

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
March 20, 2015, Bismarck, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on March 20, 2015 in Bismarck. President Hall called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Wiberg, Hall, Bertsch, Brannan, Martin, Rinas, Roaldson, Dahlen, Manley, Baesler

Members absent: Stedman

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously. Upon additions to the consent agenda, motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 26, 2015
  - b. February 10, 2015
2. Financial Reports
  - a. Balance sheet
    - i. December 2014
    - ii. January 2015
  - b. Budget
  - c. Savings/investments
    - i. December 2014
    - ii. January 2015
3. Coop Dissolutions
  - a. Manvel and Grand Forks Public Schools, girls' basketball, 7-8, 2015-16
  - b. Trenton and Trinity Christian, boys' basketball, 9-12, 2015-16
  - c. Roosevelt and Grant County, boys' basketball, 7-12, 2015-16
  - d. Roosevelt and Grant County, girls' basketball, 7-12, 2015-16
  - e. Roosevelt and Grant County, music, 7-12, 2015-16
  - f. Roosevelt and Grant County, play, 7-12, 2015-16
  - g. Roosevelt and Grant County, speech, 7-12, 2015-16
  - h. Roosevelt and Grant County, volleyball, 7-12, 2015-16
  - i. Dickinson Trinity and Williston, girls' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16
  - j. Dickinson Trinity and Williston, boys' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16
  - k. Dickinson and Williston, girls' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16
  - l. Dickinson and Williston, boys' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16
  - m. Mandaree and White Shield, girls' track and field, 7-12, 2014-15
  - n. Mandaree and White Shield, boys' track and field, 7-12, 2014-15
  - o. Hankinson and Rosholt (SD), baseball, 7-12, 2014-15
4. Coop Applications
  - a. Flasher and Roosevelt, girls' basketball, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - b. Flasher and Roosevelt, boys' basketball, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - c. Flasher and Roosevelt, play, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - d. Flasher and Roosevelt, music, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - e. Flasher and Roosevelt, speech, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - f. Rolla and Wolford, wrestling, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - g. Midkota and Kensal, music, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
  - h. Bottineau and Newburg, boys' hockey, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
  - i. Dickinson, Dickinson Trinity, and Hope Christian Academy, girls' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16, late fee

- j. Dickinson, Dickinson Trinity, and Hope Christian Academy, boys' swimming, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
- k. Milnor and North Sargent, boys' basketball, 9-12, 2015-16, no fee
- l. Devils Lake and North Star, girls' hockey, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee

#### Coop Application

Flasher and Roosevelt, volleyball, 7-12, 2015-16, late fee

- Roosevelt is the K-8 school in Carson, ND. Roosevelt was previously in an academic coop with Grant County School District. The Elgin school board dissolved the academic coop in February of 2015 leaving Roosevelt without a school or coop in which to participate. Brent Johnston, Roosevelt Superintendent, requested a waiver of the \$500 late fee for their volleyball coop application with Flasher.

Motion by Rinas to approve Flasher and Roosevelt volleyball coop with no late fee. Second by Roaldson. Roll call vote: Wiberg - yes, Bertsch - yes, Brannan - yes, Martin - yes, Rinas - yes, Roaldson - yes, Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried 9-0.

President Hall reported on executive board committee actions. Penalties are based on prior Board action and prescribed penalties.

1. Williston HS
  - a. Use of ineligible participant in boys' swimming - no coop in place
    - i. Letter of reprimand and a \$500 fine for February 14, 2015 competition. Placement of boys' and girls' swim and dive programs on probation for 1 year. The participant is ineligible for the rest of the swim and dive season.
2. Turtle Mountain Community HS
  - a. Ineligible participant on a junior high team by using a 4<sup>th</sup> grader in a junior high competition.
    - i. Issue a letter of reprimand.
  - b. Two violations of a wrestling weight-decent plan.
    - i. Issue a letter of reprimand and placement of the wrestling program on probation through the 2015-16 season. School must submit an action plan for following NDHSAA regulations to the NDHSAA Board by 3/20/2015.
    - ii. Further violation of NDHSAA wrestling regulations may result in additional repercussions ie: fines, post-season ban, etc.
3. New Town HS
  - a. Use of ineligible participant in boys' basketball. Player exceeded nightly quarter limit.
    - i. Issue a follow-up letter.
4. Milnor HS
  - a. Violation of junior high basketball regulation of one-hour between contests.
    - i. Issue a letter of reprimand.
5. Carrington HS
  - a. Use of ineligible transfer student in speech contest.
    - i. Issue a letter of reprimand and return of award earned.

Motion by Manley to approve executive committee report. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution & By-Laws committee chair, Steve Hall, reported to the Board concerning Board interpretation on enrollment count date and the approved academic eligibility By-Law amendment to Part II: Article XIV - Section IV, Section V and Section VIII of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws and Part IV: Article III, Section XI of the NDHSAA Jr. High and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade By-Laws.

The board was provided a draft of the interpretations. The Board was asked to provide feedback to the Constitution & By-Laws committee with a final reading to be presented at the April Board meeting.

The committee also discussed establishing a date for enrollment counts for consideration for school classification. Committee recommendation is as follows: Official enrollment counts for Article II will be taken from the Fall enrollment reported to the DPI. The "School Enrollments" portion of Article III, Section XI will determine classifications for cooped activities.

Motion by Martin to approve Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report was given by committee chair, Brad Rinas.

Staff salary recommendations for 2015-16 included a 4.55% increase for professional staff with the exception of Fetsch and Morast who are in 2 year contracts. Hourly personnel would also be offered a 4.55% increase with a breakdown of \$.90 increase for Patty Bass & Sue Carlsrud and \$1.00 increase for Sharon Prosbly. The varying amounts of increase will reduce the range of wages for hourly staff.

Motion by Brannan to approve 2015-16 salary recommendations as proposed. Second by Martin. Roll call vote: Brannan - yes, Rinas - yes, Wiberg - yes, Roaldson - yes, Bertsch - yes, Martin - yes, Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Baesler - yes, Hall - yes. Motion carried 10-0.

Jason Wiberg, media committee chair, provided a report regarding the creation of region and state wrestling radio broadcast fees. Recommendation to create region and state wrestling radio broadcast fees as follows:

Region \$50

State \$75/day and \$150 for tournament

The committee recommended a change in the media policy to allow for a media outlet doing \$10,000 worth of business with NDHSAA be allowed 2 media passes for the current year and following year.

Motion by Roaldson to approve media report. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, realignment committee chair, provided recommendations to the Board regarding the Ad-Hoc super-region committee meeting held 3/20/15. Ad-Hoc meeting provided feedback on the super-region. Regions appear to be comfortable with regions implementing a super-region format as they wish. There did not seem to be concern over unbalanced districts or regions. There was concern shown over loss of games due to scheduling conflicts between regions that are doing a super region format and traditional district format. The districts want to keep control of their participation in a super-region format. Planning a meeting for March 2016 after District Chairs.

Motion by Manley to approve realignment committee report. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Brent Johnson, Roosevelt School superintendent requesting waiver of the transfer rule for Grant County students in grades 10-12 who are Roosevelt School District residents and will be attending Flasher High School in 2015-16. Board discussion indicated this is similar to South Prairie and Nedrose student waivers previously approved by the Board. Motion by Wiberg to grant immediate eligibility at Flasher High School to students in grades 10-12 residing within the Roosevelt school district, provided those students are enrolled on the first day of school for 2015/16 school year. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandt Dick, Underwood High School Superintendent and Athletic Director requested Board consideration for a super-region volleyball tournament format for Region 5. The following is the format and information that will be used for the super-regional.

- Each school in Region 5 would play each other for seeding purposes.
- The Play-in Games would be played at the site of the higher seed.
- Once seeds are determined, seeds numbers 1-5 would receive byes into the Regional tournament.

- Seeds 6-11 would participate in the first round of the tournament to set the field for the remaining 8-team portion of the regional tournament. This would be adjusted for years that Solen fields a volleyball team.
- Revenue and expenditures from the first round play-in games would be the responsibility of the NDHSAA.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the Region 5 request for consideration for a super-region volleyball tournament format. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

A proposal with Gerrells Sports Center to supply basketballs, footballs and volleyballs for the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years was presented and discussed.

Balls & prices specified as below:

Boys' Basketballs.....	Spalding Classic TF 1000 .....	\$42.30
Girls' Basketballs .....	Spalding Classic TF 1000 (28.5).....	\$42.30
Footballs .....	Wilson GST F1003 B .....	\$61.40
Footballs .....	Wilson TDS F1205 B.....	\$54.97
Footballs .....	Wilson 1003P F1233 B .....	\$46.34
Footballs .....	Wilson F155 XDEF.....	\$14.86
Volleyballs.....	Baden VX5E 220 (Blu/Gry/Wh).....	\$42.18
Volleyballs.....	Baden VX450C Composite leather (Blu/Gry/Wh) .....	\$28.77

Motion by Roaldson to approve the three-year ball contract with Gerrells Sports Center. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed Board correspondence including a letter requesting the NDHSAA Board to address player eligibility for students charged with criminal actions. This issue is under the control of local school districts. NDHSAA is requested to take a stand in favor of this code of conduct/citizenship. NDHSAA staff will research surrounding state associations policies. Executive Director Fetsch was asked to review this with legal counsel.

Morgan Forness, Shiloh Christian High School superintendent appealed a denied hardship application to the NDHSAA Board. Details of the hardship application were distributed to Board members. Executive Director Fetsch provided the Board with details of the hardship application. The hardship was denied on the basis that the student/family made a choice, there was not a corresponding parental move and due to the fact that the student did not transfer at the beginning of the first semester of the tenth grade. Mr. Forness responded to questions from the Board.

Motion by Roaldson to approve the hardship eligibility appeal effective immediately. Second by Dahlen. Discussion: Roll Call Vote: Brannan - Yes, Dahlen - Yes, Baesler - Yes, Bertsch - No, Rinas - No, Roaldson - Yes, Wiberg - No, Manley - No, Martin - No, Hall – No. Motion fails 4-6

Motion by Bertsch for student to become eligible at the beginning of the 2015/16 school year. Second by Martin. Roll Call Vote: Martin - Yes, Rinas - Yes, Bertsch - Yes, Brannan - No, Baesler - No, Roaldson - No, Wiberg - No, Dahlen - No, Manley - No, Hall – Yes. Motion fails 4-6

#### Representative Reports

- Baesler reported that the bill to allow guns in schools failed.
- Brannan was asked to bring forward the discussion regarding 3 class and private schools with a different weighting factor.
- Wiberg asked if there are any other schools getting comments on clay targets becoming a sanctioned sport. Fetsch indicated he has not had any requests for formal sanctioning of clay targets.

#### Executive Director's Report

- Turtle Mountain Community High School submitted a wrestling action plan.
- Shared NFHS model legislation protecting medical professionals.
- Retiring Board members currently receive rings. Fetsch asked Board members if they wish to continue this practice.
- NDHSAA Staff will be making a presentation at the NDIAAA conference at the end of March.
- NFHS Summer Meeting procedure was discussed. Board members notified Fetsch of their plans on attending.

The next regularly scheduled NDHSAA Board meeting will be held April 21, 2015 in Valley City at the NDHSAA office at 12:30 pm.

President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_