

## MINUTES

### North Dakota High School Activities Association May 1, 2020, Valley City, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on May 1, 2020 in Valley City. President Privratsky called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Others present: Jackson Roberts - KVRR, Eric Peterson - Forum Communications, Cory Erickson-Hillsboro Banner, Greg Devillers - Grand Forks Herald, Patti Aanenson - Larimore High School, Peggy Person, - Lewis & Clark, Todd Olson - Fargo Public Schools, Jason Schwabe - Thompson Public Schools, Steve Swiontek - Larimore Public Schools

Motion by Sorlie to approve the agenda. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jundt to approve the consent agenda. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

### Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
  1. April 14, 2020
2. Financial Report
  1. Balance Sheet
    1. March 2020
  2. Budget
    1. March 2020
  3. Savings/Investments
    1. March 2020
3. Coop Applications
  1. Dakota Prairie and Lakota in volleyball, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
  2. Dakota Prairie and Lakota in girls basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
  3. Griggs County Central, Midkota, and Kensal in volleyball, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
  4. Griggs County Central, Midkota, and Kensal in boys basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
  5. Griggs County Central, Midkota, and Kensal in girls basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
  6. Griggs County Central, Midkota, and Kensal in boys track and field, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  7. Griggs County Central, Midkota, and Kensal in girls track and field, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  8. Turtle Lake-Mercer and Underwood in plays, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  9. Turtle Lake-Mercer, Underwood and McClusky in speech, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  10. Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in football, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
4. Coop Dissolution
  1. Washburn and Underwood in plays, 7-12, 2020-21
  2. Washburn and Underwood in speech, 7-12, 2020-21

Spring sport suspensions due to COVID-19 were discussed. Latest information extended executive order through the school year keeping school facilities closed. The Board previously noted in-person instruction would be imminent in continuing seasons. Motion by Strand to cancel spring sports, winter tournaments and fine arts contests. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously. Brandt and Jordan commend the Board and staff for doing their due diligence and for the work done with this situation.

Scott Privratsky, Executive Board Committee chair, provided the following committee report:  
Recommend forwarding an emergency coop application to the full Board for action.

- Williston and Williston Trinity Christian in football, 7-12, 2020-21, noncompliance fees

Motion by Rerick to approve the late football coop and apply all noncompliance fees as per football guidelines. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board provided recommendations to the Board concerning the following:

- Move the June 8-9, 2020 NDHSAA Board meeting to virtual format to be held on June 8, 2020.
- Allow returning fine arts students to re-use material prepared for 2019-20 contests in 2020-21 contests.
- Provide spring sports officials who registered for 2019-20 credit toward 2020-21 registration.
- Set all baseball and softball officials to certified status for 2020-21 in those sports.
- Postpone the May 15, 2020 opening of the 2020-21 Officials Registration to a later date with the new opening date to be reviewed on or before August 1, 2020.
- Provide 2019-20 winter tournament managers full manager fees.
- Provide no payment for 2019-20 spring tournament/contest managers.
- Assign approved 2020 spring sports region sites to all 2021 spring sports region sites.
- Provide awards for the Class A Girls and Boys Basketball and the Class B Boys Basketball Tournaments as outlined.
- Review Out of Season Coaching Guidelines prior to June 1, 2020.
- Modify the preparticipation physical evaluation requirement to allow students who completed a physical exam from 4/15/19 through 4/14/20 to complete Form B prior to participation in 2020-21.

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

Spring sports coaches and fine arts advisory meetings will be held virtually as previously planned.

- Change the name of the "Suspended Activities Practice Guidelines" to "Canceled Activities Coaching Guidelines" and allow coaches and directors to provide evaluations or feedback on participants' performance.
- The Board of Directors also granted a waiver of By-Law Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa, which will allow students to participate in a similar sport contest during the remainder of the spring 2020 season.

Motion by Rerick to grant a waiver of By-Law Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa, which will allow students to participate in a similar sport contest during the remainder of the spring 2020 season. Second by Schoch.

Fetsch indicated the deadline for annual reports will be moved to June 15, 2020.

Jeremy Brandt, Finance/Personnel Committee chair, provided a committee report.

Finance committee met April 14 and 30 and will meet twice a month for the foreseeable future. At this time the 2019-20 team payment is planned to be \$75,000, the amount of the Marcell Foundation. If finances change before the end of the fiscal year, this will be reviewed. The Committee also authorized Fetsch to pursue a CPR loan through the Bank of North Dakota. Motion by Carlson to approve the Finance/Personnel Committee report. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson, Media Committee chair, provided a committee report on the proposed agreement between WDAY and NDHSAA for a reduction in fees for the state basketball tournaments that were not completed. The committee also discussed the Tier III contract with NFHS Network and an extension of the NFHS Network contract. Motion by Strand to approve the Media Committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Warren Strand, Realignment Committee chair, provided a committee report with the following recommended placements:

- Placement of Griggs County Central-Midkota boys basketball, girls basketball and volleyball in Region 3
- Placement of Griggs County Central-Midkota boys and girls track and field in the NE region.

Motion by Brandt to approve the Realignment Committee report. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Tournament Sites

- 2021 Region 5 Boys Basketball Tournament assigned to Bismarck St. Mary's
- 2023 Class B State Plays assigned to University of Jamestown.

Motion by Schoch to approve tournament sites as recommended. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The June Board meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2020 via conference call.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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