



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 28, 2026

President Damien Smith called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28th, 2026, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Aaron Abel, Teresa Chaulk, Clark Coberly, Mark Fritz, Will Gray, Jason Horsley, Darrin Jennings, Madison Lacey, Carl Manning, Max Mills, Bubba O'Neill, Dave Plendl, Jay Rhoades, Damien Smith, John Weigel, Larry Yeradi, Bob Despain.

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

AGENDA

President Smith 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** – moved to the front of the meeting **Committee--Reclassification** – not meeting

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the September 2026, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Rhoades moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 2026, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney

Gold Cards were presented to New Board Members

COMMITTEES

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Will Gray, Bubba O'Neill, John Weigel, Matt Davidson, and Larry Yeradi.

Ad Hoc Members: Jen Stevens, Matt McFadden, Erik Shepherd, Clayton McSpadden, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Mark Gillies, and Nolan Tracy

Did Not Meet

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Mark Fritz, Dave Plendl, Carl Manning, Teresa Chaulk, and Lisa Durgin

INVESTMENT REPORT FROM RBC – JOE BENNICK

Investment report is in good shape with a solid investment portfolio from 2025-2026

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM SKOGEN & COMETTO – ROXY SKOGEN

A very ordinary year in regard to the financial report. Not much change in revenue or expense worth noting.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND 4th QUARTER REPORT 2025-2026

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mrs. Chaulk moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Plendl moved and Mr. Chaulk seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINE DESIGNS CONTRACT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Chaulk moved and Mr. Plendl seconded the motion to approve the Fine Designs Contract for a 5-year Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **

2026-27 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 Jason Horsely, Matt Davidson, Larry Yeradi, Darrin Jennings, Ron Wagner, and Aaron Abel

Second Reading:

NONE

First Reading:

Nordic Ski Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Abel moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the Nordic Ski Proposals

Discussion to amend to make 7.10.33 #4 be struck from the rules

MOTION PASSES: **FIRST READING as amended

2026-27 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Max Mills, Bubba O'Neill, John Weigel, Clark Coberly, Madison Lacey, and Jay Rhoades

Second Reading:

NONE

First Reading:

Rules 7.14.20 and 7.14.53-7.14.59 – State Track and Field Qualifying Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Coberly moved and Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rules 7.14.20 and 7.14.53-7.14.59 – State Track and Field Qualifying Proposals

MOTION FAILS: **FIRST READING 7-9

Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 – Classification Deadline Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Rhoades moved and Ms. Coberly seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 – Classification Deadline Proposals

MOTION PASSES: **FIRST READING

2026-27 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 REPORTS

Southwest District
Gold Card for Jeff Newton

MOTION: Ms. Chaulk moved Mr. Abel Seconded to approve a Gold Card for Jeff Newton

MOTION PASSED:

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Marching Band Report

We have 22 bands registered again for the State Marching Band Competition. We moved to a hybrid competition/festival format last year. Last year we had 11 Competitive Bands and

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10 Non-Competitive Bands. This year we have 13 Competitive Bands and 8 Non-Competitive Bands registered. We are hearing rumors of 2 more 3A bands interested in marching next year which is a great sign.

District Music Clinics

We have 6 District Music Clinics hosting honor bands and choirs happening in November in Cheyenne, Casper, Powell, Rock Springs, Riverton, and Kemmerer hosting over 1,500 different students.

All-State Music

We are excited to begin expanding our State Music Conference. In the past we were hosting only around 350 students, the members of the All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra. We are now inviting student to participate in a conference track allowing students who are not in the honor ensembles to attend a state music event. We are hoping to reach a more diverse selection of students this way.

State Thespian Festival

The state thespian festival will take place in Laramie at the top of December hosting over 1000 theatre students from across Wyoming.

WASC Student Council Convention

This years WASC event will take place right here in Casper at Kelly Walsh HS, HPCC, and the Wyo Sports Ranch. Servicing well over 1,200 students, the states student leaders have a very exciting 3 days planned in mid-November.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sports nominations are on the rise due to a better digital form.

HOME / VIRTUAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Report was provided with numbers of homeschool students was shared with the board. Discussion about fees for homeschool centered around keeping fees aligning with inflation and school membership increases. Homeschool membership fees have not increased in over 30 years.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Beginning to share information with schools about what to expect for students and hoping encourage more kids to attend.

STATE SPIRIT UPDATE

We will move away from marking at state spirit moving forward.

NFHS NETWORK

Continuing our partnership with the Network and looking for ways to improve the product for

our membership

OFFICIALS APPRECIATION WEEK

Officials appreciate week is coming up in October.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF UPDATE

Thanks to Evanston and Kemmerer for hosting. Weather was rough, but they did a great job handling it.

PHYSICAL EXAM LETTER

Letter that was sent to our office was shared with the board

MONTHLY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Monthly zoom schedule is available, good attendance on the past meeting

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

Nov 17 & 18 at the Wyo Sports Ranch.

BOARD PICTURE – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

We will take a board picture at our next meeting on November 3rd.

307 COACHING ACADEMY – Thursday November 19, 2026 – HPCC

August event was met with great regard. Don Julian did a wonderful job presenting. PTSB Recertification credit was provided for many.

WHSAA RETIREMENT POLICY DISCUSSION

A discussion was had about adding an insurance retirement policy to our office.

BRANSON SEIBEL LETTER

Letter that was sent to our office was shared with the board

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Information was provided to the board regarding marching band physicals and the NFHS Section 7/8 Meeting held in September in Cody, WY.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mills adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m. on September 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____

DAMIEN SMITH

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON

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