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**North Dakota High School Activities Association
August 7, 2013, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on August 7, 2013 in Valley City. President Olson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Olson, Auch, Roaldson, Martin, Ham, Brannan, Hall, Wiberg, Baesler, Rinas, Bertsch.

Others present: Ross Richards, Athletic Director, West Fargo Sheyenne High School, Curt Jones, West Fargo High School Athletic Director, Harold Rotunda, Auditor.

President Olson welcomed new board members, Brad Rinas and Todd Bertsch.

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Brannan to approve the agenda. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the June 18-19, 2013 meeting for review. Motion by Brannan to approve minutes as read. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously

Curt Jones, Athletic Director, West Fargo High School and Ross Richards, Athletic Director at West Fargo Sheyenne High School presented competition plans for the new West Fargo Sheyenne High School. Jones explained the competition matrix provided and the plan for students attending Sheyenne High School in future years.

Following is the plan for students attending the new West Fargo Sheyenne High School:

2013/14 – All West Fargo 9th grade students, Sheyenne High School 10th grade students

2014/15 – Sheyenne High School 9th, 10th and 11th grade students

2015/16 – Sheyenne High School 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students

Beginning in 2014/15, 7th and 8th grade students will be at two middle schools (grades 6, 7, 8).

West Fargo Public Schools will determine at the end of each season which sports will be offered by Sheyenne High School the following year. They are anticipating 200 students or higher per grade level at Sheyenne High School. They are in the process of trying to identify by address which students belong in each West Fargo high school. They are also working on policies to allow Sheyenne High School students to attend West Fargo High School.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report beginning with the 2012-2013 year-end balance sheet, detailed budget and investment report which was made available prior to the meeting for review.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the financial report. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

For further review of the Financial Report, the Executive Secretary introduced Harold Rotunda to report on the audit for the 2012-2013 year.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the auditor's report. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary reviewed the spring sport financial report and the Fine Arts financial report for 2012/13.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

1. Barnes County North and Jamestown in boys' swimming, 2013-14
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Barnes County North and Jamestown in girls' swimming, 2013-14
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kidder County Steele/Tappen and Sterling in Jr. High football, 2013-14
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Oak Grove and Fargo Public Schools in girls' hockey 2013-14
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Baelsler. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Grace Lutheran and Oak Grove in Jr. High football, 2013-14
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

1. Velva and Garrison in wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Grand Forks Red River High School requested a waiver of Article XIV, Section III, Part a of the NDHSAA By-Laws for three tennis players allowing them to compete in specific USTA tennis tournaments during the 2013/14 boys' tennis season. The Board has the authority to waive this By-Law if US Olympic or International ramifications exist.

Motion by Baesler to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Roaldson, football committee chair reported on the development of a football survey. The committee put together a survey for member schools concerning the next two year cycle. There will be similar time lines to previous committees. The survey will be sent September 5th with a completion date of September 12th. Guidelines will be presented to the membership in January 2014. There was a suggestion to share survey results at the October membership meeting.

Motion by Brannan to approve football committee report. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirk Ham, realignment committee chair provided a report regarding Class B realignment. The committee reviewed the existing districts/regions. Realignment information will be sent to schools this week. Feedback will be received by staff and forwarded to the realignment committee with a final decision to be made by the Board at the September meeting.

Motion by Roaldson to approve realignment committee report. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch provided the Board a recommendation to move the State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament from Oxbow to Carrington at the request of Oxbow Country Club. The State Class B Boys' Tournament will remain at Rose Creek.

Motion by Auch to move the State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament to Carrington. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Class B Regional Track & Field Sites were recommended as follows:

- Southeast - Valley City
- Northeast - Larimore
- South Central - Bismarck
- North Central - Rugby
- Southwest - Dickinson
- Northwest - Minot

Motion by Brannan to approve the Class B region track site recommendations as presented. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Laws committee chair, provided a report to the Board regarding academic eligibility. The Constitution & By-Laws committee along with Russ Ziegler, Richardton-Taylor Principal and Mark Andresen, Mandan High School Principal, both representatives of the ND High School

Principals' Association, met on July 23 in Mandan to address academic eligibility. Discussions included what constitutes a full time student, how should academic eligibility checks be done and if there is a need to change any rules concerning academic eligibility. Eligibility is now based on the number of hours in a classroom. Many schools allow students to gain credits in a variety of ways including online classes, college/dual credit classes, classes on the internet and interactive video courses (ITV). Seat time is no longer the only way to gain credit. The committee also reviewed the process other states use to determine academic eligibility. There is a possibility that this issue could be put on the NDCEL conference agenda by offering a session on academic eligibility due to the impact this issue has on member schools across the state. This would allow the committee to collect feedback from member schools. The committee will further study where students get their credit and how to determine if a student is a full time student. There was a suggestion to include a Native American school in future discussions. Also noted was the move of schools toward standards based reporting. The committee will meet again in Valley City after the September 17th Board meeting to continue their discussion.

Motion by Rinas to approve the Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Schell provided a website progress report to the Board. The new website went live on July 31st. Schools have been introduced to the new website at Fall Administrative Meetings around the state. The NDHSAANOW.com site will become live toward the end of August. Work continues on both sites.

The Board reviewed a draft Heat Acclimatization Policy that would help schools manage activities considering heat and humidity.

Motion by Auch to approve the heat and humidity management policy as a recommended policy for member schools. Second by Baesler. Motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota Department of Transportation and the North Dakota Association of Counties – Traffic Outreach Program is interested in becoming a supporting sponsorship with NDHSAA. Their focus would revolve around seat belt use and distracted driving. In discussions with the Executive Secretary, the NDDOT-NDAC Traffic Outreach Program is interested in a 3-year agreement with \$27,000 offered in year one, \$28,500 in year two and \$30,000 in year three.

Motion by Roaldson to approve the creation of a contract with NDDOT-NDAC Traffic Outreach Program for a supporting sponsorship. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Lunde, Minot Public Schools Athletic Director, indicated Minot would not be able to host the west region boys' and girls' tennis tournaments in 2013/14 due to the condition of the tennis courts. Jim Haussler, Bismarck Public Schools Athletic Director agreed to manage the boys' west region tournament and Dan Smrekar, Athletic Director for St. Mary's High School in Bismarck agreed to manage the girls' west region tennis tournament.

Motion by Brannan to move the 2013/14 west region boys' and 2013/14 west region girls' tennis tournaments to Bismarck. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Brannan commended staff for Fall Administrative meeting presentations. He attended the Fall Administrative meeting in Minot and stated the presentation was professionally done and informative.

Executive Secretary Sylling provided the board with an NFHS Network update. The board authorized joining the NFHS Network contingent on working out an indemnification contract with the NFHS Network's HoldCo, LLC. Issues have been worked out and the NDHSAA joined the NFHS Network. Sylling has been appointed to the HoldCo Board of Directors. A press release was sent with this announcement. NDHSAA will receive \$35,000 in years 1 through 3 and \$45,000 in years 4 and 5 of the contract for rights to all post season tournaments that are not televised.

Sylling reported two regional fall administrator meetings have been completed. They have gone very well. This is an excellent opportunity to educate our administrators throughout the state.

Fetsch reported the finalized Dakota Bowl football times. The Dakota Bowl will be held Friday, November 15, 2013 at the FargoDome in Fargo, ND with the following times:

- 9:10 am – 9-man
- Appx. 12:05 pm – Division A
- Appx. 3:00 pm – Division AA
- 6:40 pm – Division AAA

Next meeting will be held September 17, 2013 in the Valley City Office.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____