motion passed 8-1 with Dr. Roger Bordeaux voting nay.

Beresford High School and Alcester-Hudson High School are requesting a classification appeal in the sport of wrestling to be allowed to compete in Class 'B' wrestling. The combined ADM for the Beresford/Alcester-Hudson wrestling cooperative is 236.691. Class 'A' in the sport of wrestling is 225.000 and above. Should the Board of Directors adopt the 10% rule that is currently being used in the sports of football, basketball, and volleyball for the upcoming alignment period in the sport of wrestling, the Beresford/Alcester-Hudson wrestling cooperative would have an ADM of 217.541, thus placing the cooperative in Class 'B' in the sport of wrestling.

Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Uttermark, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to table the request until the Wrestling Advisory Committee has an opportunity to meet and the SDIAAA has the opportunity to vote on any proposal that may come forward regarding a 10% rule in the sport of wrestling.

The motion passed 9-0.

A request from Tiospa Zina for a classification appeal was withdrawn by the member school and, therefore, no action taken by the Board of Directors.

Executive Session—Personnel SDCL 1-25-2.4

It was moved by Moe Ruesink, seconded by Bud Postma, to enter executive session at 11:13 a.m.

The motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Jason Uttermark recused himself from the Executive Session.

Chairman Morford declared the Board out of executive session at 12:56 p.m.

It was moved by Dr. Brian Maher, seconded by Jim Aisenbrey, to offer the position of SDHSAA Executive Director to Dr. Daniel Swartos, with the details of the offer to be worked out prior to the March 1, 2017, meeting of the Board of Directors.

The motion passed 9-0.

Chairman Morford appointed Sandy Klatt, Dr. Maher, and Jim Aisenbrey to act as a subcommittee to work out the details of the benefits package for Dr. Swartos.

Board members Dr. Brian Maher and Moe Ruesink were excused from the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

2017 Legislative Session

As per discussion during the November 2, 2016, meeting of the BOD's, no proposed legislation that would directly affect the SDHSAA had been brought to our attention.

Assistant Executive Director Krogstrand informed the Board that the SDHSAA may be asked to report how member schools are classified using the current ADM format.

Following discussion, no further action was taken.

Consider constitutional changes for 2017-2018

As per the SDHSAA Constitution, Article X, page 12, the constitution may be amended in two ways:

SECTION 1. METHOD OF PROPOSING. Amendments to this Constitution or any set of Bylaws hereinafter included may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or by member schools through presentation of a petition signed by the administrators of thirty or more member schools. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director thirty days or more prior to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting in order to be considered at that meeting.

Assistant Executive Director Krogstrand advised the Board that a member school has indicated an interest in proposing a constitutional amendment to Chapter II, Part I, page 16, Section 1 of the SDHSAA Bylaws, Change of Schools Effect on Eligibility.

The following is a draft of the text for the proposed amendment discussed during the November 2, 2016, meeting of the Board of Directors. Staff suggests further review at this time, as well as during the March 1, 2017, meeting of the Board of Directors, and possibly bringing the proposed amendment forth for a vote of the membership following the Annual Meeting of the Association scheduled for April 18, 2017.

Amend Chapter II – Bylaws for Athletics, Part I Further Eligibility Requirements for Athletic Contests, Section 1, Sub-Section N (additions in **BOLD**, deletions in ~~strike through~~, other editorial changes and renumbering not listed):

TRANSFER OF ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR SDHSAA OPEN ENROLLMENT STUDENTS. Any student who transfers from a member high school to another member high school shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics provided such student has met the standards for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment as defined in the following paragraph:

1. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students transferring from one high school to another must have the school (s)he leaves file a transcript of credits with the principal of the school to which (s)he is transferring. Until such transcript is filed the student is ineligible.

In order for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students to be eligible immediately for participation in interscholastic athletics of the SDHSAA, the student must ~~have been~~ **both: (1) be enrolled on the first day of the school year at the school they are open enrolling to, and, (2) have not competed in any SDHSAA-Sanctioned athletic contest at the school they are open enrolling from during that school year's athletic season.** Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

2. For students **who do not meet these criteria** ~~enrolled on the first day of the school year at the school they are open enrolling to:~~
 - a. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a five (5) day week shall become eligible on the forty-sixth (46th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.
 - b. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in an SDHSAA member school which operates a four (4) day week shall become eligible on the thirty-seventh (37th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Revised 2005 Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.
3. In addition, all such students must meet all other eligibility requirements.
4. For purposes of this Bylaw "standards for open enrollment" shall mean such standards authorized by a public school board as required by SDCL §13-28-40 through and including SDCL §13-28-47. In the case of a non-public school, such comparable standards and time-lines, as set forth in SDCL §13-28-40 through and including SDCL §13-28-47 would be applicable to such school.
5. In such cases, eligibility is applicable to the initial SDHSAA athletic open enrollment transfer only. Any subsequent SDHSAA athletic open enrollment transfer to another high school shall render the student ineligible for one year with one exception. The exception: In the event a student returns to: (1) his/her former school; or (2) where his/her parents reside, the student will not be eligible until the beginning of the following school year.

NOTE: The open enrollment statutes SDCL §13-28-40 through §13-18-47 do not change the Bylaws of the SDHSAA. Thus Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Sub-Sections (a) and (f) apply to sports eligibility for all open enrollment students.

- Once enrolled in a nonresident district or non-assigned school, the student may remain enrolled and is not required to resubmit annual applications.
- Students who open enroll from one school in a cooperative to the other school(s) in the same cooperative will not have to sit out the 45/36 school day waiting period providing all school(s) in the cooperative coop in all athletic activities in the same gender. Minutes-November 25, 2002

NOTE: See State Statutes section of Athletic Handbook for Open Enrollment Options between North Dakota and Minnesota.

Following discussion, no further action was taken.

Trophy/Plaque Extension with A & M

The contract with A&M for trophies and plaques expires at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Staff has been working with Mark Austin, A&M Products Company, on a new design for SDHSAA trophies which would eliminate the figurines as they are becoming cost prohibitive and difficult for A&M to secure. Cost for the new state tournament trophy will be \$110.00 each vs. the current price of \$140.00 each. Costs for the district championship plaque would remain at \$43.75 and the district runner-up plaque remaining at \$42.00. Costs for the region championship plaque would be \$45.00 and the region runner-up plaque remaining at \$43.75.

Staff is to inquire from Mr. Austin if A&M would consider signing a five year contract vs. a three year contract to lock in pricing for an additional two year period.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Dr. Roger Bordeaux, seconded by David Planteen, to approve the new trophy design and contract extension.

The motion passed 7-0.

Board Sharing

- A. Assistant Executive Director Bowman updated the Board on the #MyReasonWhy campaign of the NFHS. The campaign lets students, coaches, parents, and those other people who support educationally based activities programs to “tell their reason why” these programs are important and the influence educationally based activities programs have on their lives.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Bud Postma, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to adjourn at 1:14 p.m.

The motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director