



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 10, 2026

President Max Mills called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Aaron Abel, Matt Davidson, Mark Fritz, Beau Garcia, Cody Hartung, Jason Horsley, Mike Lashley, Madison Lacey, Carl Manning, Max Mills, Bubba O’Neill, Dave Plendl, Jay Rhoades, Ron Wagner, John Weigel, Larry Yerardi, Bob Despain.

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

AGENDA

President Mills 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. Wagner moved and Mr. Yerardi seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the February 2026, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 2025, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Campbell County School District #1 Leadership

CCSD#1 Presentation: Phil Rehard (Gillette Aquatics Coordinator), Dave Plendl (CCHS AD), and Erik Shephard (TBHS AD) presented a detailed report on the new aquatics center in Gillette.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Matthew Davidson, Mark Fritz, Dave Plendl, Carl Manning, and Aaron Abel

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND 2nd QUARTER REPORT 2025-2026

MOTION: Mr. Fritz moved and Mr. Plendl seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2025-26.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2025-26 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Larry Yerardi, Bubba O’Neill, Madison Lacey, Beau Garcia, John Weigel, and Cody Hartung

Second Reading:

RULE 2.4.6 – CONCUSSION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O’Neil moved and Mr. Hartung seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 2.4.6 Concussion Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING

First Reading:

Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 Football Classification Deadline Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 Football Classification Deadline Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.5.35 Volleyball Tournaments Proposal

MOTION: Mr. O’Neil moved and Mr. Weigel seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.5.35 Volleyball Tournaments Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.11.5 Softball Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Weigel moved and Mr. Hartung seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.11.5 Softball Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.7.30 6 Man Football Tiebreaker Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.7.30 – 6 Man Football Tiebreaker Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2025-26 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Ron Wagner, Mike Lashley, Jay Rhoades, Will Gray, and Jason Horsley

Second Reading:

RULE 7.8.15 and 7.8.63 – State Golf Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule 7.8.15 and 7.8.63 State Golf Proposals

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING

First Reading:

RULE 7.13.51 and 7.13.33 – Tennis Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Horsley moved and Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.13.51 and 7.13.33 – Tennis Proposals

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.7.46 – Football Semi Final Date Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Rhoades moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.7.46 Football Semi Final Date Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.7.15 – Football Start Date for 1A, 2A, and 3A Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Rhoades moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.7.15 – Football Start Date for 1A, 2A, and 3A Proposal

MOTION PASSED 11-3: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.14.81 and 7.14.81.5 – State Indoor Track Qualification Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.14.81 and 7.14.81.5 – State Indoor Track Qualification Proposal

MOTION PASSED 9-6: **First Reading

Culminating Event Proposals -Football, Cross Country, and Swimming/Diving

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion to accept bids from Wyoming Indian High School (2027-2028) and Rock Springs High School (2029-2030) to host the Wyoming State Cross Country Meet.

MOTION PASSED:

MOTION: Mr. Rhoades moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to accept a bid from The University of Wyoming and the City of Laramie to host the Wyoming State Football Championships in 2027, 2028, 2029, & 2030.

MOTION PASSED:

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to table the State Swimming & Diving Bid Process until the April 28th Board meeting to allow for further discussion.

MOTION PASSED:

2025-26 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

Gold Card Requests

Northeast – Roxie Taft from Upton

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved Mr. Yerardi Seconded to approve a Gold Card for Roxie Taft from Upton.

MOTION PASSED:

Southeast – Bruce Schmidt from Laramie

MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved Mr. Lashley Seconded to approve a Gold Card for Bruce Schmidt from Laramie

MOTION PASSED:

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

State Thespian Festival

State Thespian Festival had over 1000 students descend upon the University of Wyoming campus for a 3-day event. Students were wildly successful and many teachers took part in some professional development as well as judging student events.

All-State Music

375 of the top musicians in Wyoming gathered in Cody on January 19 & 20. Huge thank you to Cody HS and Matt McFadden for all the support.

Music Performance Assessment

- . *North Platte – Large Ensemble. – Kelly Walsh – March 9-10*
- . *Noth Platte – Small Ensemble – Kelly Walsh – April 13*
- . *Southeast – Laramie (UWyo) – April 13 & 14*
- . *South Big Horn Basin – Riverton (CWC) – April 13-15*
- . *Southwest – Star Valley – April 20-22*
- . *Northeast – Thunder Basin (Gillette) – April 22-23*
- . *North Big Horn Basin – Powell (NWC) – April 22-23*

State Speech & Debate

New tournament director Lisa Shadrick replacing Walter Farwell. Event Hosted at Central HS in Cheyenne March 12-14

Credit Card Payments

The WHSAA Office is vetting the possibility of taking credit card payments for items like Membership, catastrophic insurance, admin and coaches passes. Would schools be interested? Would they be ok with the credit card processing fee?

NFHS Participation Survey

NFHS is phasing out the use of Up-Metrix and moving to Final Forms. We will be sending schools a direct link to the Final Forms page which will require you to create a login. We will confirm the information and approved for the NFHS.

Digital Forms & Registrations

Be looking for some of our registrations to become digital moving forward. School registrations, admin and coaches passes, etc.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER’S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship awards and ejections are down significantly. Perhaps it has run its course. Discussions will take place on how best to move forward.

STATE SPIRIT

Great event this year. We received some complaints about venue and announcer. We also received comments about a specific group score being too low. Those issues were addressed and people were contacted for review.

NFHS NETWORK

All regional and state events should take place on NFHS Network. Things are getting better

STUDENT ADVISOR COUNCIL

We had a great last event with students and Don Julian spoke with all the adult sponsors.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS CAMP

Coach Harshman has proposed having a football camp clinic in Casper in early June. Plans are in the works for having this Football Officials Camp on or around early June.

OFFICIALS RETURN REQUEST – EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Yerardi moved Mr. Wagner Seconded to move to executive session.

MOTION PASSED:

MOTION: Mr. Yerardi moved Mr. Manning Seconded to move out of executive session.

MOTION PASSED:

MOTION: Mr. Yerardi moved and Mr. Manning seconded to reinstate Mia Morre and allow her to as a WHSAA Official

MOTION PASSED:

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Wind River Request regarding ADM's

Discussion on a direction forward regarding adjusted ADM for schools.
Schools will be asked to present in September of 2028 for possible ADM reduction.

Casper College Conflict

It is possible that the 1A/2A Saturday March 7, 2026 will be at Natrona County HS;
If Casper College Women win the North, then all of 3A/4A will be at KW and NC School Gyms

NFHS Winter Meeting Update

We remain thankful to be in the State of Wyoming doing this work. We are in good shape in Wyoming.

Spectator Sportsmanship Policy Discussion

Discussion around Spectator Sportsmanship Policy.

Ticket Prices for State Football

We are interested in taking input on adjusting ticket prices to make a little more sense for ticket takers.

Adding Activities – HOSA, E Sports, Patriot Games, Girls Flag Football, Pickleball, etc

Mr. Wilson has made it clear that schools need to advocate to the WHSAA office if there is a need for more events.

Greybull/Riverside Request to Add Golf in 2026-2027

MOTION: Mr. Yerardi moved Mr. Garcia Seconded to allow Greybull/Riverside to add Golf in 2026-2027.

MOTION PASSED:

Concussion Insurance

We have had a few people take advantage of the concussion insurance. We need to discuss more moving forward if this is worth the money.

Coaches Leadership Academy

WHSAA will hire Don Julian to lead a Coaches Leadership Academy. This will be a new initiative to work with our coaches across Wyoming.

Nordic Ski Change

State Nordic Ski will be moved from Lander to Pinedale due to a lack of snow. Lander will be given the opportunity to work back into the rotation next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mills adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. on February 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
MAX MILLS

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON