

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 26, 2013, Bismarck, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on January 26, 2013 in Bismarck. President Ulland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present. President Ulland welcomed Kirsten Baesler, as a new member to the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Martin to approve the agenda. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the November 16, 2012 meeting for review. Motion by Helvik to approve minutes as read. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the January 15, 2013 special meeting for review. Motion by Ham to approve minutes as read. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report including balance sheet, detailed budget and investment report. Motion by Wiberg to approve the financial report. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

- a. New England and Dickinson HS in baseball, 2012-13
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Hettinger and Lemmon, SD in baseball, 2012-13
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Pingree-Buchanan and Carrington in boys golf, 2012-13
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. Westhope, Newburg, Bottineau in softball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. North Star and Leeds in boys' baseball, 9-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Jamestown and Pingree-Buchanan in boys' golf, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Hatton, Northwood, Thompson in boys golf, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Shanley/Sullivan and St. Joseph in baseball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Shanley/Sullivan and St. Joseph in girls golf, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Hankinson, Fairmount and Rosholt(SD) in baseball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. McClusky, Turtle Lake-Mercer and Underwood in softball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Hatton and Northwood in music, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Washburn, Wilton and Wing in boys track, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Washburn, Wilton and Wing in girls track, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Washburn, Wilton and Wing in boys golf, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Washburn, Wilton and Wing in girls golf, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Washburn, Wilton, Center-Stanton and Wing in baseball, 9-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- o. Des Lacs-Burlington, L&C Berthold, and L&C North Shore in boys track, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- p. Des Lacs-Burlington, L&C Berthold, and L&C North Shore in girls track, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- q. Des Lacs-Burlington, L&C Berthold, and L&C North Shore in softball, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

- r. Goodrich and McClusky in instrumental music, 7-12, 2012-13, no fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- s. Hettinger, Scranton, Mott-Regent and New England in baseball, 7-12, 2012-13, late fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- t. Grand Forks Public – Valley Middle School and Manvel in girls' basketball, 7-8, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

President Ulland informed the Board of penalties assessed by the Executive Board against a member school for a violation. Fargo North used an ineligible boys' basketball player this season. The family did not move lock stock and barrel. The school had played 5 games of which one was won and four were lost. As penalty, five games were forfeited. The student must sit out another 5 games after the family moves to Fargo and verified by Fargo North administration. This information was relayed to Fargo Public Schools and the situation has been remedied.

The Region 3 request for an experimental region tournament proposal tabled and directed to the Board Tournament Committee from the November meeting was discussed. Steve Hall, Tournament Committee Chair indicated the committee discussed the request and the committee recommendation was to deny Region 3's request for a 6-team region tournament. The Tournament Committee felt an 8-team single elimination tournament should be standard. Each district could determine which 8-teams would be representatives for region tournaments. Also discussed was the overall future of district tournaments. We may not have the same as we do now in the future. The committee's recommendation would be to deny the request from Region 3 and recommend the creation of region guidelines.

- Motion by Olson to deny the Region 3 request for an experimental region tournament. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Hall to create guidelines for all region tournament proposals to an 8 team, bracketed, single elimination tournament format. Second by Olson.
- Motion amended by Wiberg to create guidelines for all region tournament proposals to a bracketed, single elimination tournament with a minimum 8 team format for Class B basketball and volleyball. Second by Brannan. Amendment to the motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote was taken on amended motion. Roaldson – yes, Martin – yes, Baesler – yes, Ham – yes, Hall – yes, Brannan – yes, Olson – yes, Wiberg – yes, Auch – yes, Helvik – yes, Ulland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Helvik, Media Committee Chair, provided an update of committee work to the Board. November 29th the media committee had a conference call to discuss the possibility of hiring Stu Schwartz as a media consultant for NDHSAA. Schwartz requested a minimum fee of \$6,000 per year for 3 years. The committee recommended not to hire Schwartz as a media consultant. Chuck Schmidt, a staff member from the Arizona Interscholastic Association has been invited to North Dakota to share what Arizona is doing with webcasting. Chuck will be in Valley City on February 20, 2013 to address the Media Committee and available Board members. He will discuss what Arizona's program and advise NDHSAA future television and webcasting options. A meeting time was set for 10:00 am on February 20, 2013.

Syiling discussed television bid specifications for Board consideration. The specifications maintain exclusivity on all televised games. Games not televised would be under the control of NDHSAA. Webcasting is not included in the proposed contract.

The television contract time line is as follows:
 Specifications finalized by January 26, 2013
 Request for Proposal to be sent February 1, 2013
 Bids due March 12, 2013
 Bids opened and awarded at the March meeting.

Motion by Hall to approve media committee report. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Class A Review Committee members: West, Jim Roaldson, Jamestown and Jeff Dornfeld, Williston, East, Randy Nelson, Shanley and Todd Olson, Fargo, NDHSAA Board Representative, Scott Ulland, May-Port/CG and Executive Secretary Syiling met on January 16, 2013 via conference call.

The following recommendations were made.

1. Discussion regarding moving state gymnastics to the first weekend in March beginning in 2013-14.
Table until spring and give the gymnastics community an opportunity to respond.
2. Discussion regarding elimination of the less than 50 rule.
Support a rule change which would allow junior high students to move up and down competition levels regardless of school size. The committee felt the less than 50 rule should still apply to the use of sixth graders.

Steve Hall, Committee Chair, provided a Constitution & By-Laws Committee report regarding amending the less than 50 rule for junior high students competing on high school teams. At a previous board meeting the staff was directed to come back to the Board with a change in wording of the areas of the Constitution & By-Laws that refer to the 50 rule. After discussing the issue with Class A Review and NDIAAA, the following suggestions were made. Approval for changes below will be requested in March with the interpretation changes to be in effect beginning in 2013-2014.

PART TWO - ARTICLE XIV- RULES OF ELIGIBILITY - INTERPRETATIONS - SECTION II (Page 23 of Part II-Q: 2 & 4)

2. Q: May a student play on the high school team if he/she is in the seventh or eighth grade?

A: This is possible under this rule but the assumption is that the practice of playing seventh or eighth graders will be limited to the small school where available participant numbers may be limited. In schools maintaining grades 7-8-9 as a unit, competition in those grades between other Junior Highs within the city and nearby area is recommended, rather than encouraging children at the Junior High School level to seek membership on the regular high school team. ~~In the event 7th and 8th grade students are placed on a ninth grade team that has been declared a high school team, they will remain eligible for junior high competition. Should a 7th or 8th grader be placed on a team consisting of tenth graders or higher, they will no longer be eligible for junior high competition. However, such students are eligible for participation on the high school team, but if once elevated to a high school team are no longer eligible for the junior high team in that sport during that sport season. NOTE: The exception to this rule is in the sports of track, cross country, golf and wrestling for all schools as well as in all sports for schools with a combined enrollment of less than 50 in the 7th and 8th grade. (Board approved June 2004)~~

~~The total enrollment count must take place at the beginning of each season in which this rule is applied.~~

If a junior high student is elevated and participates in high school competition they shall be able to move back to junior high competition.

Care should be exercised that dual participation on two school teams does not result in "over" participation. Individual and team limits as spelled out in sport/activity regulations shall be administered. School administrators and coaches who permit this dual participation membership must assume the responsibility of preventing over-participation.

4. Q: Are there any conditions under which a fifth or sixth grader may be a member of a high school team?

A: No, not under the present rules and regulations. However, it is possible for him/her to be a member of a junior high team if the enrollment in grades 7 and 8 is less than 50 is not over fifty (50) with the exception of football and wrestling.

The total enrollment count must take place at the beginning of each season in which this rule is applied.

PART FIVE - JUNIOR HIGH AND SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BY-LAWS – ARTICLE III: GENERAL REGULATIONS - OTHER REGULATIONS (Page 3 of Part V-Other Regulations: Guidelines for Jr High Competition)

General Statement:

In the junior high school if the 9th graders are kept separate for competition and teams are composed strictly of 9th graders, the regulations for each sport are exactly the same as they are for high school teams. Whenever a team is composed of students from grades 7-8-9, 8-9, 7-8, or 7-9 these teams are limited to regulations pertaining to junior high school teams.

GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR HIGH COMPETITION

~~1. Member schools with teams in both junior and senior high school may select pupils in grades 7, 8 or 9 for either junior high teams or as members of high school teams.~~

1.2. ~~Seventh and eighth grade students who participate on a ninth grade team declared for high school status may still be eligible for 7th or 8th grade competition.~~ If a junior high student is elevated and participates in high school competition they shall be able to move back to junior high competition.

~~2.3. A team made up of a combination of 7th and 8th grade students is considered a junior high team and is subject to those limitations as outlined in the By-Laws. Seventh and eighth grade students elevated to teams consisting of any grades 10 through 12 are no longer eligible for junior high competition. Seventh and eighth grade students may be "moved up" to a high school team.~~

3.4. A ninth grade team may be declared for junior high status or high school status and that team must maintain that status the entire season. Ninth grade teams choosing high school status must be comprised of at least 50% ninth grade students.

5. ~~A combination junior high team (8 and 9 or 7, 8 and 9) may compete against a ninth grade team if such combination team has been designated as a high school team. Reference Section XIII~~

6. ~~Ninth grade teams that have declared high school status MUST follow high school limitations. They must be designated as a high school team when the season begins so it is clear they cannot compete against teams with junior high status.~~

4.7. If a combination team (8 and 9 or 7, 8 and 9) has less than 50% ninth grade students, that team cannot declare high school status and must follow junior high limitations.

5.8. All Jr. High seasons shall be no longer than the high school season in that sport. No Jr. High participant may participate in a total number of consecutive weeks in excess of the number of weeks established for the high school season.

9. ~~The total enrollment count applicable to 50 or less enrollment regulations must take place at the beginning of each season in which this rule applies.~~

A By-Law reformat was proposed as per our Strategic Plan. A draft was given to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. A draft will be sent to all board members.

Legal opinion from Gary Thune was shared on participation of home school students.

Baesler shared a letter from an attorney in the Washington DC area indicating his opinion home school students have every right to open enroll in any district of their choice. The opinion was supported by the North Dakota Attorney General's ND DPI representative. Open enrollment may or may not be accepted by the open enroll school.

Motion by Helvik to approve Constitution & By-Laws Committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Committee Chair of Combined Tournament Committee, reported the committee met December 5th in Carrington to discuss the following recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of request by the Ralph Engelstad Arena to move state hockey to Grand Forks in 2013-14 and Fargo in 2014-15 due to a scheduling conflict at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.
Motion by Hall to approve change. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Recommend changing the state site for girls' tennis from Minot to Grand Forks in 2012-13 and from Grand Forks to Minot in 2013-14 due to court conditions in Minot.
Motion by Hall to approve change. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
3. * Recommend approval of Class B golf sites and other state tournament sites through 2019-20.
4. Recommend the Board to review/reconsider Minot as the host of the State A Basketball Tournament in 2013-14. Pat McNally, AD Minot Public Schools, Rick Hedberg, Minot State University and Wendy Howe Minot CVB were present to speak on behalf of the site and answer questions. Tournament will be held at Minot State University and Minot Auditorium. Shuttle busses between the venues will be provided. Motel rooms have been reserved. Nine new hotels have been opened within the last year and occupancy rates are down in Minot. Wendy Howe, Minot CVB stated the average rate of hotel rooms in Minot in December was \$117 with 51% occupancy.

***Site Rotation Grid as approved on following page.**

NHDSAA	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
Activity	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
"A" Girls Golf	Mandan	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Fargo	Mandan	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Wahpeton
Boys Tennis	Bismarck	Fargo	Bismarck	Grand Forks	Bismarck	Fargo	Bismarck	Grand Forks
Boys Soccer	Fargo	Jamestown	Grand Forks	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Grand Forks	Mandan
Cross Country	Dickinson	Valley City	Minot	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Valley City	Bismarck	Fargo
Girls Swimming	Bismarck	Grand Forks	Mandan	Bismarck	Grand Forks	Mandan	Bismarck	Grand Forks
Football	Grand Forks	Fargo	Grand Forks	Fargo	Grand Forks	Fargo	Grand Forks	Fargo
Volleyball	Minot	Minot	Minot	Minot	Fargo	Minot	Minot	Minot
Wrestling	Fargo	Bismarck	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo
Gymnastics	Valley City	Minot	Jamestown	Jamestown	Dickinson	Jamestown	Jamestown	Jamestown
Boys & Girls Hockey	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Fargo	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	TBA
"B" Boys Basketball	Minot	Grand Forks	Minot	Grand Forks	Minot	Grand Forks	Minot	Grand Forks
Boys Swimming	* Bismarck	* Grand Forks	* Mandan	Bismarck	Grand Forks	Mandan	Bismarck	Grand Forks
"A" G & B Basketball	Bismarck	Minot	Fargo	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Fargo
"B" Girls Basketball	Fargo	Fargo	Bismarck	Minot	Fargo	Minot	Fargo	Bismarck
Girls Tennis	Grand Forks	Minot	Minot	Fargo	Minot	Grand Forks	Minot	Fargo
Track	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck
"B" Golf	Bismarck	Fargo	Jamestown	Carrington	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Carrington
	Mandan	Oxbow	Carrington	Jamestown	Bismarck	Oxbow	Carrington	Jamestown
"B" Baseball	Mandan	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown
"A" Baseball	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Mandan
Softball	West Fargo	Minot	Dickinson	Grand Forks	West Fargo	Jamestown	Minot	West Fargo
Girls Soccer	Fargo	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Bismarck	Jamestown	Grand Forks
"A" Boys Golf	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Fargo	Minot	Grand Forks	Dickinson	Fargo	Mandan
Proposed changes in sites and new recommended sites are in BOLD								
* A boys golf and boys swimming changes made April 2011								
* August 31, 2011 Cross Country site changed - September 30, 2011 State VB site changed								
** 12/15/11 Boys' Swimming 2011/12 site change - Boys' A Golf 2011/12 site change								
April 2012 approved gymnastics change from Jamestown to Dickinson								

Motion by Wiberg to approve proposed calendar changes and sites for 2019-20. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee also discussed available venues. Coaches would like to have Bismarck as the permanent site for swimming and Grand Forks as a permanent site for tennis.

Steve Brannan, Fine Arts Committee Chair provided a report to the Board:

1. Change of NFL Speech & Debate competition dates received support of state personnel but not approved by national. NFL dates will be before the NDHSAA Class B State Speech Meet.
2. Dickinson State University and Minot State Speech invitational tournaments were discussed. This does not appear to be a recruitment issue. Recommend allowing both to continue their invitational tournaments.
3. Discussed Fine Arts judge certification. A letter of reprimand will be sent to each offending school.

Motion by Helvik to approve the fine arts committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Devils Lake requested Board permission for Devils Lake High School JV boys' basketball team to play one day prior to the first allowable competition date to allow Devils Lake to be included in the Ramsey County Tournament. The nine day practice rule remains in effect.

Motion by Roaldson to approve request. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirsten Baesler provided a Canvassing Committee Report of the election vote for the two seats that will become open.

1. Riley Mattson, South Heart 61 votes and Brad Rinas, Washburn 80 votes for the SW Representative position
2. Jason Schwabe, Thompson, 53 votes and Todd Bertsch, Fargo 67 votes for the ND Association of Secondary Principal position

Motion by Roaldson to accept the canvassing report. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Helvik, Realignment Committee Chair recommended Board approval of Class B baseball region assignments for 2013 and 2014.

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Central Cass	Hillsboro/Central Valley	Carrington	Cavalier
Enderlin/Maple Valley	Finley-Sharon/Hope-Page	Central Prairie	Grafton
Hankinson/Fairmount/Rosholt	Hatton/Northwood	Dakota Prairie	Langdon/Munich
Kindred/Richland	Larimore	Lakota/Adams-Edmore	Minto/Midway
LaMoure/Litchville-Marion	May-Port-CG	Midkota	North Border
Northern Cass	Thompson	New Rockford-Sheyenne	Park River/Fordville-Lankin
			St. Thomas/Drayton/Valley-Edinburg
Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8
Bottineau	Bishop Ryan	Des Lacs-Burlington	Beulah
Dunseith	Central McLean	Lewis & Clark	Hazen
Harvey/Wells County	Garrison/Max	MLS-Mohall/Glenburn	Hettinger/Scranton/Mott-Regent/New England
North Star	Sawyer	New Town	Kidder County
Rolette/Wolford/Rolla	Surrey	Trinity Christian/Trenton	Shiloh Christian
Rugby	Velva/Drake-Anamoose	Watford City	Washburn/Wilton/Center-Stanton

Motion by Olson. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirk Ham, Finance Committee Chair, provided the Board with recommendations for 2013-14 staff salaries to include a 4% raise for professional staff, a \$.70/hour increase for Sue Carlsrud & Patty Bass and an \$.80/hour increase for Sharon Prosky for a total cost of approximately \$23,000. Also discussed was the current pension plan. Staff is exploring options for retirement programs and will bring any future recommendations to the Board. Motion by Martin with second from Helvik to approve the Finance Committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed legislation was discussed. Specifically discussed was legislation concerning a change in the concussion legislation and the start of the school year. The agenda for the General Assembly, which will meet on Monday, January 28, 2013, was also discussed. Mandi Egeland, NDHSAA/Farmers Union Insurance Distinguished Student will not be able to be in attendance due to an illness. Kirsten Baesler will provide a report of the Canvassing Committee. There will be a special presentation for Dr. Wayne Sanstead for his retirement from the NDHSAA Board

of Directors. Sylling will discuss Coaches Education and play NFHS/NDIAAAA/NDHSAA Public Service Announcements from NFHS and NDIAAAA.

A letter from Century High School principal, Lee Ziegler voiced concern about loss of school time for the state volleyball tournament due to the scheduled practice (Hit-Around) times. Recommend the issue be forwarded to the tournament committee for consideration.

In representative reports:

Helvik questioned if there was an upcoming change of uniforms. He also questioned using a point system to assign seeding for tournaments.

Baesler reported SB 2263, a Bullying Bill, adds definition of bullying to include students and fans that substantially interrupt school or school sponsored events. The bill includes the immediate removal of an offending student or fan immediately, required reporting to law enforcement and a ban for remainder of school year.

SB 2320 includes the reporting of release of student law enforcement records to schools when felony charges are filed.

Ulland: Questioned the status of National Guard uniform promotion previously approved by the Board. Bubach reported the Army National Guard has been delayed and will most likely be pushed back to 2013-14.

Executive Secretary's report included the discussion of a ruling from the Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights which has implications to all member schools. The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report that underscored access to, and participation in, extracurricular athletic opportunities provide important health and social benefits to all students, particularly those with disabilities. These benefits can include socialization, improved teamwork and leadership skills, and fitness. The GAO found students with disabilities are not being afforded an equal opportunity to participate in extracurricular athletics in public elementary and secondary schools. The DOE document is available on the NDHSAA website. A major concern that stood out was athletics and activities may be viewed as a right and not a privilege.

The next meetings will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2013 in Valley City, on Friday, March 15, 2013 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck and Friday, March 22, 2013 at the Fargo Radisson.

President Ulland declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____