



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

President Beau Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2023, 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; Terry Hooker, Casper; Dustin Hunt, Hot Springs County School District #1; Madison Lacey, State Department of Education; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Ryan Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Max Mills, Shoshoni; Damien Smith, Unita County School District #6; Barry Ward, Cheyenne and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

Trevor Wilson 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** – Amend Item b. to read: Approval of Budget Analysis and July/August Financial Report Review 2022-23. **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. Hooker seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Zach Hoffman and Brent Vander May from Playfly.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

PLAYFLY PRESENTATION

Brent Vander Mey and Zach Hoffman from Playfly made a presentation to the Board. Playfly is a marketing firm that focuses on strengthening their client's fan-base and maximizing their revenue potential.

FORT WASHAKIE ADM PRESENTATION

MOTION: Mr. Hunt moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve Fort Washakie's request for a 30% ADM reduction for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

FINE DESIGNS CONTRACT RENEWAL

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Mackey seconded the motion to approve renewing the Official Event Merchandizing Contract with Fine Designs through the 2026-27 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND JULY/AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW 2022-23

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and July/August Financial Report Review 2022-23.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

Mr. Mackey moved and Mr. Ward seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form seeking a State Football host site for 2025 – 2028.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT PRESENTATION

RBC representatives Joe Bennick and Blaine Christensen met with the Finance Committee and presented an overview of the Association's investments.

AUTHORIZED SIGNER FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve a Resolution for Investment Authority allowing Commissioner Wilson to manage the financial investments of the Association.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

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.

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. Hunt 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: **FIRST READING

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. Erickson moved and Mr. Mader 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: **FIRST READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

3A/4A SHOT CLOCK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Erickson 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: **FIRST READING (10-5)

RULE 7.11.56.1 – STATE SOFTBALL QUALIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Mader moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to state softball qualification which would allow a first-round play-in game.

MOTION FAILED: **

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.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card request for Terrence J. Quinn of Gillette.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Ryan Mackey was elected as the 2023-24 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Associate Commissioner Chad Whitworth was overseeing the State Tennis Tournament, Commissioner Wilson presented his report.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

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.

OFFICIALS NUMBERS

A historical account of official numbers was presented. Newly created "We Need Officials" cards with a QR code that can be scanned for more information have been beneficial in recruiting.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network has been doing a better job of rectifying issues and being proactive to meet the needs of schools.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Student Advisory Council is transforming the sportsmanship program and has adopted a new logo and slogan. New council members have been selected and are working with the returning members to develop a new leadership program.

SPIRIT CLASSIFICATIONS

MOTION: Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to classify spirit using the same number breakdown that will be used for all other sports starting with the new reclass cycle. All other Fine Arts programs will determine their own classifications.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF AND TENNIS

Commissioner Wilson commended the state golf hosts for their efforts in running successful tournaments.

The State Tennis Tournament was rescheduled from September 21 – 23, 2023, to September 25-27, 2023, due to inclement weather.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CASPER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to allow Casper Christian School to play junior varsity boys and girls basketball for the 2023-24 school year and transition to the varsity level in 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

TEN SLEEP BOYS & GIRLS GOLF REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to allow Ten Sleep to add a boys and girls golf program, beginning in 2023-24.

MOTION PASSED: **

FORT WASHAKIE BOYS BASKETBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to allow Fort Washakie to play varsity boys basketball, beginning in 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

UNIFIED TRACK AND FIELD SANCTIONING REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to sanction Unified Outdoor Track and Field, which will offer shot put, long jump, 100 M dash, 400 M dash and 4 X 100 M Relay, beginning in the 2024 track season.

MOTION PASSED: **

BIG HORN / TONGUE RIVER WRESTLING COMBINATION REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hunt moved and Mr. Mader seconded the motion to classify the combined Big Horn/Tongue River wrestling team as 3A for boys and 4A for girls for the 2023-24 wrestling season.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

GENDER IDENTITY PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

MOTION: Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to take out the Gender Identity policy currently in the WHSAA handbook and replace it with the following statement:

If a State of Wyoming Statute establishes law regarding Transgender participation in sports and activities, the WHSAA shall adhere to and comply with such state statute.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE GOLF ROTATIONS

Due to changes in classifications for the next reclass cycle, State Golf Rotations will be updated as needed.

ST. STEPHENS FOOTBALL FUTURE

St. Stephens will not schedule varsity football contests at the upcoming scheduling meeting.

ACTIVITIES INTEREST: PROSTART, ARCHERY, E-SPORTS

The WHSAA has received inquiries about adding Prostart, Archery and E-Sports as sanctioned activities. The sanctioning guidelines were explained and there has been no further communication at this time.

PLAYFLY APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to pursue a partnership with Playfly.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – NOVEMBER 14-15, 2023 @ THE RAMKOTA

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held on November 14-15, 2023, at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. The meeting schedule will remain similar to past years, but the New Administrators Orientation Follow-Up will be eliminated since the monthly Zoom meetings meet that need. Wrestling Scale Certification will fill the 9:00 a.m. time slot. Scales will no longer be certified at the October District meetings.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS (continued)

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on October 31, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Garia adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. on September 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
BEAU GARCIA

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON