



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 31, 2023

President Beau Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian; Robert Erickson, Star Valley; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Terry Hooker, Casper; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Ryan Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Carl Manning (WSBA), Riverton; Max Mills, Shoshoni; Damien Smith, Unita County School District #6; Barry Ward, Cheyenne and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

Chad Whitworth from the WHSAA office was also present.

#### AGENDA

President Garcia 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. Gray moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Associate Commissioner Whitworth introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; and Sharon Tietema and Eric Makelky of Glenrock.

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## REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

### GLENROCK ADMINISTRATION

Glenrock High School Activities Director, Sharon Tietema and Principal, Eric Makelky made a presentation to the Board requesting to remain in the 2A classification for cross country, golf and wrestling for the next reclass cycle.

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve Glenrock's request.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

## COMMITTEES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Ryan Mackey, Robert Erickson, Mike Hamel, Ryan Mader, Max Mills and Damien Smith

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

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Reggie Miller, Matt Davidson, Madison Lacey, Ryan Mackey, Damien Smith and Barry Ward

### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2023-24

**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2023-24.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Ward seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the September Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2022-23 FINANCIAL REVIEW

**MOTION:** Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Ward seconded the motion to table the 2022-23 Financial Review, as the accountant was ill and not able to present the report.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*TABLED**

PROPOSAL TO ADD WSOA PRESIDENT TO WHSAA BOARD AS EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER

**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve appointing the WSOA President to the WHSAA Board as an ex-officio non-voting member.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\* (4-10)**

2023-24 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.

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Terry Hooker, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Dustin Hunt, Max Mills and Larry Yeradi

#### RULE 2.6.6 – LIGHTNING POLICY UPDATE

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 2.6.6 which would update the lightning policy to reflect current recommendations.

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

#### RULE 7.16.71 – WRESTLING PROPOSAL RELATED TO FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT

**MOTION:** Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the proposal to change the interpretation of the flagrant misconduct penalty related to team scoring.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\*(4-9)**

#### 2023-24 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Will Gray, Keith Bauder, Robert Erickson, Mike Lashley, Ryan Mader and Carl Manning

#### RULE 7.11.40 – 4A SOCCER PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Mader moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.11.40, 4A overtime procedure, as follows:

*When a regular season game ends in regulation with a tied score, that shall be the end of the contest. It does not matter if the game is a conference game or non-conference game. Points will be awarded according to 7.11.42 to seed the Regional Tournament.*

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

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

#### 3A/4A SHOT CLOCK PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve implementing a shot clock in all girls and boys 3A and 4A basketball contests beginning with the 2026-27 season.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING (9-5)**

#### 2023-24 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 decision-making process.

### ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

#### NFHS NETWORK

Mr. Whitworth explained the NFHS Network affiliate membership rules for regular and post season streaming.

#### 307 WAY STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Student Advisory Council met recently to film PSA's for the new 307 Way leadership program. The PSA's have been sent out to schools, the Ford Wyoming Center and the NHFS Network. There will not be a summit this year, but the council will meet again in November to begin working on a leadership program for a future summit.

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are trending up for fall activities. Ejections are comparable to this time last year. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Trevor Wilson was on jury duty, Associate Commissioner Whitworth presented his report.

### FALL SEASON REPORT

The State Marching Band Festival was held October 14, 2023, at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper. The twenty-one bands that performed were awesome.

State Cross Country was held on October 21, 2023, in Cheyenne. The weather was incredible and the meet was well attended. Cheyenne did a great job hosting the meet.

### TORRINGTON SOFTBALL REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve Torrington's request to add varsity softball for the 2024-25 school year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### JACKSON SOFTBALL REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve Jackson's request to add varsity softball for the 2024-25 school year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### SHERIDAN SOFTBALL REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve Sheridan's request to add varsity softball for the 2024-25 school year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### WCA HALL OF FAME JUNIOR HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOL GOLD CARD REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to award retroactive gold cards to past junior high / middle school Hall of Fame inductees.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### APPROVE CLASSIFICATION AND CULMINATING EVENT STRUCTURE FOR 2024-2026

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2026 Classification and Culminating Event Structure.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### EAP REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOOL

Discussion was heard on whether the WHSAA should require all schools to submit an Emergency Action Plan that could be accessed via the WHSAA website. A proposal will be taken out as a first reading item in January.

#### IN-GAME ENHANCEMENTS

The Ford Wyoming Center is looking to add in-game fan engagement and entertainment enhancements to WHSAA culminating events. Adding these features would necessitate a slight increase in ticket prices. The WHSAA will consider this and how it may affect contracts with current sponsors.

#### STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – NOVEMBER 14-15, 2023

The statewide scheduling meeting will be held November 14-15, 2023, at the Ramkota in Casper. Materials to assist in the scheduling process will be sent out next week.

#### WSBA CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo, held November 15<sup>th</sup> in Casper. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

#### NATIONAL A.D. CONFERENCE – ORLANDO - DECEMBER 16-19, 2023

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in Orlando, December 16-19, 2023.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Garia adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. on October 31, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
BEAU GARCIA

Associate Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAD WHITWORTH