



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

President Larry Yeradi called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian; Justin Carr, Douglas; Matt Davidson, Big Horn County School District #1; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Terry Hooker, Casper; Dustin Hunt, Hot Springs County School District #1; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley (WSBA), Lovell; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Christina Mills, Shoshoni (via Zoom); Mark Puev, Cheyenne South; Jake Rich, Pinedale and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was also present.

#### AGENDA

President Yeradi 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Mike Lashley of Lingle-Ft. Laramie.

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### **REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)**

#### JACKSON SOCCER REQUEST

The Board heard a request from a Jackson soccer player wishing to compete in a college showcase event that does not take place during the first week of practice, as stipulated in Rule 5.0.8.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chair Thomas Jassman, Justin Carr, Will Gray, Mike Hamel, Dustin Hunt and Reggie Miller.

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

#### CONTINUED FUTURE RECLASSIFICATION DISCUSSION

Members of the Reclass Committee continued to discuss 4 Class and 5 Class proposal options that meet the Committee's philosophy focusing on 1) Enrollment equity, 2) Consistency in classifications and 3) Identifying clear and natural breaks. The Committee will put together a package of information for discussion at the next round of District meetings and will continue to explore options and possibilities.

### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chair Josh Sandlian, Matt Davidson, Glenn Freeburg, Thomas Jassman, Reggie Miller and Jake Rich

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2021-22

**MOTION:** Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Rich seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2021-22 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

OFFICIAL'S PAY INCREASE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Rich moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to approve the proposal that would increase varsity official fees in all sports, except football, by \$20 and increase the rider per diem to .15 per mile, beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

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

2021-22 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**

Chair Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker, Dustin Hunt, Christina Mills and Dicky Shanor

RULE 7.7.15 – 4A ALLOWABLE SCRIMMAGE / GAME PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.7.15 that would allow 4A football practice to begin on the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\* (7-9)**

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

2021-22 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Chair Beau Garcia, Keith Bauder, Justin Carr, Will Gray, Bruce Jolley and Mark Puev

RULE 7.11.40 – 3A SOCCER PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Puev moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.11.42 that would eliminate the overtime period for regular season 3A soccer contests and move directly to a shoot-out format when the score is tied at the end of regulation.

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

RULE 7.11.42 – SOCCER CONFERENCE STANDINGS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Puev seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.11.42 as follows:

*3 points will be given for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss in division play.*

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

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

**Cross Country:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Jolley moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve Laramie County School District #1's proposal to host the 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 State Cross Country Meets with \$2,500 per year payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

#### Football:

**MOTION:** Mr. Puev moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the University of Wyoming and Laramie High School's proposal to host the 2023 and 2024 State Football Championships with 75% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### Speech and Debate:

**MOTION:** Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to approve Cheyenne East's proposal to host the 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 State Speech and Debate Meets with \$5,000 per year payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2021-22 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.

### 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 numbers are comparable to those from last year. Overall, ejections are down for the winter sports, but there has been an increase in coach ejections.

#### GIRLS WRESTLING

The WHSAA has received confirmation from 7 schools that will offer Girls Wrestling, if it becomes a sanctioned activity. Several more school schools have expressed an interest as well. Once at least 8 schools commit, the Board can approve sanctioning a new sport.

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### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

#### WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASSES

The WHSAA must decide at its April meeting if Wyoming will follow a 12, 13 or 14 Weight Class format for wrestling effective with the 2023-24 season.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### DICKY SHANOR – KARI EAKINS

Kari Eakins will be taking Dicky Shanor's place on the WHSAA Board as the State Department of Education representative.

#### STATE SPIRIT

The State Spirit Competition was conducted on January 28, 2022. Moving the competition from March to January makes it much easier to find judges. The crowds and the gate were great.

#### GLENROCK'S INDOOR TRACK REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve Glenrock High School's request to add indoor track.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT

A bill was introduced into the Wyoming Legislature last week that would prohibit biological males from teams and sports designated for females in public schools. The WHSAA currently has a policy in place, Rule 6.8.0, that schools have effectively used for the past 8 years to address transgender participants.

#### REGION IX STATE BASKETBALL CONFLICTS

The Casper College women's basketball team will most likely host the Region IX tournament, which will necessitate that the State 1A/2A Basketball Tournament be held at Natrona County High School and the Ford Wyoming Center.

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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS (continued)**

#### 2022-23 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Selection of incoming Student Advisory Council members was very difficult as there were many quality candidates. The WHSAA will be sending out notification letters next week.

#### CONCUSSION INSURANCE

The most current Concussion Insurance claims report was shared with the Board. The WHSAA encourages all schools to utilize this insurance program.

#### RADIO PSA'S

The NFHS sent out PSA's to all Wyoming radio stations. Commissioner Laird will send these announcements out to schools as well to promote the positive impact of participating in high school activities.

#### NFHS NETWORK COVERAGE

The NFHS network will provide streaming coverage for all regional wrestling and basketball tournaments, as well as state wrestling, basketball, indoor track and swimming.

#### SPEECH SEASON

Commissioner Laird reported on the number of schools that have attended in-person or virtual speech meets this season.

#### WY-TOPP TESTING DATES

WY-TOPP Testing is conducted during a 4-week window (April 12 – May 6). Although there are many WHSAA activities conducted during this time period, the Board feels there is not an issue scheduling them around the tests.

#### PTSB COACHING CERTIFICATION

Changes to the PTSB Coaching Certification will include eliminating the Head and Assistant Coach designation and eliminating the Psychology / Human Health and Development requirement for non-teachers. The PTSB Board will have the final vote and the changes will most likely be implemented after July 1.

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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)**

DIGITAL TICKETING

There will be several sites using digital ticketing for upcoming regional tournaments.

MILESPLIT AGREEMENT

The WHSAA has entered into an agreement with MileSplit which will provide each school a membership. MileSplit will set up spring meets for the schools.

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT – BRYSON QUINNEY

Bryson Quinney of Lyman High School has been selected as Wyoming’s nominee for the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award.

LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 21-22, 2022

Commissioner Laird and Board Attorney, Bob Despain, will attend the NFHS’ Legal Meeting, April 21-22, 2022, in Indianapolis.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Yeradi adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. on February 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY YERADI

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