

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association****March 15, 2021, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on March 15, 2021 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

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

Members absent: Johnson, Baesler

Others present: Patti Aanensen, Larimore High School Athletic Director and NDIAAA President

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

Motion by Bertsch to approve the consent agenda. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Garrison and Max in boys golf, 7-12, 2020-21
 - b. Garrison and Max in girls golf, 7-12, 2020-21
 - c. Lewis & Clark-Berthold and Max in baseball, 7-12, 2021-22
 - d. Bishop Ryan and South Prairie in baseball, 7-12, 2021-22
 - e. Bishop Ryan and South Prairie in softball, 7-12, 2021-22
2. Coop Applications
 - a. South Prairie and Max in speech, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
 - b. South Prairie and Max in baseball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
 - c. South Prairie and Max in softball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
 - d. South Prairie and Max in football, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - e. Minto and Midway in girls basketball, 7-8, 2021-22, no fee

Travis Jordan, Executive Board Chair, reported on committee actions.

1. Received an emergency football coop application with a request for non-seniors to be varsity eligible from Max.
 - a. South Prairie and Max in football, 7-12, 2021-22, with non-compliance fees.
 - i. Recommendation to approve with the established emergency football coop fees of \$1000 per participating senior, \$200 per participating underclassman and a \$500 late coop fee.
2. School violations included:
 - a. Standing Rock High School reported the use of ineligible transfer student in a varsity contest in girls basketball. Prescribed penalty of forfeiture of game and letter of reprimand.
 - b. Velva High School reported use of an ineligible wrestler, according to a weight descent plan, in a varsity match. Prescribed penalty of forfeiture of match and letter of reprimand.
 - c. Grand Forks Public Schools reported the misapplication of an ejection suspension in junior high basketball at Valley Middle School. Prescribed penalty of forfeiture of game and letter of reprimand.
 - d. Burke County High School reported individual exceeded daily quarter limit in a varsity contest in boys basketball. Prescribed penalty of coach sitting out next game and a letter of reprimand.
3. Review guidelines and recommendations for sports and activities

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

Class A and B Speech regulation changes were discussed. Recommend making all post season speech tournaments three rounds instead of two preliminary and one final round. Assuming A/B flights

(total six rounds), approximately half the students are competing while the other half are prepping for their next round. This will limit the number of students in commons areas at any one time and keep everyone moving. Pending final qualifier list, it may be possible to group smaller teams into three consecutive rounds to facilitate in/out but will not know extent possible until final qualifiers are determined.

State A Speech:

- Propose 196 entries/224 students. (Top seven place winners from each region in each category.) May be slightly higher due to increased ties in three-round format.
- Seven qualifiers from each region in each category allows rounds to be scheduled on the 1:15 time slot.

State B Speech:

- Propose 280 entries/320 students. (Top two place winners from each region in each category.) May be slightly higher due to increased ties in three-round format.
- Two qualifiers from each region in each category allows rounds to be scheduled on the 1:15 time slot.

Motion by Jundt to approve the changes to the speech regulations. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring sports rules alterations were discussed. Minimal changes are recommended through the NFHS and NDHSAA advisory committees. Motion by Schoch to approve the spring sport rules alterations as presented. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously. Approved rules alteration notification will be sent to NDHSAA schools.

Fetsch provided a legislative update.

- HB 1075 would eliminate restrictions on activities during the fall administrator conference. No report on this bill at this time.
- HB 1298 – Transgender bill allowing individuals to participate in athletics only under the sex assigned at birth. This bill will be discussed on 3/16/2021. Several senators have reached out to Matt. There may be amendments to this bill. Fetsch inquired if the Board has any direction as to NDHSAA providing testimony. Jundt expressed interest in NDHSAA providing a statement to the public. Fetsch indicated the message he has provided to legislators who have contacted him is as follows:
 - Connecticut currently in federal court with an anticipated Supreme Court in summer of 2022. If the ND legislature approves this, there will be a lawsuit filed immediately. NDHSAA testimony would be in opposition to the bill as worded. NDHSAA is opposed to any bill that affects NDHSAA student eligibility as this would limit the ability of NDHSAA to change policy. No consensus from the Board for Fetsch to provide further testimony concerning transgender eligibility.

Jordan expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff for how well the winter tournaments have gone thus far.

Next Board meeting will be March 30, 2021 in Valley City at the NDHSAA Office.

Meeting adjourned March 15, 2021 at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____