

# Memo

**To:** Brian Bubach  
**From:** Kelly Koppinger  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 2/26/2016  
**Re:** Late Fee

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## **Late Fee**

We know there are going to be some late fees and possibly participation fees associated with the late request submitted. Our budget will be prepared to accommodate the fees needed to allow our student/athletes the privilege of participating in football next year.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Kelly Koppinger

February 22, 2016

NDHSAA  
P.O. Box 817  
Valley City, ND 58072-3047

To Whom It May Concern:

On Wednesday, January 20, 2016 administration from New England Public School and Trinity High School met to discuss the Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement between New England Public School and Dickinson Trinity. During this meeting, Dickinson Trinity informed us, that Dickinson Trinity was contemplating dissolving the Cooperative Sponsorship between the two schools effective immediately. They did however, want to discuss this in more detail with coaches and administration and would get back to us with their decision shortly.

A couple of weeks went by, and on Monday, February 1, 2016, Mr. Daryl Jung, New England Athletic Director called Steve Glasser to see what decision Dickinson Trinity had made concerning the dissolution. Steve Glasser confirmed with Mr. Jung the decision to dissolve the co-op effective immediately. Mr. Jung then informed me of their decision immediately after the conversation.

On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 I called Steve Glasser about the co-op and asked him if they had sent their letter dissolving the co-op to the NDHSAA. He informed that he was going to send it in by the end of the week.

After the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with Dickinson Trinity, Mr. Jung and I had several discussions with the NDHSAA and area schools about potential co-ops – Mott/Regent being one of the schools. On Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7:00 AM Mott/Regent held a special Board meeting. At this meeting with the Mott/Regent School Board we discussed the possibility of an emergency co-op and forming a new co-op for the 2017-2018 football season. The Mott School Board voted in favor of forming a new co-op and allowing an emergency co-op for next year (see enclosed minutes).

On February 23, 2016 the New England School Board met to formally recognize the dissolution of the co-op with Dickinson Trinity. The Board also voted on forming a new co-op with Mott/Regent, as well as, forming an emergency co-op with Mott/Regent for the 2016-2017 football season (see enclosed minutes).

New England Public School has a rich history and tradition of excellence in football. We would like to continue this tradition somewhere. With your help, we can do this without subjecting our students to undue restraints beyond their control. Like the NDHSAA, we also believe in supplementing programs by providing quality extra-curricular activities to all of our student athletes. However, under the current football guidelines we may have some students not eligible for participation in football. Upon discussion with

Mott/Regent, we were informed that Mott/Regent has not had a JV program for a couple of years. It is our hope that the NDHSAA will take into account the late notice we received from Dickinson Trinity to dissolve the football co-op and rewrite the current guidelines to allow for hardship cases like ours.

We are requesting the Football Committee review the existing language stating "only seniors from the applying school would be eligible for varsity competition." We did not initiate the dissolution, furthermore, the intent to dissolve the co-op effective immediately came from Dickinson Trinity. We do not have many student/athletes that would be affected by this rule, however, we shouldn't limit any student/athletes participation in extra-curricular events due to circumstances beyond their control. We would like to propose a change to the guidelines for football: "If an emergency co-op is approved and the host school does not have, or has not had a junior varsity schedule, all the applying schools student/athletes would be varsity eligible."

We are well aware of the fact that extracurricular activities are an important part of a student's everyday life. They play important roles in student's lives. They have positive effects on student's lives by improving behavior, school performance, school completion, positive aspects to make successful adults, and social aspects. With this change in the guidelines, you can have a positive impact on our students.

Our intentions were not to find an area school to co-op with to win a state championship, our intentions were to find a suitable environment in which our student/athletes could compete and play football. As you can see, our commitment to a co-op is well documented. We were in a cooperative agreement with Dickinson Trinity since 2006. When we met with administration from Dickinson Trinity we didn't think the conversation about immediate dissolution was being discussed. With that in mind, we are asking the Football Committee and the North Dakota High School Activity Association to allow all of our students to be eligible for varsity competition. They are our most important assets.

Sincerely,



Kelly Koppinger  
Superintendent, New England Public School

February 23, 2016

New England Public School  
District #9  
Special Meeting

The special meeting of the New England Public School Board was called to order by President Leah Madler at 8:30 a.m. Board members attending: Leah Madler, Scott Monke, Connie Jalbert, Jeff Hewson and Daren Rafferty. Board members absent: none. Also present: Superintendent/Elementary Principal Kelly Koppinger, Secondary Principal Lawrence Lechler, Business Manager Tamara Volk, Joe Kathrein, LaDene Prinice, Cole Benz, Julie Rafferty, Jess Sorenson and Daryl Jung.

Connie moved to approve the agenda. Daren seconded the motion. Connie aye, Jeff aye, Scott aye, Daren aye, Leah aye. Motion carried. 5-0

1. Letter of resignation – Letter from Mr. Devin Gonzales asking to be released from his contract effective February 20, 2016.

Scott moved to accept the release from contract request from Mr. Gonzales effective February 20, 2016. Connie seconded the motion. Jeff aye, Scott aye, Daren aye, Leah aye, Connie aye. Motion carried 5-0

Leah thanked Mr. Gonzales and wished him the best.

2. Sports Co-ops – Mr. Koppinger addressed the board regarding his discussion/concerns with Mr. Glasser. Timeline for paperwork to be submitted to the NDHSAA is March 1. A decision will need to be made regarding the football co-op. Mr. Koppinger and Daren spoke on their attendance at the Mott board meeting. The Mott School Board did approve the co-op between the two schools. Discussion was held regarding the coop.

Daren moved to dissolve the football co-op with Dickinson Trinity. Jeff seconded the motion. Scott aye, Daren aye, Leah aye, Connie aye, Jeff aye. Motion Carried 5-0

Scott moved to approve forming a football co-op with Mott/Regent for the 2016/2017 school year. Connie seconded the motion. Daren aye, Leah aye, Connie aye, Jeff aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0

Daren moved to dissolve the track co-op with Dickinson Trinity. Scott seconded the motion. Leah aye, Connie aye, Jeff aye, Scott aye, Daren aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

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Leah Madler  
President

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Tamara L. Volk  
Business Manager

Unofficial Minutes of  
A Special Meeting of the  
Mott-Regent Public School District No. 1  
Mott-Regent Public School Room 201, Mott, ND  
February 19, 2016 7:00 a.m.

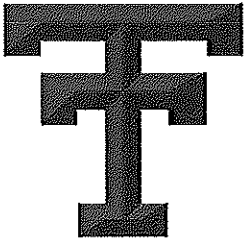
1. Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Roth at 7:00 a.m. with board members Ben Auch, Bill Gion, Lucas Greff, Tracy Kruger, Garret Swindler and Stacey Hertz. Also in attendance were Secondary Principal Adam Hill, Elementary Principal Deb Bohn, Natè Zachmann, Daren Rafferty, New England Superintendent Kelly Koppinger, Frank Jorda, Kent Featherstone, Ron Benson.
2. Approval of Open Enrollment Applications-Garret Swindler moved to approve the following two open enrollment applications as they are currently attending our school. The purpose of this action is procedural for recordkeeping purposes. Lucas Greff seconded. Motion Carried.
3. New England Public School's Request for possible Football Co-op- Superintendent Kelly Koppinger explained the situation that New England will be experiencing with the dissolving co-op they shared with Dickinson Trinity. He stated that approximately 14 students wanted to participate in football. Mr. Koppinger has been in contact with the North Dakota High School Activities Association as to options New England could pursue. Discussion held. Mr. Koppinger formally requested to create a football co-op with the Mott-Regent Public School. Discussion held. Garret Swindler made a motion to move forward with creating a football co-op with Mott-Regent and New England with the following agreed terms; Mott-Regent will incur all coaching salaries and provide all equipment needed. New England would incur all practice transportation costs. All games and practices for the first year will be held in Mott-Regent. Co-op will be known as the Mott-Regent/New England Wildfire. Annual review meetings will be held to look at options for the upcoming seasons. Lucas Greff seconded. Roll call vote Ben Auch-I, Lucas Greff-I, Tracy Kruger-I, Bill Gion-I, Stacey Hertz-I, Garret Swindler-I and Kevin Roth-I. Motion Carried. Unanimous Decision.
4. Lucas Greff moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben Auch seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

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Signature of Board President

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Signature of Business Manager

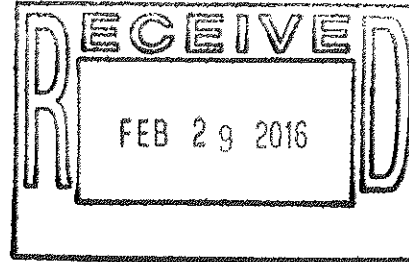


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February 24, 2016



Dear NDHSAA Board of Directors:

It is the intention of Dickinson Trinity High School to dissolve the football and track coop currently in existence with New England Public High School. It is my understanding that both schools need to agree to the dissolution.

It is our formal request to dissolve the cooperative agreement with New England Public High School for the 2016 track and football seasons. Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve Glasser'.

Steve Glasser  
President, Dickinson Catholic Schools