

MINUTES**General Assembly****North Dakota High School Activities Association****October 26, 2023, Bismarck**

The General Assembly of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on October 26, 2023.

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm CDT.

President Johnson welcomed member schools to the 2023 NDHSAA General Assembly.

President Johnson declared quorum.

President Johnson introduced the current NDHSAA Board members, followed by introductions of past board members and the NDHSAA executive staff.

Motion by Rick Diegel, Superintendent Kidder County and Linton to approve the assembly minutes from October 20, 2022, as published in the 2022-23 yearbook. Seconded by Shane Azure, Superintendent Northwood. Motion carried unanimously.

President Johnson relinquished control of the general assembly to Executive Director Fetsch.

Turtle Mountain Community High School proposed a By-Law amendment to Part I, Article V, Section I of the NDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION I: There shall be a board of directors, hereinafter called the Board, consisting of ~~eleven~~ twelve members. Each new member shall be seated on July 1st following his/her election for a term of four years and may not hold office more than one elected term. Three board members shall be chosen from Class A schools, one each from two geographical areas and one at-large. The geographic designations are as follows: The state shall be divided into two areas – one area from the Montana border east to State Highway 3 (or State Highway 30), including Belcourt and one area is from State Highway 3 (or State Highway 30), east to the Minnesota border. One board member shall be designated as Class A West, one board member shall be designated as Class A East and one board member shall be designated as Class A At-Large. Four members of the board shall be chosen from Class B schools, each from a geographical area as Highway 83 and State Highway 14 north and south and State Highway 200 east and west forming the boundaries of said areas and one member will be from each area. Class B schools located in towns on the boundary lines as designated shall fall in the areas as determined by the location of the high school building in said towns in relation to the boundary lines. One member of the board shall be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe from a member school located on an Indian Reservation or from a school whose high school enrollment is at least 50% Native American as determined by the Department of Public Instruction. A secondary school principal as so defined by the Department of Public Instruction shall serve as a member of the Board. Two candidates shall be nominated by the Board of Directors of the Secondary School Principals Association and their candidate will be selected by mail ballot sent directly to the secondary school principals of all member high schools and his/her term of office shall also be the same. A member of the Athletic Administrators Association shall serve as a member of the Board. Two candidates shall be nominated by the Board of Directors of the Athletic Administrators Association and their candidate will be selected by mail ballot sent directly to the athletic administrator of all member high schools and his/her term of office shall also be the same. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a member of his/her duly constituted staff, designated by him/her shall serve as a member of said Board. One school board member from a member high school, or the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association, shall be selected by the executive committee of the North Dakota School Boards Association, and his/her term of office shall be the same as that of other elective Board Members, except that there shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms which the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association may serve. Should this member cease to be a school board member from a member high school or the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association, the position shall be declared vacant and a successor selected by the Board of Directors of the School Boards Association to fill the unexpired term. (Oct. ~~2005~~ 2023)

Motion by Superintendent Richard Bjerklie of Napoleon Public Schools, to place the proposed By-Law Amendment to Part I, Article V, Section I on the floor. Seconded by Superintendent Rick Diegel of Kidder County and Linton Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch called for a roll call vote.

Turtle Mountain Community High School By-Law amendment proposal to Part I, Article V, Section I of the NDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws passed with 54 voting yes and 43 no.

Larimore High School proposed a By-Law amendment to Part II, Article XIII, Section II of the NDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE XIII – SPORTS SEASONS

SECTION I: All NDHSAA sponsored interscholastic activities shall be governed by regulations as established by the NDHSAA Board of Directors. (July 2005)

SECTION II: The opening date for the NDHSAA football season in grades 7-12 shall not be set prior to second Thursday in August with the first allowable contest not to be set prior to the fourth Thursday in August. (July 2024)

Motion by Superintendent Chris Larson of Milnor Public Schools to place the proposed By-Law amendment to Part II, Article XIII, Section II on the floor. Seconded by Superintendent Rick Diegel of Kidder County and Linton Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch called for a roll call vote.

The Larimore High School By-Law amendment proposal to Part II, Article XIII, Section II of the NDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws failed with 38 voting yes and 59 no.

Fetsch opened the floor to nominations for the Class A At Large, Class B Southeast, North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals board seats.

Superintendent Josh Johnson of Valley City Public Schools nominated Athletic Director Robert Conley of Williston High School and Principal Ryan Hanson of Devils Lake High School on behalf of the Class A At Large nominating committee.

Superintendent Richard Bjerklie of Napoleon Public Schools and representing Class B Southeast nominated Superintendent Tyler Hanson of Edgeley Public Schools and Superintendent Chris Larson of Milnor Public Schools, on behalf of the Class B Southeast nominating committee.

Superintendent Richard Bjerklie of Napoleon Public Schools nominated Athletic Director Chad Berger of Napoleon High School. Seconded by Superintendent Shawn Kuntz of Wishek Public Schools.

With no further nominations from the floor, nominations closed.

Superintendent Kent Dennis of Fessenden-Bowden Public Schools and representing NDIAAA nominated Athletic Director Ethen Askvig of Langdon Area High School and Athletic Director Jason Simphenderfer of Beulah High School, on behalf of the North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Principal Ryan Hanson of Devils Lake High School and representing NDASSP nominated Principal Travis Christensen of Fargo North High School on behalf of the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals.

Executive Director Fetsch nominated Superintendent Wayne Fox of White Shield and Superintendent Dr. Anthony Vandal of New Town, on behalf of the Native American nominating committee.

Motion by Superintendent Kent Dennis of Fessenden-Bowden to approve all nominations. Seconded by Superintendent Ned Clooten of Devils Lake Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Fetsch introduced 2023-24 Distinguished Student Teagan Erbele of Napoleon High School to speak.

Executive Director Fetsch presented the annual Executive Director's report to the membership.

Executive Director Fetsch adjourned at 5:53 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____