



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 25, 2023

President Thomas Jassman called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian; Matt Davidson, Big Horn County School District #1; Cory Dziowgo, Platte County School District #1; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Terry Hooker, Casper; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Jake Rich, Pinedale; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Jassman asked the Board if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

Agenda – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Handbook** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Reclassification** – no changes and/or additions.

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Mike Daley of Big Horn; Rob Erickson of Star Valley; Bryan Pedersen of Cheyenne and Marcus Viney of Cheyenne East.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

BRYAN PEDERSEN – NIL DISCUSSION

Bryan Pedersen, a parent from Cheyenne, asked the Board to consider adding a policy that would allow high school students in Wyoming to benefit from NIL participation.

MARCUS VINEY – SPEECH SCHEDULE

Marcus Viney, President of the Wyoming Speech and Debate Association, discussed the speech and debate tournament scheduling process.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Thomas Jassman, Will Gray, Mike Hamel, Dustin Hunt, Ryan Mackey, Ryan Mader and Reggie Miller

Ad Hoc Members: Mike Daley, Brandon Deromedi, Mark Gillies, Mike Gregory, Mike Lashley, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs and Rod Winland

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the Reclassification Committee’s 4-Class classification structure proposal for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 reclass cycle, for all activities except football, as follows:

4A: Enrollment of 700 and above

3A: 210 – 699

2A: 110 – 209

1A: 109 and below

MOTION PASSED : ** FINAL READING

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Jake Rich, Matt Davidson, Madison Lacey, Ryan Mackey, Reggie Miller and Chad Whitworth

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND & THIRD QUARTER REPORTS 2022-23

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second and third quarter reports for 2022-23.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2023-24 BUDGET

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2023-24 budget.

MOTION PASSED: **

2022-23 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Laird and Mr. Merback on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

The Board went into Executive Session for discussion.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Larry Yeradi, Cory Dziowgo, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker and Dustin Hunt

UNIFIED SPORTS SANCTIONING

MOTION: Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to table the Unified Sports Sanctioning proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **TABLED

2022-23 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Keith Bauder, Will Gray, Ryan Mader, Carl Manning and Christina Mills

STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING MEET ROTATIONS

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mader seconded the motion to approve the 2024 – 2027 state swimming and diving rotation as follows:

2024-25: Girls – Cheyenne East / Boys – Gillette
2025-26: Girls – Laramie / Boys – Cheyenne East
2026-27: Girls – Gillette / Boys - Laramie

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF 2023-24 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the 2023-24 calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

2022-23 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on the event calendars to help the needs of students involved in activities while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, travel, and the health and safety of all involved in the discussion making process.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Rich moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card request for Jodi Stanley of Snake River.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card request for Larry Wagstaff of Evanston.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Beau Garcia was elected as the 2023-24 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

NEW ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Chad Whitworth has accepted the WHSAA Associate Commissioner position.

GIRLS WRESTLING UPDATE

The 2024 State Wrestling Tournament will be a 3-day tournament, with the same schedule for girls and boys. The tournament will conclude by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, to allow schools to return home. Girls will qualify for state at regional tournaments in Torrington (east) and Riverton (west).

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

WHSAA POLICY MANUAL CHANGE

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to update wording in the WHSAA policy manual.

MOTION PASSED: **

NIL DISCUSSION

The WHSAA will continue NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) discussions at the Executive Council meeting this summer to determine if a policy proposal should be brought out at the September District meetings.

STATE BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD CONCERNS

Concerns over why scoreboards at all state basketball tournament venues do not display the same information (i.e. player number, points, fouls, etc.) were discussed. Table workers at state tournaments are volunteers and many have not been trained on the more detailed aspects that some scoreboards allow.

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are below those received at this time last year, but it is anticipated that they will increase. Ejections are comparable to those received last spring.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Results from completed winter season culminating events were presented.

STATE SPIRIT

As per a straw poll conducted at the spring District Meetings, the State Spirit Competition will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

NFHS NETWORK VIEWS

A report showing the number of views on the NFHS Network for winter events was presented.

WYOMING COACHES HALL OF FAME BOARD – MIDDLE SCHOOL GOLD CARD REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve awarding a gold card to Middle School coaches being inducted into the WCA Hall of Fame.

MOTION PASSED: **

MAX PREPS

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Rich seconded the motion to continue the WHSAA's contract with Max Preps.

MOTION FAILED: **

HARRIET AND DONALD WEST

The WHSAA received a generous donation from the Harriet and Donald West trust. The Board offered suggestions on how best to distribute the funds to member schools.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2023 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 27, 2023; Friday, November 3, 2023; and Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2023.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 1, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will meet with Chad Whitworth on May 1, 2023, to begin discussions on how the sportsmanship initiative will look going forward.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MAY 24, 2023

The WHSAA will meet with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on May 24, 2023.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS (continued)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented. The Council will meet July 10-11, 2023.

AD & COACHES CLINIC – JULY 17-21, 2023

The Coaches Association summer clinic will be held July 17-21, 2023, in Casper.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 9, 2023

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 9, 2023. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

SUMMER MEETING – JUNE 28 – JULY 1, 2023, SEATTLE, WA

The NFHS Summer Meeting will be held June 28 – July 1, 2023, in Seattle, WA.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, the Board commemorated Commissioner Laird’s 19 years of service with a plaque and announced the Board room will now be called the Ron Laird Board Room.

There being no further business, President Jassman adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m. on April 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
THOMAS JASSMAN

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD