



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

President Chad Whitworth called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright (student hearing). Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

### AGENDA

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

**Agenda** – add “Student Hearing” to Reports and Audience. **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. Smith moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

#### STUDENT HEARING

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Nichols moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision resulting in a special hearing request for a Powell High School student.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\* (3-9)**

### COMMITTEES

#### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Ben Smith, Cliff Hill, Bruce Jolley, David Nicholas, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Jason Hansen, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

#### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Josh Sandlian, Ty Flock, Glenn Freeburg, David Nicholas, Dicky Shanor and Ben Smith

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2019-20

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2019-20 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

INVESTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the WHSAA's investment portfolio is solid.

2019-20 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Mike Hamel, Justin Carr, Loren Heth, Christina Mills, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

#### TENNIS HANDBOOK UPDATE

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the proposed updates to the tennis handbook.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING**

#### APPROVAL OF SOFTBALL HANDBOOK RULES

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the softball handbook rules as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2019-20 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dustin Rees, Jon Abrams, Beau Garcia, Cliff Hill, Thomas Jassman and Bruce Jolley

#### RULE 7.7.30 – 3 TEAM FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the 3 team football tie breaking proposal as follows:

*f. If a tie still exists, then positive and negative points will be used to determine the seeding (a maximum of 12 positive or negative points may be accumulated in any one contest). Once one team is separated by the points, the winner of the head to head contest between the two remaining teams is the higher seed.*

*Seeding 1            The winner of the head to head contest between B & C will be the next higher seed.*

*If there is a forfeit, the winner will receive +12 points and the loser will receive -12 points for the contest.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING**

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**CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)**

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

**2A GOLF:**

Did not receive a proposal.

**3A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve Lyman's proposal to host the 2021 State 3A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**4A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve Rock Spring's proposal to host the 2021 State 4A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**CROSS COUNTRY:**

Did not receive a proposal.

**NORDIC SKIING:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve Pinedale's proposal to host the 2022 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**SOCCER:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve Rock Springs / Green River's proposal to host the 2022 and 2023 State Soccer Tournaments with \$500 and 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA, and Gillette's proposal to host the 2024 and 2025 State Soccer Tournaments with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)**

**SPEECH:**

Did not receive a proposal.

**2019-20 COMMITTEE GOAL**

To continue work on event calendars to help meet the needs of students involved in activities, while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, and travel as part of the decision making process.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Roland Simmons of Cowley.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

**SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT**

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Sportsmanship and ejection numbers are consistent with those from last year.

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

A sponsor of a Model United Nations club is contacting member schools to see if she can get the required eight schools for the WHSAA to consider adding this activity as a sanctioned event.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

### SUNDAY OPEN GYM CLARIFICATION

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to add language to Rules 3.8.0 and 5.5.1 clarifying that no Sunday participation is allowed.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### NFHS CENTER FOR OFFICIALS SERVICES

The WHSAA will be partnering with the NFHS Center for Officials Services (DragonFly Athletics) to register officials, starting in June of 2020. DragonFly offers a vast array of options that can be tailored to meet the needs of the WHSAA and its member schools in many other areas as well. Commissioner Laird will be sending out more information and plans to offer a training session in early May.

### STATE GOLF AND NORDIC SKI ROTATIONS

The rotations for State Golf and State Nordic Ski have been added to each sport's state event page on the WHSAA website. As a result, schools will no longer be required to submit a proposal to host. Wording will be added to the website so that schools are aware that host sites will incur all costs associated with hosting the state golf championship and that if a school chooses not to host as per their rotation, they must notify the WHSAA by a specific date.

### CONCUSSION INSURANCE

A report on paid concussion claims as of 2/1/2020 was presented

### REGION IX CONFLICT – 1A/2A STATE BASKETBALL, 3A/4A REGIONAL BASKETBALL

If the Casper College women's basketball team hosts the Region IX Tournament, the 1A/2A state basketball tournament will be held at Natrona County High School and the Casper Events Center. If the Gillette College women's basketball team hosts the Region IX Tournament, the 4A East Regional basketball tournament will not have access to the Gillette College gym.

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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### 2020-21 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A list of Student Advisory Council nominees was presented. Selections for the 2020-21 Council will be made very soon.

#### BEYOND THE SCOREBOARD

Commissioner Laird recently sent out information on "Beyond the Scoreboard", a 5 minute video from the NFHSlearn website that provides schools with a resource for working with parents on the benefits of educational based activities and keeping a proper perspective.

#### RADIO PSA'S

A CD of six high school activity PSA's was sent to radio stations last week. Please encourage your local radio stations to air them.

#### NFHS NETWORK COVERAGE

The NFHS Network, in conjunction with Track Wrestling, will broadcast all mats and all matches of the 2020 State Wrestling Tournament. All State Basketball games will be broadcast, as will the State Spirit Competition.

#### LICENSED MUSIC FOR STATE SPIRIT

The WHSAA is requiring all schools participating in the State Spirit Competition to submit their music licenses.

#### NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AND HEART OF THE ARTS AWARDS

Ethan Asher of Powell is the Wyoming nominee for the NFHS' Spirit of Sport Award.

Kal Aksamit of Tongue River is the Wyoming nominee for the NFHS' Heart of the Arts Award.

#### LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 16-17, 2020

Commissioner Laird and Board Attorney, Bob Despain, will attend the NFHS' Legal Meeting, April 16-17, 2020, in Indianapolis.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Whitworth adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. on February 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAD WHITWORTH

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
RON LAIRD