



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 29, 2025

President Ryan Mackey called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 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; Cody Hartung, Kemmerer; Terry Hooker, Casper; Jason Horsley, Lincoln County School District #2; Madison Lacey, State Department of Education; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Ryan Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Carl Manning (WSBA), Riverton; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Max Mills, Shoshoni; Damien Smith, Uinta County School District #6; Serol Stauffenberg, Lander; Ron Wagner, Laramie and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

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

### AGENDA

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

**Agenda** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – add item f. Commissioner's Evaluation and Contract. **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. Manning moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Mark Fritz of Greybull, Dave Plendl of Gillette, John Weigel of Wheatland, Brent Rose of Casper and Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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## **COMMITTEES**

### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chair Max Mills, Robert Erickson, Larry Yeradi, Mike Lashley and Damien Smith

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

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chair Matt Davidson, Damien Smith, Madison Lacey, Reggie Miller and Carl Manning

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2024-25

**MOTION:** Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2024-25.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Manning moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF 2025-26

**MOTION:** Ms. Lacey moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve the 2025-26 budget as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

#### 2024-25 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.

#### COMMISSIONER'S EVALUATION AND CONTRACT

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the Commissioner's salary of \$153,700 for 2025-26 and extend his contract through 2027-28.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Larry Yeradi, Lisa Durgin, Terry Hooker, Jason Horsley and Cody Hartung

#### RULE 7.3.2 – FOOTBALL DRONE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve proposed Rule 7.3.2 that would authorize the optional use of unmanned aircraft systems to film football contests.

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

#### RULE 7.15.22 – SUB-VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCORING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Horsley moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.15.22 that would allow sub-varsity volleyball contests to follow a best of 3 format, with the option of the final game going to 15 or 25, depending on pre-match mutual consent. If an agreement is not made, the third game will be played to 25 (no cap).

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

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

#### RULE 5.7.1 – 5.7.4 – NIL POLICY PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Horsley moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve proposed Rule 5.7.1 – 5.7.4 permitting Wyoming high school students to benefit from NIL (name, image and/or likeness) activities.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* FIRST READING (12-4)**

#### WHSAA RULE 9.13.0 – OFFICIAL’S POST SEASON SELECTION PROCESS

**MOTION:** Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to approve proposed changes to Rule 9.13.0 detailing the official’s post season selection process.

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

#### 2024-25 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Ryan Mader, Robert Erickson, Mike Lashley, Ron Wagner, Serol Stauffenberg and Will Gray

#### RULE 7.13.32 – TENNIS SPORTSMANSHIP

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve changes to Rule 7.13.32 that would model USTA rules dealing with sportsmanship and tennis etiquette.

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

#### WHSAA RULE 7.13.33 – TENNIS RULE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Stauffenberg seconded the motion to approve changes to Rule 7.13.33 that would modify the length of time coaches can coach during post-season play, making it consistent with the regular season.

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

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

### APPROVAL OF 2025-26 CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the 2025-26 calendar as presented

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### 2024-25 COMMITTEE GOAL

To ensure the event calendars meet the needs of students involved in activities while considering budgets, time out of classroom, travel and the health and safety of all involved.

## **DISTRICT REPORT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Mark Steward of Douglas.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Steve Walker of Douglas.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Horsley moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Tom Harrington of Worland.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Steve Core of Green River.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Damien Smith was elected as the 2025-26 President-Elect.

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### **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are down slightly when compared to those received at this time last year. On a positive note, ejections are down significantly. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

#### NFHS NETWORK - UPDATE

The NFHS Network will provide streaming coverage of all spring culminating events.

#### SOCCER OFFICIAL'S UPDATE

With soccer being the most difficult sport to get and retain officials, the WHSAA will take out a first reading proposal in September that will allow the dual system of control or the three-whistle system be used when 4 registered officials are not available.

#### STATE TRACK AND FIELD

Associate Commissioner Whitworth commended Terry Hooker and his staff for all their work in making the State Track meet successful each year. Unified events will be contested again this year.

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

New members of the Student Advisory Council have been selected and notified. The group will meet on May 27<sup>th</sup> to begin planning for the Leadership Conference in November.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### ROSS ELLIOTT LETTER

Commissioner Wilson shared a letter from Ross Elliott of Buffalo who is concerned about the noise level in Wyoming gyms from bands, announcers and buzzers.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

### CONCUSSION INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2025-26

After discussion, the WHSAA will continue to provide concussion insurance to our member schools.

### NFHS LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Wilson and Bob Despain recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting. The meeting allows the WHSAA to be proactive and stay ahead of issues that many states are dealing with.

### SUMMER MEETING DATES

- NFHS Summer Meeting: June 28 – July 2 in Chicago. Ron Laird will be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame
- WHSAA Executive Council Meeting: July 14 – Golf; July 15 – Meeting
- New Administrator Training: August 13 at the WHSAA Office

### RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Wilson recognized outgoing board members: Robert Erickson, Reggie Miller, Serol Stauffenberg, Terry Hooker and Ryan Mackey.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mackey adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m. on April 29, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
RYAN MACKEY

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
TREVOR WILSON