



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

President Thomas Jassman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 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 Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Christina Mills, Shoshoni; Jake Rich, Pinedale; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was 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. Garcia moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Mile Lashley of Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jessie Burns and Anna Lancaster of Smoot and Owen St. Clair of Fort Washakie.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

JESSIE BARNES AND ANNA LANCASTER PRESENTATION

Jessie Barnes and Anna Lancaster addressed the Board regarding concerns with Rule 6.8.0 – Gender Identity Participation.

OWEN ST. CLAIR

Owen St. Clair, former WHSAA Board member, thanked the Board for extending his Board term to allow him to serve on the NFHS Board of Directors. He presented Commissioner Laird with a beaded pendant and Pendleton blanket.

STUDENT HEARINGS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mader seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a hardship transfer request from Thunder Basin.

MOTION FAILED: ** Hardship was granted.

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a hardship transfer request from Thunder Basin.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

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

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

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (continued)

RECLASSIFICATION DISCUSSION FOR NEXT CYCLE

The Committee continued to discuss developing a classification structure for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 reclass cycle. The committee is focusing on 1) Enrollment equity, 2) Consistency in classifications and 3) Identifying clear and natural breaks. The Committee will present a proposal at the January District Meetings.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

RULE 4.6.25 – FUTURE OFFICIAL’S PAY INCREASE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to approve the proposal that would increase varsity official fees by \$5.00 per sport every two years, beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

MOTION PASSED (8-6): **FINAL READING

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2021-22

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (continued)

TROPHY AND MEDAL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to allow Universal Awards the opportunity to present a three-year proposal to continue as the official trophy and medal provider. The Board will evaluate Universal Award's offer at the November Board meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT

Mike Merback of RBC Wealth Management met with the Committee to discuss the Association's investments.

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.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

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

RULE 7.7.46 – FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TIME PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Dziowgo seconded the motion to approve the proposal to change the start time for Friday first round playoff football games from 7:00 to 6:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2022-23 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Keith Bauder, Will Gray, Bruce Jolley, Ryan Mader and Christina Mills

RULE 7.14.60 – STATE INDOOR TRACK SHOT PUT ENTRY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mrs. Mills seconded the motion to limit all entries to 4 individuals per event, which would allow the indoor shot put competition to be contested the same as the outdoor event.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.15.61 – VOLLEYBALL ROSTER LIMIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mrs. Mills moved and Mr. Bauder second the motion to approve the proposal that would allow 14 players to be in uniform for any tournament contests.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.8.1.5 – GOLF CONTEST DAYS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mrs. Mills moved and Mr. Bauder second the motion to approve the proposal that would allow two extra organized events as follows:

Each golfer is limited to 10 contest days per season (fall and spring). A contest is defined as a high school sanctioned event that takes place during the season. Golf participants will be allowed two (2) extra organized events (club championships, fundraisers, regional tournaments, etc.) These events must not fall under WHSAA sanctioning. These events cannot be mandated by the coach, and the students will be participating on their own and not representing the school. Catastrophic insurance will not cover these events.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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.

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DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve Gold Card Requests for Kevin Haffey and Larry Proud of Pinedale.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Ejections are consistent with this time last year.

OFFICIAL'S REGISTRATION

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to allow an official to register.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF AND TENNIS

Commissioner Laird went over the results of the completed state golf and tennis tournaments. There was great competition in both events and host sites are commended for a job well done.

FORT WASHAKIE VOLLEYBALL AND GIRLS BASKETBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to allow Fort Washakie to play varsity volleyball and girls basketball for the 2023-24 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

POWELL INDOOR TRACK REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to allow Powell to add Indoor Track beginning in the 2022-23 season.

MOTION PASSED: **

SPEECH SEASON

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to allow high schools to compete in fifteen preliminary speech meets per year, with a maximum of ten in person meets. The State Speech and Debate Tournament and National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Qualifying Tournament (Districts) will not count toward the fifteen preliminary meet limit.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE GOLF ROTATIONS

There have been some changes to the State Golf rotations. Please visit the WHSAA website to view the updated rotation.

HIGH JUMP / POLE VAULT QUALIFYING STANDARDS – EVEN NUMBERS

Beginning with the 2022-23 indoor and outdoor track seasons, all high jump competitions will start at an even inch height and every pole vault competition will start at a 0” or 6” height.

POLE VAULT – COMPETITORS OR LESS – GAMES COMMITTEE

Beginning with the 2022-23 regional and state track meets, when 4 or less competitors remain in the pole vault, heights will be raised in 3” increments.

COACHING CERTIFICATION

The current requirements for Coaching Permits, Coaching Endorsements and Transitional Coaching Permits were shared.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS (continued)

NFHS NETWORK FALL COVERAGE

The NFHS will stream state swimming, volleyball, and football, as well as the State Marching Band Festival.

STATE MARCHING BAND – OCTOBER 15, 2022, 3:00 P.M.

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on October 15, 2022, at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper. The festival will begin at noon.

SPIRIT COACHES SUMMIT – OCTOBER 17, 2022 – RAMKOTA, 11:00 A.M.

The WHSAA will meet with Spirit Coaches on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs will be played on Friday, October 28, 2022, and the semi-final games will be played on Saturday, November 5, 2022. The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 11-12, 2022. The 2A championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 11th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 6-man championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 12th, followed by the 9-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

DRAGONFLY TRAINING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 – RAMKOTA, 1:00 P.M.

DragonFly Training will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15-16, 2022 - RAMKOTA

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held on November 15-16, 2022, at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 21, 2022 – RAMKOTA, 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools soon.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Jassman adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. on September 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
THOMAS JASSMAN

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD