

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
September 27, 2018, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on September 27, 2018 in Valley City. President Schafer called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Members present: Rerick, Schafer, Brandt, Privratsky, Carlson, Jordan, Strand, Baxley, Sorlie, Vollmer

Members absent: Baesler

Others present: Harold Rotunda, NDHSAA auditor and Patti Aanenson, Larimore Athletic Director

President Schafer welcomed new members to the Board and thanked all for their service.

Motion by Carlson to approve. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to approve the consent agenda. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - i. June 11-12, 2018
2. Financial Reports
  - i. Balance sheet
    1. May 2018
    2. June 2018
    3. July 2018
    4. August 2018
  - ii. Budget
    1. May 2018
    2. June 2018
    3. July 2018
    4. August 2018
  - iii. Savings/investments
    1. May 2018
    2. June 2018
    3. July 2018
    4. August 2018
  - iv. Spring Sports Financial
3. Coop Dissolutions
  - i. Thompson and Hatton-Eielson in boys golf, 7-12, 2018-19
  - ii. Thompson and Hatton-Eielson in girls golf, 7-12, 2018-19
  - iii. West Fargo Public Schools and Park Christian (MN) in girls hockey, 7-12, 2018-19
  - iv. Stanley and Powers Lake in speech, 7-12, 2018-19
  - v. Hillsboro and Central Valley in plays, 7-12, 2018-19
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4. Coop Applications
  - i. Mandan and Shiloh Christian in debate, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - ii. New Salem-Almont and Sweet Briar in girls basketball, 7-8, 2018-19, no fee
  - iii. May-Port-CG and Hatton-Eielson in wrestling, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - iv. Bishop Ryan and Our Redeemer's in football, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
  - v. Fairmount, Campbell-Tintah (MN), and Rosholt (SD) in football, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
  - vi. Valley City and Barnes County North in football, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
  - vii. Griggs County Central and Midkota in football, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
  - viii. Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in football, 7-8, 2019-20, no fee
  - ix. Four Winds and Minnewaukan in plays, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee

Harold Rotunda, NDHSAA auditor, provided the Board with a 2017-18 fiscal year audit report. Motion by Privratsky to accept the auditor's report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Eligibility Committee Chair, Mark Rerick, provided the Board with a committee report. The committee reported determination on a hardship denial for a student who transferred from Grant County to Flasher. The committee recommends upholding the hardship denial. Motion by Strand to approve the eligibility committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Oak Grove High School requested a waiver of the transfer rule for a student. The student enrolled in online courses without attending Oak Grove for at least one class as required by Board regulation. The student then transferred from an entirely online class load back to Oak Grove as a full-time student. Motion by Privratsky to deny the Oak Grove request. Second by Vollmer. Roll Call Vote: Baxley-yes; Brandt – yes; Carlson- no; Jordan-no; Privratsky- yes; Rerick-yes; Schafer-yes; Sorlie-no; Strand-yes; Vollmer-yes. Motion carried: 7-3

The eligibility committee recommends the transfer rule and the eight semester rule be reviewed by the Constitution & By-Laws committee.

Privratsky, Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee chair, provided the Board with a committee report. Recommend continuing Valley Officeworks 5-6% increase in costs for 2019-20. Advertising sales more than cover the increased cost. Motion by Strand to approve. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Schafer, Football Committee Chair, provided the Board with a final recommendation for the 2019 and 2020 football plan including divisions, regions and play-off format. Change in guidelines to include the addition of the underlined wording: During the 2019 and 2020 seasons, any varsity team that chooses to play a team that declares independent status after the September 18, 2018 deadline will be ineligible for the playoffs. Board members appreciated the efforts the football committee put forth into the plan. Motion by Vollmer to approve the 2019 and 2020 football plan. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky, Realignment Committee Chair, provided the Board with a committee report. The committee reviewed the plan recommended by Wahpeton and Fairmount High School. The committee recommends surveying member schools on the proposed plan with a one question survey. Survey Question: Is your school in favor of the NDHSAA Board of Directors adopting the volleyball/boys basketball/girls basketball proposal submitted by Wahpeton and Fairmount High Schools? The proposed plan will be sent out in advance of the survey. The survey will be emailed to Class A Athletic Directors and Class B Superintendents and Athletic Directors on October 3, 2018 with a submission deadline of October 17, 2018. Motion by Sorlie to approve the committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Rerick-yes; Schafer-no; Sorlie-yes; Baxley-yes; Brandt-no; Carlson-yes; Jordan-yes; Privratsky-yes; Strand-yes; Vollmer-no.

Jeremy Brandt provided an Awards and Canvassing Committee report. The committee recommends discontinuation of 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> place ribbons in swimming and gymnastics, 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place ribbons in region track relays and all student congress ribbons effective immediately as ribbons are no longer available from our vendor. Motion by Vollmer to approve. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Vollmer, Fine Arts Committee Chair, provided a committee report. The Fine Arts Committee recommends researching realignment for all fine arts based on current 8 basketball regions. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Brenda Schell provided the Board with an update on the approved NDHSAA strategic plan.

The following region site changes were recommended:

2018-19 West Region Boys Tennis tournament move from Bismarck to Minot

2018-19 Region 1 Volleyball tournament move from TBD to Northern Cass

Motion by Strand to approve the site changes. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Representative Reports

Carlson mentioned schools in his area questioned the progress of the District Chairs recommendation that NDHSAA, NDOA, NDIAAA, and NDHSCA jointly develop a plan to enhance and develop officiating to include recruitment, evaluation, mentoring, and education of officials. Board consensus was the lead be taken by NDIAAA.

#### Informational Items

- Fetsch provided a 2017-18 Apparel Report
- NDHSAA General Assembly will be held in Bismarck on October 19, 2018. The Board was presented with the tentative agenda.
- NDOA Recommendations are as follows. These recommendations will be voted on in November allowing time for feedback from member schools.
  - A 4% increase on the maximum fee schedule for officials for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.
  - Add two turn officials for the boys and girls State Swim Meets.
  - Remove high school students from the officials' full registration (high school students are unable to officiate varsity games). Steer all high school students through the Local Official program.
  - For swimming, add "and/or Dive Referee" to the line on the officials fee labeled "Meet Referee".
  - Use four umpires for the winner's bracket in the Class A State Baseball Tournament and two umpires for the consolation bracket.

#### Executive Director's Report

- Meeting Recaps
  - Fall Administrator meetings were well attended with 159 of 169 member schools represented.
  - New admin orientation was held in August with 24 new administrators attending.
  - NFHS Section V discussed the following:
    - eSports
    - Concussion insurance
    - Cyber liability
    - Standards based report cards – require schools to convert to GPA and credits to verify student eligibility
    - ND is only state in Section V that does not count grades 7-12 semesters consecutively (12 semesters).
- National Guard Supporting Sponsorship has committed \$35,000 for the 2018-19 year.
- Fetsch provided an update on NFHS Rules Committees. Fetsch indicated North Dakota is well represented on national committees.
  - Bubach will serve his second year as the chair of the NFHS Speech Committee and is beginning year four of a four-year term on the NFHS Music Committee.
  - Fletschock is serving in year three of a four-year term on the Softball Rules Committee.
  - Schell will serve year four of a four-year term on the Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts award committees.
  - Tara Hofmann will begin year two of a four-year term on the NFHS Gymnastics Rules Committee.
  - Justin DeCoteau will begin year two of a four-year term on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee
  - Fetsch will serve year two of a four-year term on the NFHS Hockey Rules Committee, will be serving his third of five years on the NFHS Hold Co Board and will finish his final year of interim on the NFHS Foundation Board.

- Jeff Risk will be serving his third year of a four-year term on the NFHS Football Committee.
- Mix will begin his first year of a four-year term on the NFHS Records Committee.
- Hardship Waiver Report
  - There have been 9 hardship rulings so far this school year, 5 have been approved and 2 were appealed.
- NFHS Section V Citation Award will be presented to Sue Carlsrud of the NDHSAA office in July 2019. Sue is in year 43 with NDHSAA and a wealth of information and knowledge.
- Fetsch will be meeting with Blue Cross/Blue Shield concerning health insurance renewal rates. Rates are anticipated to decrease a small percentage.

NDHSAA General Assembly meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2018 at 8:30 am at the Ramkota in Bismarck, ND.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2018 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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