



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

April 21, 2020

Following the Annual Meeting

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA Board of Directors held a regular meeting on April 20, 2021. The meeting was held at the SDHSAA office with Board and Membership participation allowed via Zoom. The following members were present in person:

Craig Cassens Randy Soma Marty Weismantel Tom Culver Dr. Jerry Rasmussen

The following members participated electronically via ZOOM:

Mark Murphy Barry Mann Michael Talley

Staff members present included Dr. Dan Swartos, Ms. Jo Auch, Dr. John Krogstrand, Mr. Ryan Mikkelsen, and Mr. Aaron Magnuson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig Cassens at 12:04 P.M.

Item #1-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, seconded by Randy Soma, to approve the agenda as amended, with Item #13E (request from Sturgis Brown High School) added.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #2- Open Forum

Chairman Cassens explained the Open Forum procedure and asked for speakers. Mr. Terry Rotert of Huron addressed the board in opposition to the proposed changes to the State Track and Field Meet Schedule. Mr. Jared Vasquez of Rapid City Stevens addressed the board in opposition to Golf Proposal #2. Mr. Jordan Bauer of Rapid City Central addressed the Board in support of the proposed changes to the State Track and Field Meet Schedule.

Item #3-Consider Proposed Changes to the 2021 State Track and Field Meet

Dr. Swartos, Dr. Krogstrand, and Ms. Auch addressed the Board regarding the proposed changes to the 2021 State Track and Field Meet due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions.

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Randy Soma, to approve the recommendations as presented. Following discussion, Dr. Rasmussen and Mr. Soma rescinded their motion and second.

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, seconded by Randy Soma, to approve recommendation A (change to three sites for both dates, changes to the meet schedule) as presented. *Motion carried 5-3, with Mann, Rasmussen, Talley, Weismantel and Soma voting AYE and Culver, Murphy, and Cassens voting NAY.*

It was moved by Tom Culver, seconded by Marty Weismantel, to approved recommendations B,C, and D (changes in host management fees, approving amended contract with Dakota Timing, approving changes to officials fees). *Motion carried 8-0.*

Item #4- 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 20 Board of Directors Agenda on the SDHSAA website.

Basketball- No proposals were submitted.

Competitive Cheer

Motion by Randy Soma, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the following Competitive Cheer Proposals:

- Cheer Proposal #2- Co-Ed Division revision
- Cheer Proposal #3- Cheer Rubric Clarifications

Motion carried 8-0.

(Competitive Cheer Proposal #1 was sent back to advisory for more study)

Competitive Dance

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following Competitive Dance Proposals:

- Competitive Dance Proposal #1- Eliminate Kick as a Category
- Competitive Dance Proposal #2- Limit the number of Dance routines to any two styles of routines for all competitions.
- Competitive Dance Proposal #3- Change the Tie-Breaking procedure to highest score in a routine, least amount of safety deductions, and if the tie remains, award co-champions.
- Competitive Dance Proposal #4- Rubric and Scoresheet modifications

Motion carried 8-0.

Competitive Cheer and Dance

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Soma, to approve the following proposals:

- Competitive Cheer and Dance Proposal #1- Follow the NFHS the rule on hair.
- Competitive Cheer and Dance Proposal #2- Change the number of judges to 3 performance and 2 safety judges.

Motion carried 8-0.

Football

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Tom Culver, to approve the following football proposal:

- Football Proposal #1- Begin 9-man playoffs as a 16-team seeded bracket in the first round, with no re-seeding in any round.

Motion Carried 8-0.

Golf

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the following Golf proposals:

- Golf Proposal #1- Change Class "A" regional qualifying standard from 60% to 50%.
- Golf Proposal #2- In Class AA beginning in 2021-22, a golfer must average an 18-hole score less than or equal to the current 75th percentile of all golfers at the previous six State Championship meets. Scores applied to this average are from any meet where more golf teams are present and will be tracked by the SDHSAA.
- Golf Proposal #3: Allow tee-to-green coaching in Class "A" and "B" in postseason rounds.

Motion carried 8-0.

(Golf Proposal #2A was sent back to advisory for more study)

Gymnastics

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Soma, to approve the following Gymnastics proposals:

- Gymnastics Proposal #1- Adjust Class A Bars Individual Qualifying score from 8.3 to 8.0 and Class AA Bars Individual Qualifying Score from 8.8 to 8.7 for the 2021-22 school year.
- Gymnastics Proposal #2- Changes to the State Meet format. Eight teams would qualify (top team from each Region, next six highest overall team scores), separate A and AA session each day, Team day Friday, Individual day Saturday, A and AA rotate morning/afternoon sessions annually.

Motion carried 8-0.

Soccer- No proposals were submitted.

Tennis

It was moved by Mark Murphy, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the following Tennis proposals:

- Tennis Proposal #1- For the State Tournament, continue to play Class A on M-T and Class AA on Th-F of NFHS Week 14, rotating between Sioux Falls and Rapid City annually.
- Tennis Proposal #2- Allow for a substitution for a singles player after competition has begun in the case of injury or illness.
- Tennis Proposal #3- Allow 10 game prossets with a 7-point tie break when players reach 9 all to determine the winner of the contest.

Motion carried 8-0.

(Tennis Proposal #4 was sent back to advisory for further study)

Track and Field/Cross Country- No proposals were submitted.

Volleyball

Motion by Tom Culver, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the following proposal:

- Volleyball Proposal #1- Allow Class AA volleyball teams to play up to 3 matches versus Class A or Class B opponents, or in an out of state tournament, without a deduction of seed points.

Motion carried 7-1, with Soma voting NAY.

Wrestling

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to approve the following Wrestling proposals:

- Wrestling Proposal #1- Adopt weight classes for a single classification of Girls Wrestling, beginning in 2021-22, of 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 142, 154, 170, 190, & 285.
- Wrestling Proposal #2- Award a Girls Team Championship based on the adopted weight classes in proposal #1. One entry allowed per team, 16 person brackets for brackets with 9 or more participants, 8 person brackets for brackets with 6,7, or 8 participants, and Round Robin for brackets with 5 or fewer entries. One-half of the bracket size will be seeded. If more than 16 are entered into any weight class, TrackWrestling/SDHSAA criteria will be used.
- Wrestling Proposal #3- Amend the State Wrestling Tournament schedule as follows:
 - Thursday Session 1- First Round Matches
 - Thursday Session 2- 1st Round Conso/Quarterfinals, followed by 2nd Round Conso
 - Friday Session 1- 3rd Round Conso/Semifinals, followed by 4th Round Conso
 - Friday Session 2- Placing Matches, followed by Championships
 - Saturday- All Dual Competition
- #4- Wrestle State Duals out to six places.

Motion carried 8-0.

In/Out of Season & AD Advisory Committee- No proposals were submitted.

Sports Officials Advisory Committee

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, seconded by Tom Culver, to approve the following proposals:

- Proposal #1- Change number of Dance Judges at the state meet to 3 performance and 2 safety.
- Proposal #2- Change the number of Gymnastics judges at the state meet from 16 to 9-13.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #5- Conduct a First Reading Related to Alternate State Event Sites for 2022-23 and 2023-24 Class A and AA Girls Basketball, a Changed Site for 2024 State Gymnastics, and all State Events for the 2024-25 School Year

It was moved by Randy Soma, seconded by Barry Mann, to approve the recommendations as presented on a first reading. **Proposal located in Appendix A of the minutes.**

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #6- Conduct a Second Reading to Adopt Alignments in all Athletic Activities for the 2020-21 School Year

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Barry Mann, to approve the alignments as presented on a second reading. **Alignments can be found on the April 20 Agenda on the SDHSAA website.**

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #7- Conduct a Second Reading to Adopt Alignments in all Fine Arts Activities for the 2020-21 School Year.

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Soma, to approve the alignments as presented on a second reading. **Alignments can be found on the April 20 Agenda on the SDHSAA website.**

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #8- Approve Staff Resignation

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Tom Culver, to approve the resignation of Dr. John Krogstrand as SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director, effective July 1, 2021, with appreciation for his great work and service to the SDHSAA.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #9- Approval of the Minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Randy Soma, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #10- Approval of the Finance Reports

SDHSAA Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen presented the following reports:

- Income statements and balance sheets for February and March of 2021
- Cash Flow Chart
- Financial reports for Region Wrestling, Girls Basketball, and Boys Basketball
- Income from state events held in 2020-21

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the finance reports as presented.
Motion carried 8-0.

Item #11- Set Travel Allowance for the 2021 NFHS Summer Meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Mark Murphy, to approve the travel allowance for the 2021 NFHS Summer Meeting.

Motion carried 8-0.

Chairman Cassens declared the board at recess at 1:50 PM and out of recess at 2:00 PM.

Item #12- Steering Committees for Softball and E-Sports

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, second by Barry Mann, to approve the formation of steering committees for Softball and E-Sports, with a draft report due to the SDHSAA Board of Directors at their August 2021 meeting.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #13- Consent Agenda

It was moved by Randy Soma, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- Approval of vouchers paid as follows:
 - February of 2021- \$173,755.30
 - March of 2021- \$309,736.23
- In-Season Rules violation by Pierre TF Riggs Track and Field
- In-Season Rules violation by Stanley County Track and Field
- Out-of-Season Rules Violation by Wolsey-Wessington Boys Basketball
- Request by Sturgis Brown High School to start football practice early due to the Sturgis Rally.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #14- Reports

The Board heard the following reports:

- Dr. Swartos confirmed the schedule for the June 2021 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 John Krogstrand
- Advisory reports for Site Selection and Sports Officials
- NFHS Legal Meeting report by Dr. Swartos
- Finance Committee update by Dr. Swartos
- Board Goals update from Dr. Swartos
- SDHSAA Foundation Report

Item #15- Board Sharing

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

- Mark Murphy thanked Dr. Krogstrand for his service and also congratulated Aberdeen Central Athletic Director Gene Brownell on his retirement.
- Mike Talley gave best wishes to Dr. Krogstrand and thanked him for his work. He thanked the SDHSAA staff. He is proud of this year and everyone who played a part in making it work. He has appreciated his first year on the Board.
- Barry Mann thanked Dr. Krogstrand, thanked Jo for her work at State B Basketball, and thanked the Board for their work.
- Tom Culver thanked Dr. Krogstrand for his work. He has appreciated his first year on the Board of Directors and appreciates those who reach out to him. He is thankful for the track season.
- Marty Weismantel thanked Dr. Krogstrand and noted that he would be missed by the officials. He offered thanks and congratulations to Gene Brownell of Aberdeen Central on his retirement.
- Dr. Jerry Rasmussen thanked Dr. Krogstrand for this work and noted his appreciation for all the SDHSAA staff. He reminded all of how important the office staff is to the Association.
- Randy Soma thanked Dr. Krogstrand for his work. He is excited for everything that the Association and its member schools have accomplished this year. He offered congratulations and best wishes to Gene Brownell of Aberdeen Central and Randy Marso of Brandon Valley on their retirements.
- Craig Cassens thanked Dr. Krogstrand for his work. He also noted thanks to the Administrative Assistants at the SDHSAA and wished them a happy Administrative Assistants Day.

Item #16 – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.2 and 1-25.2.4

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.2 and 1-25-2.4.

Chairman Cassens declared the Board in Executive Session at 2:52 PM.

Board Member Randy Soma left Executive Session at 3:20 PM.

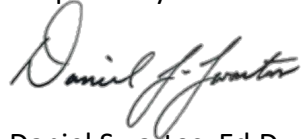
Chairman Cassens declared the Board out of Executive Session at 4:17 PM, and Randy Soma rejoined the meeting at that time.

Item #17 was scratched.

Item #18- Adjournment

It was moved by Tom Culver, second by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, to adjourn.
Chairman Craig Cassens adjourned the meeting at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Swartos".

Daniel Swartos, Ed.D.
SDHSAA Executive Director

APPENDIX A

Site Selection Committee Recommendations for 2024-25

2020-21 Committee Members: Craig Cassens- Faulkton (Chair), Randy Soma (Brookings), Casey Meile (SF Public), Jared Vasquez (RC Stevens), Craig Boyens (Watertown), Gene Brownell (Aberdeen Central), Terry Rotert (Huron), Barry Mann (Wakpala)

Recommendation for 2023-24 Gymnastics- Change from Rapid City to Pierre

Recommendation if Frost Arena is not available for 2023 Girls Basketball- Move AA Girls basketball to the Sioux Falls Pentagon and hold A Girls Basketball in Watertown

Recommendation if Frost Arena is not available for 2024 Girls Basketball- Move A Girls Basketball to Watertown

Activity	Site	Dates
Boys A Golf	West Central (Hartford)	Oct. 7-8, 2024
Boys AA Golf	Watertown (Cattail Crossing)	Oct. 7-8, 2024
Girls Tennis	Rapid City	Oct. 7-8 and 10-11, 2024
Soccer	Yankton	Oct. 19, 2024
Journalism	Brookings	Oct. 21, 2024
Cheer & Dance	Sioux Falls Pentagon	Oct. 25-26, 2024
Cross Country	Sioux Falls	Oct. 26, 2024
Chorus & Orchestra	Rapid City	Nov. 1-2, 2024
Football	Vermillion	Nov. 14-16, 2024
Combined Volleyball	Sioux Falls	Nov. 20-22, 2024
Oral Interp	Sturgis	Dec. 6-7, 2024
One-Act Play	Rapid City	Feb. 6-8, 2025
Gymnastics	Watertown	Feb. 14-15, 2025
Combined Wrestling	Sioux Falls	Feb. 27-March 1, 2025
Debate & IE	Brookings	Mar. 7-8, 2025
Girls B Basketball	Huron	Mar. 13-15, 2025
Girls A Basketball	Spearfish	Mar. 13-15, 2025
Girls AA Basketball	Brookings- Frost Arena	Mar. 13-15, 2025
Boys B Basketball	Aberdeen	Mar. 20-22, 2025
Boys A Basketball	Sioux Falls	Mar. 20-22, 2025
Boys AA Basketball	Rapid City	Mar. 20-22, 2025
Visual Arts	Sioux Falls	Mar. 20-22, 2025
All-State Band	Watertown	Mar. 27-29, 2025
SDSCA Student Council	Rapid City	Mar. 30-Apr 2, 2025
AS Jazz Band/Show Choir	Brandon Valley	May 1-3, 2025
Boys Tennis	Sioux Falls	May 19-20 and 22-23, 2025
Track & Field	Sioux Falls	May 29-31, 2025
Boys/Girls B Golf	Wat (Cattail/Prairie Winds)	June 2-3, 2025
Girls A Golf	Dell Rapids	June 2-3, 2025
Girls AA Golf	Mitchell (Lakeview)	June 2-3, 2025