

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
June 24, 2020, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on June 24, 2020 via conference call. President Privratsky called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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

Others present: Tanner Purintun – Linton/HMB football coach, Rick Diegel – Kidder County Public Schools, Todd Bertsch – Fargo South High School

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

Motion by Jordan to approve the June 8, 2020 Board minutes. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky, Executive Board Chair, reported on committee action.

2020-21 Meeting formats

1. Board of Directors meetings will be held in person when possible.
2. New Administrator workshop will be changed to an online meeting.
3. September region administrator meetings will be in person if possible

Motion by Rerick to approve the meeting formats as presented. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend 2020-21 registration for officials open July 1 at the regular rate. After the regular registration deadline of the last day of each sport online rules clinic, there will be a late window which will remain open until the end of the regular season. The late window will include a \$50 late fee and a drop of a level of certification in the late registration sport the following year. Motion by Brandt to approve 2020-21 registration for officials as presented. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Awards were discussed with a recommendation for a reduction in region and state awards with an annual savings of \$38,000. The Board held a lengthy discussion on the reduction in awards. Motion by Carlson to table the awards reduction and reconsider the recognition of region champions to July. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee Chair, Jeremy Brandt explained to the Board the estimated year-end income and expenses and reviewed the 2020-21 technology plan. Fetsch gave an overview of the 2020-21 budget, which includes a 10% reduction. Motion by Sorlie to approve the 2020-21 NDHSAA budget. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandt indicated the committee reviewed the 2020-21 technology plan which is also a warehouse for the NDHSAA strategic plan. The committee thanked Schell and the NDHSAA staff for their work on the comprehensive technology plan. Motion by Rerick to approve the 2020-21 NDHSAA technology plan. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Alexis Baxley, Fine Arts Committee Chair, provided a committee report. Bubach provided an overview of the 2020-21 fine arts contests. Bubach visited with C STAND and NDMEA representatives about a potential restructure of fine arts seasons. Bubach indicated he is in favor of preserving opportunity over advancement and awards in fine arts. The biggest fears for the 2020-21 year are event size, rent and custodial costs. The committee will meet again in July to continue discussions. Motion by Baesler to approve the Fine Arts Committee report. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch presented information on the Return to Competition Committee. The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations for NDHSAA Board approval concerning what returning to competition will look like in North Dakota. The committee met twice since the June 8, 2020 Board meeting. NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will meet July 8, 2020. ND Department of Public Instruction will have K-12 restart draft guidance on June 25, 2020. An approved K-12 restart guidance plan will be available July 15, 2020. Motion by Schoch to approve the Return to Competition Committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Allen Burgad, West Fargo Public School Superintendent, outlining West Fargo Horace High School's plan for sports and activities in 2020-21. Motion by Jundt to approve the West Fargo Horace High School plan for the 2020-21 school year. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch expressed his appreciation of the Board members going off the Board. Privratsky thanked the Board and NDHSAA staff for their work to provide opportunities for students through sports and activities.

Next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Motion by Sorlie to adjourn the meeting. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned June 24, 2020 at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____