

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 21, 2021, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting January 21, 2021 in Valley City. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Schoch, Johnson, Brandt, Jordan, Rerick, Jundt, Fridley, Diegel, Bertsch

Members absent: Baesler, Baxley

Motion by Brandt to approve the agenda. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fridley to approve the consent agenda. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - (1) December 3, 2020
 - (2) December 9, 2020
 - (3) January 12, 2021
 - b. Financial Report
 - (1) Balance sheet
 - (a) November 2020
 - (b) December 2020
 - (2) Budget
 - (a) November 2020
 - (b) December 2020
 - (3) Savings/Investments
 - (a) November 2020
 - (b) December 2020
 - c. Coop Dissolutions
 - (1) Max and White Shield in baseball, 7-12, 2020-21
 - d. Coop Applications
 - (1) Dakota Prairie, Midkota, Lakota, and Kensal in baseball, 7-12, 2020-21, no late fee
 - (2) Dakota Prairie, Midkota, Lakota, and Kensal in softball, 7-12, 2020-21, no late fee
 - (3) Lewis & Clark-Berthold, Lewis & Clark-North Shore, Parshall, and Max in baseball, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
 - (4) South Prairie and Max in boys track and field, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
 - (5) South Prairie and Max in girls track and field, 7-12, 2020-21, late fee
 - (6) Valley City and Barnes County North in wrestling, 7-12, 2021-22, no late fee

Travis Jordan, Executive Board chair, provided a report with the following recommendations.

1. Emergency football coop application
 - a. Recommend approval of a coop
 - i. Beulah and Glen Ullin in football, 7-12, 2021-22, non-compliance fees
2. School violations
 - a. Lisbon High School reported they exceeded the sport/activity guidelines for regular season tournament size. Recommend a letter of reprimand with indication future transgressions may result in loss of post season.
 - b. Ellendale High School reported a girls basketball participant exceeded the daily quarter limit. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of contest in which the ineligible student participated, and head coach suspended for next game.

- c. LaMoure High School reported a junior high boys basketball participant exceeded daily quarter limit. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of contest in which the ineligible student participated, and head coach suspended for next game.
- d. Grand Forks Public Schools reported an individual played on a team which did not have a coop with the student's school of attendance. Penalty includes a letter of reprimand and forfeit of the Jr. High Games in which the individual participated.

Motion by Jundt to approve Executive Board report. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- 1. Fetsch provided a financial update as of December 2020 and a comparison of previous fall sport financials.
- 2. NDHSAA is submitting an application for a PPP loan on 1/21/2021.
- 3. Fine Arts awards recommendations:
 - a. Provide a stipend of \$1750 for the West Region band contest with the understanding this stipend will likely discontinue or change in the future.
 - b. Member schools will pay for all medals this year with the price set at \$3.00 per medal. Orders will be processed through NDHSAA.
- 4. Winter tournament ticket price recommendations.
 - a.

BASKETBALL	2020-21 Proposed
A & B REGION	\$10/game
STATE*	\$20/game
GYMNASTICS	
SINGLE DAY	\$15
TOURNAMENT PASS	\$30
HOCKEY	
REGION	\$10/game
STATE - TUE	\$10/game
STATE - FRI/SAT*	\$40 - two-day pass only
SWIMMING	
IF ONE DAY	\$20
IF TWO DAYS	\$40 - two-day pass only
WRESTLING	
STATE INDIVIDUAL*	\$40 - two-day pass only
STATE DUAL*	\$20 - Saturday only

***\$1/day will be a facility fee (\$2/day at Bismarck Events Center)**

- b. Combined Tournament Committee will meet on 1/27/21 to further discuss region and state basketball tournaments.
- 5. NFHS Summer Meeting
 - a. It is unknown at this time if the NFHS Summer Meeting will be held in person or using a virtual format. More discussion will take place when more information is known.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee report. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Jundt, Tournament Committee chair, provided a report.

Recommendation to approve 2021 Fall Region Tournament Sites as follows:

EVENT	DATE 2021-2022	SITE SELECTED
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GOLF-Girls A

East Region	Deadline: September 27, 2021	Fargo
West Region	Deadline: September 27, 2021	Bismarck

TENNIS-Boys

East Region	Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, 2021	Fargo
West Region	Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, 2021	Minot

VOLLEYBALL

Regions - B

Region 1	November 7-8-10, 2022	Fargo Civic
Region 2	November 7-8-10, 2022	Northwood
Region 3	November 7-8-10, 2022	Carrington
Region 4	November 7-8-10, 2022	Devils Lake
Region 5	November 7-8-10, 2022	Center
Region 6	November 7-8-10, 2022	Minot Auditorium
Region 7	November 7-8-10, 2022	Hazen
Region 8	November 7-8-10, 2022	New Town

Regions - A

East	November 8-11-12, 2022	GF Red River
West	November 10-11-12, 2022	Watford City

1. March post season tournament alterations will be discussed again at the Tournament Committee meeting on 1/27/21.
2. Recommend recognition ceremonies are suspended until further notice including.
 - a. Hall of Fame
 - b. Reunion teams
 - c. Parade of Champions
 - i. WDAY will work with NDHSAA to provide a compilation of the Class B Parade of Champions.
 - d. Academic All-State
 - i. WDAY will work with NDHSAA to provide a compilation of the Academic All-State.

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

Todd Bertsch, Constitution & By-Laws Committee chair provided a committee report. The committee reviewed regulations concerning special training camps during the season. Recommend striking the Board regulation and refer handling of special training camps to local school district control. This does not alter the By-Law that discusses same contests within the season. Jundt questioned if this opens potential confusion for schools for in-season similar contest regulations. Motion by Johnson to approve the Constitution & By-Laws Committee report. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Schoch provided a Fine Arts & Academics Committee report. The Fine Arts Committee met numerous times since the last Board meeting and recommend the approval of the following as presented.

- C STAND RESTART State A Plays proposal.
- A two-option track for regular season speech contests.
- A two-option track for music contests.

Motion by Brandt. to approve the Fine Arts & Academics Committee report. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Diegel provided an Awards & Canvassing Committee report.
Class B Southwest representative.

1. Andrew Jordan, Superintendent, Wilton Public Schools - 68
2. Wayne Heckaman, Superintendent, Bowman County Public Schools - 46

NDASSP representative

1. Ned Clooten, Principal, Wahpeton High School - 87

Motion by Schoch to approve the Awards & Canvassing Committee report. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Schoch, Media Committee chair, provided a report. Recommend approval of adjustments to Winter Television/Streaming Rate Card.

- Contracted broadcast partners have exclusive rights to declared events
- NFHS Network School Broadcast Program schools may produce declined events played at their school
- Non-NFHS Network School Broadcast Program schools or non-contracted producers of declined events may purchase non-exclusive rights
 - o Region hockey - \$200/game (\$100 delayed)
 - o Region basketball - \$500/game (\$250 delayed); \$3000/entire tournament (\$1000 delayed)
 - o State debate/gymnastics/swimming - \$500 (\$250 delayed)
- State basketball, hockey, and wrestling rights are owned by contracted broadcast partners

Motion by Rerick to approve the Media Committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Rerick, Realignment Committee chair, provided a report.

1. Softball region placement
 - a. Place Tioga in Class B West Region: Sub-Region 3
2. Baseball region placement
 - a. Move LaMoure/Litchville-Marion from Region 1 to Region 3
 - b. Place South Border in Region 3
 - c. Place Tioga in Region 7
3. Football Preliminary enrollment numbers were presented along with the football plan annual deadlines.

Motion by Jundt to approve the Realignment Committee report and include changing the opt up and opt down request deadline in the NDHSAA Football Classification Guidelines and Deadlines to October 15th. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Rerick, Eligibility Committee chair, provide a report.

Hardship appeal by Bottineau High School. The Eligibility Committee recommends upholding Executive Director Fetsch' decision to deny. Motion by Bertsch to approve the Eligibility Committee report. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Below are Athletic Review recommendations.

NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)	<u>Com</u>	<u>Athletic Review</u>	<u>Board</u>
Football:			
11B and 9-Man Divisions			
1. Use coaches vote to seed the region champions in 9-man and 11B instead of QRF rankings.		Yes (7-3)	Yes (7-2)
Athletic Review Recommendations			
Volleyball:			
1. Make all sub-varsity matches three sets long with the third set to 15.		Yes (10-0)	Yes (9-0)

The Board reviewed a proposal from Gerrells Sports Center for ball bid prices through the 2023-24 school year. The boys and girls basketball that is offered on the ball bid changed to the Spalding TF-1000 Legacy. Motion by Jundt to approve the Gerrells Sports Center ball bid prices. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Lisbon Middle School Principal Jared Hoff to waive Part IV, Article III, Section III of the NDHSAA Constitution to allow sixth grade students to participate in junior high speech meets. Motion by Schoch to deny the request to allow sixth grade students to participate in junior high speech meets. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other

1. 2021-22 meeting dates were discussed. The Board reviewed the fall regional administrator meetings and whether to hold in person or virtual. Discussed changing the NDHSAA General Assembly meeting to a virtual format. No action taken at this time.
2. Class B District chairperson meeting format.
 - a. Recommend moving District Chairs to a virtual format. Motion by Diegel to change District Chairs meeting to a virtual format. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Reviewed the NDHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations for Sports/Activities.
 - a. Adjust the mask requirement within the NDHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations for Sports and Activities to a mask recommendation. Motion by Diegel to change the NDHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations for Sports and Activities and the NDHSAA Regular Season Attendance mask requirement to a recommendation. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

1. Fetsch reported six hardship/extra semester waivers since the last Board meeting. Two were approved and four were denied.
2. The NFHS Winter Meeting was held virtually. The majority of meeting was centered around finances. There are approximately ten state associations that have not had any sports or activities in the 2020-21 school year.
3. The NFHS Summer Meeting was previously discussed and will be reviewed when more information is available.
4. Legislative Update
 - a. HB 1075 which would allow activities during the fall administrator conference has been amended to strike all reference to sports and activities during the fall administrator conference in ND Century Code.
 - b. SB 2060 which would permit ND licensed, practicing chiropractors to perform preparticipation evaluations for participation in sports is still in hearings.
 - c. HB 1298 is a transgender bill allowing individuals to participate in athletics only under the sex assigned at birth. Fetsch met with the author of the bill to discuss implications of the bill on NDHSAA. No other information is available at this time.

Next Board meeting will be held January 29, 2021 at 2:30 pm via conference call.

Meeting adjourned January 21, 2021 at 11:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____