

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association****March 30, 2021, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on March 30, 2021 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

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

Members absent: Rerick, Baesler

Motion by Johnson to approve the agenda. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 21, 2021
  - b. January 29, 2021
  - c. February 5, 2021
  - d. March 15, 2021
2. Financial Report
  - a. Balance sheet
    - (1) January 2021
    - (2) February 2021
  - b. Budget
    - (1) January 2021
    - (2) February 2021
  - c. Savings/Investments
    - (1) January 2021
    - (2) February 2021
  - d. Coop Dissolutions
    - (1) Maple Valley and Valley City in boys cross country, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (2) Maple Valley and Valley City in girls cross country, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (3) Maple Valley and Enderlin in baseball, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (4) Maple Valley and Enderlin in softball, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (5) Maple Valley and Enderlin in boys track, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (6) Maple Valley and Enderlin in girls track, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (7) Maple Valley and Enderlin in boys golf, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (8) Maple Valley and Enderlin in girls golf, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (9) Maple Valley and Enderlin in football, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (10) Maple Valley and Enderlin in speech, 7-12, 2021-22
    - (11) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in volleyball, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (12) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in football, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (13) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in baseball, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (14) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in boys basketball, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (15) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in girls basketball, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (16) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in boys track, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (17) Hope-Page and Finley-Sharon in girls track, 7-12, 2022-23
  - e. Coop Applications
    - (1) Maple Valley and Hope-Page in boys basketball, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (2) Maple Valley and Hope-Page in girls basketball, 7-12, 2022-23
    - (3) Maple Valley and Hope-Page in football, 7-12, 2022-23
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- (12)Maple Valley and Hope-Page in girls track, 7-12, 2022-23
- (13)Maple Valley and Hope-Page in plays, 7-12, 2022-23
- (14)Maple Valley and Hope-Page in speech, 7-12, 2022-23

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

1. 2020-21 staff contracts were discussed by the committee. NDHSAA staff contracts for 2020-21, were previously approved with a 5% raise. Due to financial concerns for 2020-21, staff raises were not provided to staff. The committee recommends providing the 5% raise for 2020-21 retroactively. With the proposed raise, assistant director salaries and staff salaries seem to be in line with surrounding states. The committee recommended a 5% raise for Matt along with a 3% retainer bonus as outlined in his current contract for a total of 8% for 2020-21. Motion by Fridley to approve a 5% raise for 2020-21 for all staff with an additional 3% for Fetsch as per his contract. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A financial update as of February 2021 was provided.
3. NFHS Summer meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida from June 28 – July 2, 2021. Recommendation to allow NDHSAA Board and staff to attend the summer meeting as outlined in the NDHSAA Policy Manual.
4. Spring tournament ticket prices were discussed with the following recommendations:

<b><u>BASEBALL/SOFTBALL</u></b>			
<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>		<b><u>Student</u></b>
Daily	12.00		5.00
3-Day Season	32.00		15.00
<b><u>GOLF - Boys &amp; Girls</u></b>			
<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>		<b><u>Student</u></b>
Daily	10.00		5.00
2 Day Tournament Pass	20.00		10.00
<b><u>SOCCER - Boys &amp; Girls</u></b>			
<b><u>STATE</u></b>			
Tournament Ticket	25.00		12.00
Daily	10.00		5.00
<b><u>TENNIS - Boys &amp; Girls</u></b>			
<b><u>STATE</u></b>	10.00		5.00
<b><u>REGIONS</u></b>	10.00		5.00
3 Day Tournament Pass - Region & State	30.00		15.00
<b><u>TRACK - Boys &amp; Girls</u></b>			
<b><u>STATE</u></b>			
Two Day	25.00		10.00
Daily	15.00		5.00
<b><u>REGIONS</u></b>	<b><u>Adult</u></b>		<b><u>Student</u></b>
Daily	10.00		5.00

5. Awards contract extension was discussed. The committee recommendation includes a contract extension with Allard Trophy in Valley City.

Motion by Fridley to approve the Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee report changing the student ticket daily price for state baseball and softball from \$6.00 to \$5.00. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Jundt, Tournament Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

Winter Region Sites recommended as follows:

#### **BASKETBALL – Girls Class B**

Region 1	February 21-22-24, 2022	Fargo - SHAC
Region 2	February 21-22-24, 2022	Grand Forks - Betty
Region 3	February 21-22-24, 2022	TBD
Region 4	February 21-22-24, 2022	Devils Lake
Region 5	February 21-22-24, 2022	Mandan
Region 6	February 21-22-24, 2022	Minot Auditorium
Region 7	February 21-22-24, 2022	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	February 21-22-24, 2022	New Town Events Center

#### **BASKETBALL - Boys & Girls Combined - Class A**

East Region - Boys	March 1-3-4-5, 2022	Fargo - SHAC
East Region - Girls	March 1-3-4-5, 2022	Fargo - SHAC
West Region	March 3-4-5, 2022	Bismarck Event Center

#### **BASKETBALL – Boys Class B**

Region 1	March 7-8-10, 2022	Wahpeton - NDSCS
Region 2	March 7-8-10, 2022	Grand Forks-The Betty
Region 3	March 7-8-10, 2022	Jamestown Civic Center
Region 4	March 7-8-10, 2022	Devils Lake
Region 5	March 7-8-10, 2022	Bismarck St. Mary's
Region 6	March 7-8-10, 2022	Minot-MSU Dome
Region 7	March 7-8-10, 2022	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	March 7-8-10, 2022	Williston State

#### **HOCKEY - Boys**

East Region	February 15-18-19, 2022	Grand Forks
West Region	February 17-18-19, 2022	Bismarck

#### **WRESTLING**

##### **Class A**

East Region	February 12,2022	Devils Lake
West Region	February 12,2022	Jamestown

##### **Class B**

Region 1	February 12,2022	Napoleon
Region 2	February 12,2022	North Border - Walhalla
Region 3	February 12,2022	Minot Bishop Ryan
Region 4	February 12,2022	New Salem

Recommendation to table the Region 3 girls basketball site until the June Board meeting. Jordan urged the committee, in the future to look at options other than Dickinson Trinity for hosting Region 7 tournaments. Jundt indicated District 13 and 14 both recommended Dickinson Trinity as the site for Region 7 boys and girls basketball tournaments and the Tournament Committee relies on the recommendation of both districts. The Board discussed the philosophy of region sites and how recommendations are made through the Tournament Committee. Motion by Brandt to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Jundt, Combined Tournament Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

1. Ticket prices were discussed and approved to recommend to the NDHSAA Board
2. Recommendation to accept proposed future Fine Arts tournament sites as presented.

**2023-24**

State A Plays	Lake Region State College
State B Speech	Mandan High School

**2024-25**

State A Plays	Lake Region State College
State A Music	University of Jamestown
State B Music	Bismarck State College

3. 7-year calendar
  - a. The change in the NDHSAA Football Plan now allows the ability to place calendar dates in football for 7 years as they are for all other sports and activities.
  - b. For the 2021-22 school year, Superintendent Baesler did not designate a specific conference where school and contests would not be allowed as has been done in past years. Games/contests may be scheduled in October over the NDCEL administrator conference or the ND United conference.
4. The possibility of including Valley City in the state gymnastics rotation was discussed.
5. The number of name badges/floor access per team was discussed. Recommend NDHSAA staff work on wording for name badges/floor access per team.
6. Awards presentations/media interview policy was discussed to assure players are not detained for interviews during awards presentations. Mix indicated a protocol has been implemented and media will be informed of the protocol before tournaments.
7. Recommend high school affiliated media have a maximum of two passes per team and a requirement the media person must be a student.
8. Commercial photography at post season tournaments was discussed.
9. Managers are in support of implementation of online programs going forward.
10. Media row changes were discussed such as only allowing radios stations covering games being played at the time being allowed on media row.
11. Mix created a report covering how many games each media outlet covered. Tournament managers found the report extremely helpful.
12. There was discussion of awards/presentations and what should be brought back to tournaments in following years. Feedback indicated not having an awards presentation was disappointing to fans and remote viewers. Players are introduced at the beginning of the tournament and the opinion of the committee indicates there is no need to introduce each player again at the end the tournament. Announcing region athletes of the year was also discussed at length.
13. Tournament formats were discussed. Class A east and west region formats are being discussed in each region.

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

Fetsch provided a Realignment Committee report. Recommend Realignment Committee review all regions in June and provide recommendations for a realignment to be in place for 2022-23 to Board. Motion by Bertsch to approve the Realignment Committee report. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Alexis Baxley, Fine Arts Committee Chair, and Brian Bubach provided a committee report. The Fine Arts Committee met to review two items:

1. Upcoming fine arts seasons, regulations and formats.
2. 2021 State Class A Plays attendance limits and dressing rooms.

The committee reviewed potential upcoming season surveys and discussed feedback role in decision-making. Discussion was also held regarding parent attendance and dressing room availability at 2021 State A Plays. Staff relayed limited attendance opportunity at State A Plays and expressed scheduling concern with dressing room usage and cleaning within approved scheduled. Committee recommendation to not allow use of dressing rooms for State A Plays as adjudication is not based on costumes.

The Fine Arts Committee recommends the following:

1. Authorize staff to survey administrators regarding upcoming arts seasons.
2. Amend 2021 State A Plays plan to allow for parent attendance within Lake Region State College campus policy.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Fine Arts Committee report. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

The seven-year activity calendar was reviewed with proposed calendar dates through 2027-28. Motion by Schoch to approve the seven-year activity calendar through 2027-28. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA sanctioning of girls wrestling was discussed. Morast indicated 79 girls competed in wrestling for 2020-21. Recommendation for NDHSAA sponsorship of girls wrestling for individual tournaments with one classification. All girls would wrestle in the girls classification as individuals. In order to compete in the team competition, girls would be part of the boys wrestling team for their school. Morast indicated the girls individual tournament could be combined into the current state tournament with modifications to the schedule. Motion by Jundt to approve NDHSAA sanctioning of girls wrestling for 2021-22. Second by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from the west region activity directors to change the region small group orchestra contest to a cumulative region/state contest. Bubach requested the Board forward the request to the Fine Arts Committee. Motion by Jundt to forward the request from west region activity directors to change the region small group orchestra contest to a cumulative region/state contest to the Fine Arts Committee for review. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Jerome Slag, District 9 Chairperson, and Jason Ermer, District 10 Chairperson, for Region 5 to move to a super region format for boys and girls basketball beginning in 2021-22. Motion by Brandt to approve the Region 5 request to use a super region format for boys and girls basketball beginning in 2021-22. Second by Fridley. Discussion the possibility of changing the format of all super regions to a standard format at a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA Board meeting dates for 2021-22 were discussed. Motion by Jundt to approve NDHSAA Board meeting dates for 2021-22. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Representative Reports

1. Bertsch indicated a parent is interested in attending the State A Play production for their school. Fetsch indicated NDHSAA staff will respond and inform schools.

#### Executive Director's Report

1. Technology Director position update: Applications close on March 31, 2021 with interviews on April 7, 2021. A conference call committee meeting for the Personnel Committee and a conference call Board meeting may be requested to approve a new technology director.
2. Hardship/Extra Semester Waiver Report: Four hardship applications have been processed. One hardship was approved and three were denied.
3. The NFHS Summer Meeting was discussed previously in the Board meeting.
4. Fetsch provided a legislative update.
  - a. HB 1075, which eliminates restrictions on activities during the fall administrator conference was signed into law last week. This may facilitate future discussion about NDHSAA State Cross Country meets.
  - b. HB 1298, a transgender bill allowing individuals to participate in athletics only under the sex assigned at birth was amended several times. Amendment was approved to make this into a study sending it to conference committee. After conference committee review this may or may not come back to the legislature for a vote.

Next Board meeting will be June 7-8, 2021 in Valley City at the NDHSAA Office.  
Meeting adjourned March 30, 2021 at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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