



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2011

President Christy Wright called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Stuart Larson, Niobrara County; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Meaghan McClellan, State Department of Education; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Ken Stoick, Natrona County; and Tom Wilson, Green River. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Wright 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. English moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27-28, 2011, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune* and Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason and Associates.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT – SCOTT BUCKINGHAM, LENHART-MASON AND ASSOCIATES

Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason and Associates provided the Board with the 2010-11 Financial Review Report and Graph Report. Mr. Buckingham explained the graphs and summarized the findings of the report.

HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision on the discipline hearing.

MOTION PASSED: ** Mr. Hult and Mr. Espeland abstained.

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Kirby Baier, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Kay Fackrell, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

DISCUSSION OF FEEDBACK FROM DISTRICT MEETINGS ON WIAAA 4 AND 5 CLASS STRUCTURES

Mr. St. Clair reported on the committee's discussion of the proposed 4 Class and 5 Class structures, as developed by the WIAAA. The WIAAA hopes to have a proposal prepared for first reading consideration at the January district meetings.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Stuart Larson, Jim Levine and Ken Stoick.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2010-11

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2010-11 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2011-12

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2011-12 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the September Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

RULES 4.6.16 – 4.6.24 & 9.7.1 – 9.7.9 OFFICIAL’S PAY

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the proposal to increase game fees for varsity officials in all sports by five dollars per contest, beginning in the 2012-13 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2010-11 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the 2010-11 Financial Review as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

BUILDING PROJECT

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to give Commissioner Laird and Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, the authority to pursue a contract for a new building and the authority to sell the current building when deemed appropriate.

MOTION PASSED: **

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black, to evaluate regional and state culminating event expenses, to increase corporate sponsorships and to be in a new building by summer.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tony Hult, Kirby Baier, Dan Espeland, Jim Malkowski, Owen St. Clair and Tim Winland.

RULE 2.4.6 – CONCUSSION RULE

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve new Rule 2.4.6 as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

Any student who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest or practice and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.

Each School District should determine which appropriate health care professionals will be allowed to clear students to return to play (RTP).

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULES 9.9.0 & 4.6.6.5 – PUBLIC CRITICISM OF OFFICIALS OR COACHES

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rules 9.9.0 and 4.6.6.5 as follows:

*Any official who publicly criticizes another official **or coach** through **the media, social media, face book, twitter, etc.** shall be reported to the WHSAA/WSOA and shall be subject to a hearing for suspension of membership from the WHSAA/WSOA.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 4.5.5 – NEGATIVE COMMENTS MADE BY COACHES ABOUT OFFICIALS TO THE MEDIA

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 4.5.5 as follows:

*Coaches are reminded that they have an obligation to maintain the integrity of high school activities. Their efforts must include keeping their relationship with contest officials on the professional level. To that end, coaches should not make negative comments about contest officials or their officiating to the media, **social media, face book, twitter, etc.***

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 3.5.2 – STUDENT BUY BACK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 3.5.2 as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

*Any player who has been disqualified from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be disqualified for the remainder of that contest, activity, or tournament. In addition, for football, soccer, indoor track, track, cross country, tennis, golf, skiing, and swimming, the player shall be disqualified from the next contest at the level of play from which the player was ejected. The basketball, volleyball, or wrestling contestant shall be disqualified from the next two contests. In all sports, this disqualification shall include all contests at any level until the contestant has served the suspension at the level of play from which the player was ejected and successfully completed the WHSAA Good Standing Buyback Program (See 3.5.25 below). Unsportsmanlike acts either prior to or following a contest will result in similar penalties. A contest shall be defined by the criteria developed by the national governing body whose rules are utilized for the sport in which the disqualification shall be enforced. If the disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the player will be required to serve their suspension in the next sport in which they participate. **A student may not go out for another sport just to serve the suspension penalty unless the student successfully completes the entire season for that sport.***

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To prepare proposals for consideration at the January district meetings concerning: (1) implementing a December practice/participation moratorium, and (2) developing a mercy rule in basketball.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Jim English, Mike Lashley, Meaghan McClellan, Russ Wiggam and Tom Wilson.

RULES 7.14.56 & 7.14.57 – STATE TRACK QUALIFYING STANDARDS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve the additional statement to Rules 7.14.56 and 7.14.57 as follows:

***NOTE:** Each school may have only one relay team per relay event at the regional and state meet.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.14.81 – STATE INDOOR TRACK MEET ENTRY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the additional statement to Rule 7.14.81 as follows:

NOTE: A “no time” will be given to an athlete unless they have a current season recorded competition time in their entered event. Times must be verified by the school at the state meet coaches meeting if questioned.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.14.81.5 – STATE INDOOR TRACK 4X400 RELAY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.14.81.5 as follows:

*Use open 400 meter times to determine 4x400 relay seeding times and open 800 meter times to determine 4x800 relay seeding times for the State Indoor meet with verified **400 and** 800 meter times from previous meets.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to minimize lost school time.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship numbers are up and ejections are down when compared to those from last year. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and school personnel to report acts of good sportsmanship.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

FOOTBALL PLAY-IN HALVES

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported on the 1A East and 2A West play-in games that were held on Tuesday, October 25th. The WHSAA will revisit the tie breaker scenario with the football coaches at their meeting later this month.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

FALL SEASON WRAP-UP

Results from the fall culminating events were presented. Commissioner Laird commended the participants and the host sites.

STATE MARCHING BAND – CAMERA CONCERN

Results from the State Marching Band Festival, held October 15th at the Casper Events Center, were presented. Commissioner Laird will meet with the WMEA at its January meeting to discuss complaints from spectators on not being allowed to bring cameras into the festival.

WHSSPA – JOURNALISM

The WHSSPA has chosen to operate on its own and will no longer be included in the WHSAA budget.

CURRENT BUILDING WARRANTY DEED

Commissioner Laird recently received notification that the building warranty deed did not get recorded when the WHSAA paid off the escrow for the current building. That paperwork was filed to correct the situation and the WHSAA has possession of the deed.

CARBON COUNTY – GOLF

The WHSAA received a request from Carbon County School District #2 to add golf, beginning with the 2012 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to allow Carbon County School District #2 to add golf and be eligible to participate in the 2012 State Golf Tournament.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SOFTBALL GROUP MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Commissioner Laird will meet with a group interested in adding softball as a WHSAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Laird will explain the process necessary to add an activity and address any questions from the group.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The first annual State Sportsmanship Summit will take place on November 21, 2011, at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. The Student Advisory Committee is hoping for at least 300 participants at the summit.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 8-9, 2011, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. There will be several football officiating crews on site to aide in scheduling officials.

NEW ADMINISTRATORS ORIENTATION FOLLOW-UP

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 8th in conjunction with the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. New Administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOV. 16

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 16, 2011. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities through fun competitions like a basketball shoot and football toss.

NIAAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE – HOME TEAM MARKETING

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in Indianapolis, December 9-13, 2011. Commissioner Laird has scheduled a meeting with Home Team Marketing, a firm that has been used by several state associations to increase corporate sponsorship.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to go into Executive Session

MOTION PASSED: **

Informational discussion only, no formal action was taken.

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wright adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. on November 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
CHRISTY WRIGHT

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD