



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

President Ryan Mackey called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Robert Erickson, Star Valley; Beau Garcia, Upton; Cody Hartung, Kemmerer; Terry Hooker, Casper; Jason Horsley, Lincoln County School District #2; 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** – 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. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Andy Pannell of Laramie, Mike Thomas of Sheridan and Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

WE THE PEOPLE PRESENTATION

Andy Pannell and Mike Thomas, representing We The People, a civic education constitution competition, informed the Board on how the program works and asked for consideration on sanctioning the activity.

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve We The People's request to become a WHSAA sanctioned activity.

MOTION FAILED: **

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 SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2024-25

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

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

FINALIZE NIL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve a proposed new rule permitting Wyoming high school students to benefit from NIL (name, image, and/or likeness) services be taken out as a first reading item.

MOTION PASSED: **

RULE 7.3.2 – FOOTBALL DRONE PROPOSAL

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

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.15.22 – SUB-VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCORING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hooker 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.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.10 – FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve a proposed football classification format for 2026-27 and 2027-28 that would add flexibility or options to play between classifications at the 2A, 3A and 4A levels.

MOTION FAILED: **

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. Erickson moved and Mr. Stauffenberg seconded the motion to approve changes to Rule 7.13.32 that would model USTA rules dealing with sportsmanship and tennis etiquette.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, WRESTLING, TRACK:

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Stauffenberg seconded the motion to accept Compete Casper's bid to host state volleyball, wrestling, 1A/2A basketball, 3A/4A basketball and track in 2026 – 2030 with 100% of the gate, \$7,000 per year and a \$22,000 signing bonus payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

TENNIS:

MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Stauffenberg seconded the motion to accept Gillette's bid to host state tennis in 2026 – 2029 at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

INDOOR TRACK:

MOTION: Mr. Erickson moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to accept Gillette's bid to host state indoor track in 2027 - 2030 with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

ALPINE SKI:

MOTION: Mr. Erickson moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to accept Jackson's bid to host state alpine ski in 2027 - 2030 with \$1,000 per year payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

SOCCER:

MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to accept Green River and Rock Springs' bid to host state soccer in 2027 and 2028 with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

SOFTBALL:

MOTION: Mr. Erickson moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to accept Gillette's bid to host state softball in 2027 – 2030 with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

SPEECH AND DEBATE:

The WHSAA did not receive any bids to host state speech and debate and will solicit a host site.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

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. Hooker moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Joe Koritnik of Lovell.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Vicki Hood of Guernsey.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are down when compared to those received at this time last year. Ejections are down as well, with just one coach ejection. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Student Advisory Council summit held in November was a huge success. The 2025 summit will be held on the corresponding date. A nomination link will be sent out soon to fill six positions. The goal is to have at least one student per classification per district.

STATE SPIRIT

The State Spirit Competition, held on January 24, 2025, went well. As per WHSAA rules, the Co-Ed category will be eliminated in 2026 as less than 6 schools participated for two consecutive years. Also in 2026, all-girl stunt will be combined into one classification and 2A game day will combine with 3A. Only 3 schools participated in 3A Jazz this year, so if numbers do not increase next year, that category will be combined into 1 classification.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

CASPER CHRISTIAN REQUEST TO ADD VARSITY VOLLEYBALL BEGINNING IN 2026-27

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve Casper Christian's request to add varsity volleyball beginning in 2026-27.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRAIRIE VIEW REQUEST TO ADD JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL BEGINNING IN 2025-26

MOTION: Mr. Stauffenberg moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve Prairie View's request to add junior varsity volleyball beginning in 2025-26 and transition to varsity volleyball in 2028-29.

MOTION PASSED: **

CASPER COLLEGE CONFLICT WITH STATE BASKETBALL

Due to conflicts with Region IX, Saturday (March 8, 2025) 1A/2A basketball games originally scheduled at Casper College will be held at Natrona County High School. If the Casper College mens' basketball team wins their region, Casper College will be unavailable for any state 3A/4A games.

BADEN RENEWAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Stauffenberg seconded the motion to renew the ball contract with Baden for five years, with \$30,000 per year payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mackey adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
RYAN MACKEY

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON