



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

President Beau Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Matt Davidson, Big Horn County School District #1; Robert Erickson, Star Valley; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Terry Hooker, Casper; Dustin Hunt, Hot Springs County School District #1; Madison Lacey, State Department of Education; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Ryan Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Carl Manning (WSBA), Riverton; Max Mills, Shoshoni; Damien Smith, Unita County School District #6; Barry Ward, Cheyenne and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

Trevor Wilson and Chad Whitworth from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Garcia 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. Yeradi moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2023, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Ryan Mackey, Robert Erickson, Mike Hamel, Ryan Mader, Max Mills and Damien Smith

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Kasey Garnhart, Mark Gillies, Pat Neely, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Nolan Tracy and Tim Williams

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Reggie Miller, Matt Davidson, Madison Lacey, Ryan Mackey, Damien Smith and Barry Ward

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2023-24

MOTION: Mr. Mackey moved and Mr. Ward seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2023-24.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the October Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

2022-23 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the 2022-23 Financial Review, prepared by Skogen, Cometto and Associates, as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2023-24 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bennick and Mr. Christensen on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Terry Hooker, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Dustin Hunt, Max Mills and Larry Yeradi

RULE 2.4.7 – EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve new Rule 2.4.7 that would require schools to share Emergency Action Plans for all practice and competition venues / locations.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING CERTIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve the amended proposed wording to Rule 7.8.9 as follows:

Up to 3 coaches per team can coach and must be recognized by their school district as coaches.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2023-24 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Will Gray, Keith Bauder, Robert Erickson, Mike Lashley, Ryan Mader and Carl Manning

1A/2A SHOT CLOCK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve implementing a shot clock in all girls and boys 1A and 2A basketball contests beginning with the 2026-27 season.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS – FOOTBALL

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Erickson seconded the motion to approve Laramie High School / University of Wyoming's proposal to host the 2025 and 2026 State Football Championships with 75% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

2023-24 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 decision-making process.

DISTRICT REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Mackey moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass to Monty Gilbreath of Douglas.

MOTION PASSED: **

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are down a bit for winter activities. Ejections are comparable to this time last year. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

OFFICIAL'S RECRUITMENT

Mr. Whitworth presented a chart of inquiries received from potential officials. The WHSAA will follow up with these individuals and provide contact information for the sport coordinators.

STATE SPIRIT

Results from the January 26, 2024, State Spirit Competition were presented. The competition went well. Participation numbers were down in a few categories which may lead to combining classifications or dropping a category, as per Rule 3.9.2.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Student Advisory Council is planning to host a statewide Leadership Conference on November 21, 2024. Information will be sent out once details are finalized. The nomination process to replace the six graduating seniors on the council will begin soon.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

NFHS NETWORK EARNINGS

The WHSAA received \$48,759 from NFHS Network Holdings, LLC as a Media VPS allocation for the 2022-23 academic year.

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to extend the WHSAA's partnership with the NFHS Network through 7/31/2033.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

REGION IX CONFLICT – SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ KELLY WALSH

Due to a conflict with the Region IX Tournament, all 3A/4A state basketball games originally scheduled to be played on Saturday, March 9 at Casper College, will be moved to Kelly Walsh High School.

REGIONAL SOFTBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve adding a regional softball tournament for the 2024-25 season.

MOTION PASSED: **

AED'S – 48 TO OUR SCHOOLS

Through funding obtained through the Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division with technical assistance provided by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, the WHSAA was able to provide 48 AED's to our schools, with a goal of making sure each school has at least 3 AED machines.

PLAYFLY UPDATE

The WHSAA and Playfly are still working on completing a contract that would provide the WHSAA with a revenue share, plus a guarantee. The Board will be asked to approve the contract before signing an agreement.

LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 11-12, 2024, INDIANAPOLIS

Commissioner Wilson and Board Attorney, Bob Despain, will attend the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis on April 11-12, 2024

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Garia adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. on February 6, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
BEAU GARCIA

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON