



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

President Larry Yeradi called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian (via Zoom); 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; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Christina Mills, Shoshoni (via Zoom); Mark Puev, Cheyenne South; Jake Rich, Pinedale; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland 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 – additions to the Handbook Committee agenda. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Handbook** – add item C – Rule 7.11.34 Soccer Showcase Discussion and move the Committee Goal to Item D. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Reclassification** – no changes and/or additions.

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Bob Bonnar of Primo Digital Ticketing and Mike Lashley of Lingle-Ft. Laramie.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

PRIMO DIGITAL TICKETING

Bob Bonnar of Primo Digital Ticketing addressed the Board and explained how this digital ticketing platform works. The program offers revenue sharing.

STUDENT HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Puev seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a hardship transfer request from Wind River.

MOTION PASSED: **

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.

APPROVE CLASSIFICATION AND CULMINATING EVENT STRUCTURE FOR 2022-23 & 2023-24

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the Classification and Culminating Event Structure for 2022-23 & 2023-24

MOTION PASSED: **

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (continued)

CONTINUED FUTURE RECLASSIFICATION DISCUSSION

Members of the Reclass Committee went through 3 Class, 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 begin further discussion on a 4 Class and 5 Class scenario.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2021-22

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Rich seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the September Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2020-21 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to approve the 2020-21 Financial Review as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (continued)

OFFICIAL'S PAY INCREASE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Rich moved and Mr. Freeburg 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.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST 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 8.3.2 – SPEECH SEASON PROPOSAL - TABLED

MOTION: Mr. Puev moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to bring Rule 8.3.2 – Speech Season Proposal off the table.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Puev seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 8.3.2 that would allow fifteen preliminary speech meets with no more than 10 in-person meets per year.

MOTION FAILED: **

RULE 7.4.8 – 4-WAY TIE BREAKING DISCUSSION

Discussion was heard on the 4-way tie breaking procedure. Although rarely necessary, it was determined additional wording to provide clarity was warranted. The updated rule will be presented at the next round of District Meetings.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.11.34 – SOCCER SHOWCASE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Laird recommended adding a rule that would further clarify participation in soccer showcases. Rule 7.11.34 will be presented at the next round of District Meetings.

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 7.14.60 – INDOOR TRACK CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.14.60 that would recognize two classification for Indoor Track, beginning with the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve Gold Card Requests for Marilyn Herring and Rod Weyrich of Southeast.

MOTION PASSED: **

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

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

PTSB UPDATE

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson, along with Mike Hamel, are members of a committee looking at coaching certification in Wyoming. Changes that will most likely occur will be an all-encompassing coaching certificate, rather than broken down by head coach or assistant coach and the potential of changing the psychology criteria.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

The 2022 and 2023 football schedules will be distributed at the Scheduling Meeting on November 16, 2021. Officiating crews have been invited to attend the meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

FALL SEASON REPORT

Results of the 2021 State Cross Country meet were presented. Commissioner Laird commended Wyoming Indian and the Ethete community for hosting a great event.

STATE MARCHING BAND

State Marching Band Festival ratings were presented.

SHOT CLOCK VOTE

MOTION: Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve adding a shot clock for the 2022-23 basketball season.

MOTION FAILED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS (continued)

PRIMO DIGITAL TICKETING

The Board felt it was best to not make a commitment to a designated digital ticketing platform at this time and allow schools to try different options for the remainder of the year.

NFHS NETWORK COVERAGE

The NFHS will stream the State Swimming and Diving Meet, all State Volleyball matches and all Championship Football games.

STATE BASKETBALL – REGION IX CONFLICTS

Region IX play-in games are the same weekend as State Wrestling, so a state basketball conflict will only occur if the Casper College women host the Region IX Tournament. Should that occur, 1A/2A State Basketball will be contested at Natrona County High School. There will not be a conflict for the 3A/4A Tournament.

DRAGONFLY TRAINING – NOVEMBER 15, 2021 – 1:00 P.M. – RAMKOTA

Representatives from DragonFly will be providing an overview of services they can provide schools on November 15, 2021, at the Ramkota.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 16-17, 2021, in Casper at the Ramkota Hotel.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 16th in conjunction with the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. New administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council is hosting the State Sportsmanship Summit on November 22, 2021, at the Ramkota in Casper.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 17, 2021

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo, held November 17th in Casper. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 10-14, 2021

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in Denver, December 10-14, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Yeradi adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m. on November 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
LARRY YERADI

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD