

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
December 5, 2019, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on December 5, 2019 in Valley City. President Privratsky called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Members present: Rerick, Brandt, Privratsky, Carlson, Jordan, Strand, Baxley, Sorlie, Schoch, Jundt

Members absent: Baesler

Others present: Dr. Donna Fishbeck, DPI representative

Privratsky congratulated Mark Rerick on receiving the NIAAA 2019 Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award.

Addition to the agenda:

Coop Application: Lewis & Clark-Berthold and Lewis & Clark-North Shore in boys basketball, 7-8, 2019-20, late fee

Motion by Strand to approve the agenda. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Carlson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 25, 2019
2. Financial Reports
  - a. Balance sheet
    - i. September 2019
    - ii. October 2019
  - b. Budget
    - i. September 2019
    - ii. October 2019
  - c. Savings/investments
    - i. September 2019
    - ii. October 2019
  - d. Coop Dissolutions
    - i. Jamestown and Ellendale in boys hockey, 7-12, 2020-21
    - ii. Grafton and Minto in boys cross country, 7-12, 2020-21
    - iii. Grafton and Minto in girls cross country, 7-12, 2020-21
    - iv. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in boys cross country, 7-8, 2020-21
    - v. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in girls cross country, 7-8, 2020-21
    - vi. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in boys golf, 7-8, 2020-21
    - vii. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in girls golf, 7-8, 2020-21
    - viii. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in gymnastics, 7-8, 2020-21
    - ix. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in boys swimming & diving, 7-8, 2020-21
    - x. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in girls swimming & diving, 7-8, 2020-21
    - xi. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in boys tennis, 7-8, 2020-21
    - xii. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in girls tennis, 7-8, 2020-21

- xiii. Valley Middle School (Grand Forks) and Riverside Christian (MN) in wrestling, 7-8, 2020-21
- e. Coop Applications
  - i. Grenora and Westby (MT) in wrestling, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  - ii. Wahpeton and St. Mary's (MN) in gymnastics, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  - iii. Milnor, North Sargent, Sargent Central, and Wyndmere in boys golf, 7-12, 2019-20, late fee
  - iv. Milnor, North Sargent, Sargent Central, and Wyndmere in girls golf, 7-12, 2019-20, late fee

Scott Privratsky, Executive Board Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

1. Late coop application

- 1. Recommend coop application for Lewis & Clark-Berthold and Lewis & Clark-North Shore in boys basketball, 7-8, 2019-20, with a late fee be forwarded to Board for action.

Motion by Jordan to approve the Executive Board report. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Coop Application:

Lewis & Clark-Berthold and Lewis & Clark-North Shore in boys basketball, 7-8, 2019-20, late fee

Motion by Baxley to approve the coop. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Brandt, Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee chair, provided a committee report. The committee reviewed investment and savings reports. Edward Jones advisor recommends changing some investment strategies. The committee will revisit in March and make a recommendation to the Board.

Building and grounds were discussed. Briggs and Pierce will conduct a site visit in December. Fetsch will report back to committee upon completion and recommendations.

Dickey Rural Network has been contacted to provide a proposal for purchase and installation of a security system for the NDHSAA building.

The NDHSAA Alcohol Policy was discussed. Currently NDHSAA has a policy for post season events, however regular season events are not included in that policy. The committee recommends adding regular season events to the policy with wording as follows:

The sale, distribution, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or controlled substances is not permitted at the site of any regular season or postseason contest involving NDHSAA member schools.

Motion by Schoch to approve addition of regular season language to the current post season alcohol policy. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously

The committee discussed a tournament clothing contract extension with Coaches Choice and recommend approval of a 3-year extension. Motion by Strand to approve a three year extension to the Coaches Choice tournament clothing contract. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Carlson to approve Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Rerick, Football Committee Chair, provided a 2021 and 2022 football plan report. The committee is putting together guidelines to present to the Board in January. They are pursuing a 4-year plan with two divisions of Class A and two divisions of Class B building in an opt down process. Discussion will continue and be presented to the Board. Motion by Brandt to approve the football committee report. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Rerick, Eligibility Committee Chair, reported on hardship appeals. Two hardship appeals have been heard since the last Board meeting. The committee denied a hardship appeal October 31, 2019 and

denied a hardship appeal December 4, 2019. Motion by Jordan to approve the eligibility committee report. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

Update language/interpretations

- Part II, Article III, Section IX

**SECTION IX: No interscholastic event shall be held during the Thursday and Friday of the Department of Public Instruction-declared statewide professional development conference.**

**INTERPRETATIONS – SECTION IX of Article III – Contests**

Art. III – Section IX.a.

This rule does not allow any interscholastic contests to be scheduled during the Thursday and Friday of the Department of Public Instruction-declared statewide professional development conference. Practice regulations during this period must be determined by the local school district.

Motion by Sorlie to approve the change Section IX and Art. III – Section IXa interpretation as presented. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

- Part II, Article XIV, Section IX

Reviewed Article XIV, Section XI concerning the possession of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances. Recommend more study on how to implement and enforce tobacco, alcohol and controlled substance eligibility policy on students transferring between schools.

- Part II, Article XIV, Sections II, IX, and X

Reviewed Section II, Art. XIV-Sect. II. Interpretations and Q & As. Recommend first reading approval and in January have a second

Motion by Strand to approve a first reading of the Interpretations and Q & As for Part II, Article XIV, Section II of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

- Part IV, Article III

Recommend Jr. High By-Law remain as approved with no Interpretations or Q and As at this time.

- Review language –Part II, Article XIV, Section III, Q & A #10

Recommend office staff review wording for scrimmages and bring recommended language back to the Board.

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

Warren Strand, Realignment Committee Chair, provided a committee report on region placements.

- Trenton boys and girls golf – Region 6
- Sawyer boys track and field – NW Region

Motion by Jordan to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Alexis Baxley, Fine Arts Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

- 1) State music ballot processing was discussed. Currently there is a 50% ratio of stars to contestants over the entire day. The committee recommends group entries be judged by 10s as the contest progresses. Managers would like to have two groups, before lunch and after lunch. No feedback from the music advisory although music advisory has been notified. Committee will table until January and request music advisory be contacted again.
- 2) In the 2018-19 season, region 2 & 3 contests were cancelled due to weather. When that happens, current policy defaults to advancing 20% with schools deciding what students to advance. Region 3 made a request to change the percentage, however, did not provide a

suggested percentage, just indicated they wanted more students to advance. Committee recommended no change to policy.

- 3) Superior actor in plays were discussed. The committee recommends retaining the current policy of awarding superior actor awards to either a group or an individual within the group.

Motion by Rerick to approve the Fine Arts Committee report. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, Combined Tournament Committee Chair, provided the Board with a committee report. Recommendation to approve sites as per the Combined Tournament Committee recommendations.

Site Recommendations through 2026-27

1. Change Boys & Girls Hockey rotation beginning in 2021-22
  1. 2021-22: Move to Fargo
  2. 2022-23: Move to Grand Forks
  3. 2023-24: Move to Fargo.
  4. 2024-25: Move to Grand Forks
  5. 2025-26: Move to Fargo.
2. State Cross Country: Recommend Jamestown as the State Cross Country site in 2020-21 through 2026-27.
  1. Zittleman suggested a committee be formed to review State Cross Country sites.
3. State Gymnastics
  1. 2021-22: Move to Dickinson
4. Class B Girls Basketball
  1. 2021-22: Move to Grand Forks
  2. 2022-23: Move to Minot
  3. 2023-24: Move to Grand Forks
  4. 2024-25: Move to Minot
  5. 2025-26: Move to Grand Forks
5. Class A Girls & Boys Basketball
  1. 2021-22: Move to Bismarck
  2. 2022-23: Move to Fargo
  3. 2023-24: Move to Bismarck
  4. 2024-25: Move to Fargo
  5. 2025-26: Move to Bismarck
6. Class B Boys Basketball
  1. 2021-22: Move to Minot
  2. 2022-23: Move to Bismarck
  3. 2023-24: Move to Minot
  4. 2024-25: Move to Bismarck
  5. 2025-26: Move to Minot
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7. Class B Girls Golf Sites
  1. 2021-22: Move to Carrington
  2. 2022-23 Move to Mapleton
  3. 2024-25: Move to Mapleton
8. Recommend 2026-27 State Tournament Sites as follows:
 

A Girls Golf	Bismarck
B Girls Golf	Mapleton
Boys Tennis	Grand Forks
Boys Soccer	Grand Forks
Cross Country	Jamestown
Girls Swimming	West Fargo
Football	Fargo
Volleyball	Minot
Wrestling	Fargo
Gymnastics	Dickinson
Boys & Girls Hockey	Grand Forks

B Girls Basketball	Minot
Boys Swimming	Bismarck
A G & B Basketball	Fargo
B Boys Basketball	Bismarck
Girls Tennis	Grand Forks
Track	Bismarck
B Boys Golf	Carrington
B Baseball/ B Softball	Grand Forks
A Baseball/ A Softball	Mandan
Girls Soccer	Jamestown
A Boys Golf	Wahpeton

1. Zittleman presented a potential schedule for a three-day State Track & Field Meet. Zittleman will adjust the schedule and bring back for continued discussions.
2. Class A Baseball/Softball brackets

**Baseball**

The State A will be played in Mandan at Veteran’s Memorial Ballpark, with Mark Wiest as manager.

The nearest town to the tournament site will play in Game 4 and the bracket will be set as listed below. If there are multiple teams from the nearest town, the highest seed will play in Game 4.

	Bracket #1	Bracket #2	Bracket #3	Bracket #4
Game 1	W1 vs. E4	E1 vs. W4	W1 vs. E4	E1 vs. W4
Game 2	E2 vs. W3	W2 vs. E3	E2 vs. W3	W2 vs. E3
Game 3	W2 vs. E3	W1 vs. E4	E1 vs. W4	E2 vs. W3
Game 4	E1 vs. W4	E2 vs. W3	W2 vs. E3	W1 vs. E4

**Softball**

State Tournament:

The nearest town to the tournament site will play in Game 4 and the bracket will be set as listed below. If there are multiple teams from the nearest town, the highest seed will play in Game 4.

	Bracket #1	Bracket #2	Bracket #3	Bracket #4
Game 1	W1 vs. E4	E1 vs. W4	W1 vs. E4	E1 vs. W4
Game 2	E2 vs. W3	W2 vs. E3	E2 vs. W3	W2 vs. E3
Game 3	W2 vs. E3	W1 vs. E4	E1 vs. W4	E2 vs. W3
Game 4	E1 vs. W4	E2 vs. W3	W2 vs. E3	W1 vs. E4

Motion by Strand to approve the baseball and softball brackets as presented. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA current policy does not allow commercial photography at NDHSAA post season games/tournament. Discussion included having a fee for commercial photographers at post season events.

State Class A Basketball Tournament shootarounds were discussed. Recommendation to allow shootarounds with Fletschock to assign shootaround times prior to the tournament beginning in 2019-20.

Motion by Schoch to approve the Combined Tournament Committee report. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, Tournament Committee Chair, provided a report. The committee received a letter from Region 8 requesting to move the Region 8 girls basketball tournament from Ray to Four Bears Casino in New Town due to unforeseen circumstances in Ray. Motion by Sorlie to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a letter from Minot Athletic Director Mitch Lunde requesting a waiver of Article XIV, Section IIIa for a student to participate in a similar contest during the girls soccer season. Motion by Brandt to approve the request. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a request from Kindred Athletic Director Matt Crane requesting the recently passed amendment to Part IV, Article III, Section VI of the Constitution and By-Laws to be effective immediately. Motion by Schoch to approve the request to implement Part IV, Article III, Section VI be effective immediately. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Drayton Superintendent Dean Ralston requesting a set percentage of allowable participants to determine qualification for cancelled Class B Fine Arts region contests. Fine Arts committee recommends denying this request. Motion by Jordan to deny the request. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence  
Kirkeby email

Representative Reports

- Rerick indicated 14 schools (42 teams) are competing in esports this fall with up to 20 schools indicating they will compete in the spring season. The Board will review esports at their March 2020 meeting.
- Baxley indicated she received feedback regarding no activities allowed on the professional development days in October.
- Carlson has a concern about girls basketball numbers. Would like to look back at participation numbers in grades 9-12 from 2000 to current. He would also like to wish Mr. Privratsky well as he indicated he is retiring at the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- Sorlie indicated he received feedback from his area on the golf switch of season. He also indicated he was questioned concerning the number of football awards handed out. He is pursuing the Distinguished Service Award for Don Hanson and hopes to have information by the January Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

- Four hardships with two approved and two denied. Five new applications received this week.
- NDHSAA received new health insurance rates with an increase of 12.4%.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2020 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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