



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

April 15, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA membership held its annual meeting on April 15, 2019 at the SDHSAA office in Pierre, South Dakota. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Brian Maher at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representing the SDHSAA staff were Dr. Dan Swartos, Dr. John Krogstrand, Ms. Jo Auch, Mr. Brooks Bowman, and Mr. Isaac Jahn.

Item #1-Determine that a quorum is present

Chairman Dr. Brian Maher took a count of represented schools and determined that the threshold of ten (10) member schools was present, with the following 26 schools represented:

Faulkton	Brookings	Langford Area	Aberdeen Central	Crazy Horse
Dakota Valley	Spearfish	Pierre T.F. Riggs	Winner	Belle Fourche
Brandon Valley	Huron	Lower Brule	Mitchell	Sturgis Brown
Sioux Valley	Rapid City Stevens	Rapid City Central	St. Thomas More	Stanley County
Sioux Falls Lincoln	Sioux Falls Roosevelt	Sioux Falls O’Gorman	Sioux Falls New Tech	Watertown
Sioux Falls Washington				

Item #2-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Randy Marso, Brandon Valley High School seconded by Keven Morehart, Winner High School to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried 26-0.

Item #3-Designate a parliamentarian for the meeting

Chairman Maher designated Dr. John Krogstrand as the parliamentarian.

Item #4-Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2018 Annual Meeting

It was moved by Steve Moore, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School, seconded by Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 minutes of the SDHSAA Annual Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried 26-0

Item #5- Financial Report:

SDHSAA Finance Director Isaac Jahn reported that the 2017-18 audit report was not completed at the time of the meeting. The report will be presented at the June 6, 2019 meeting of the SDHSAA Board of Directors. Mr. Brad Reinke of Reinke-Gray Wealth Management presented an overview of the SDHSAA financial position to the membership.

It was moved by Kelcy Nash, Stanley County High School, seconded by Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, to approve the financial report as presented. *Motion carried 26-0.*

Item #6- Accept Nominations from the floor for Board of Directors positions, beginning July 1, 2019

Chairman Maher announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **West River At-Large Representative**- to be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director. This position is currently held by Steve Morford, Secondary Principal at Spearfish High School. The West River At-Large representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a high school attendance center physically located West of the Missouri River in South Dakota. The position must be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director or an Assistant/Vice Principal who devotes time to activities. **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.

Chairman Maher recognized Mr. Keven Morehart, Winner High School, who placed the name of Mr. Dan Aaker, Winner High School, in nomination.

Chairman Maher recognized Mr. Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More High School, who placed the name of Mr. Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School, in nomination.

Hearing no more nominations, Chairman Maher declared nominations closed.

Chairman Maher announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **Large School Group Board of Education Representative**- To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Board of Education member. This position was vacated by Dr. Paul Turman, Board of Education member at Pierre. The Large School Group Board of Education representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2016-17 ADM from 1,749.230 to 561.525. The Large School Group schools include SF Roosevelt with a 2016-17 ADM of 1,749.230 to Pierre T.F. Riggs with an ADM of 561.565, to include SF New Technology. **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 four-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Chairman Maher recognized Mr. Gene Brownell, Aberdeen Central High School, who placed the name of Mr. Mark Murphy, Aberdeen Public School District Board of Education, in nomination.

Chairman Maher recognized Mr. Brian Moser, Pierre TF Riggs High School, who placed the name of Mr. Randy Hartmann, Pierre School District Board of Education, in nomination

Hearing no more nominations, Chairman Maher declared the nominations closed.

Chairman Maher announced that the Chair was ready to receive nominations for the **Native American At-Large Representative**- To be filled by a SDHSAA member school Secondary Principal. This position is currently filled by Silas Blaine, Superintendent at Crazy Horse High School. This position shall be filled by a Native American Principal from a SDHSAA member school with at least 50% Native American population grades 9-12. **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.

Chairman Maher recognized Mr. Silas Blaine, Crazy Horse High School, who placed the name of Mr. Barry Mann, Wakpala High School, in nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Chairman Maher declared the nominations closed.

Item #7- Introduction of one (1) proposed constitutional amendment as submitted by SDHSAA staff

Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos and Assistant Executive Director Dr. John Krogstrand spoke in favor of the proposed amendment as published in the 2019 Annual Meeting agenda and bulletin:

Amend the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as follows (new language in red underline):

Chapter II – Bylaws for Athletics; Part I – Further Eligibility Requirements for Athletic Contests; Section 9.

Student/Coach Ejection from a Contest.

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 Rule 9-4-3 of the NFHS Football Rules:

(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.

A second ejection that occurs during the same sport 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...

Rationale: The intent of this rule is to provide a lesser penalty for in-game contact fouls that may or may not be adjudicated properly by contest officials. NFHS Rule 9-4-3 allows for the ejection of a player when flagrant personal contact acts occur, such as targeting or a blindside block. The intention is to reduce what can be an ejection that requires a sit-out of nearly 25% of an athlete’s season for plays that, while should be taken out of the game, remain difficult to officiate. Of note, acts such as fighting, contacting a game official, and other heinous acts are not given leeway by this rule, and would still require the two- game sit-out. NFHS Rule 9-4-3 more generally references acts that are more germane to actual football plays; this rule change would allow our officials, coaches and administrators a bit of a reprieve when dealing with an ejection for what may or may not have been a “football play.” The penalty structure mirrors what is currently in place in the NCAA, but remains more strict on unsportsmanlike or other conduct issues.

It was moved by Terry Rotert, Huron, seconded by Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown, to send the proposed constitutional amendment to the membership for vote. *Motion carried 26-0.*

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 mailed to the Superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual meeting- April 25, 2019.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is Thursday, May 30, 2019.
- The ballots pertaining to the proposed constitutional amendment will be mailed to the Superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual Meeting- April 25, 2019.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is Thursday, May 30, 2019.
- 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

Chairman Maher asked all past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and any retiring administrators present to stand and be recognized.

Item #10-Member Comments

Chairman Maher asked if there were any comments from member schools in the crowd. There were no comments.

Item #11- Any other business that the membership and/or Board of Directors might wish to consider

Chairman Maher asked if there was any other business. No additional business was discussed.

Item #12- Adjournment

It was moved by Kelcy Nash, Stanley County High School to adjourn.

Chairman Maher declared the Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director