



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2013

President Tony Hult called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2013, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Terril Mills (WSBA), Ten Sleep; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Mack Rawhouser (WSBA), Big Piney; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Pete Wilson, Upton; Tom Wilson, Green River and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Hult 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. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 1-2, 2013, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Jack Nowlin, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune* and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to approve the hardship transfer waiver for Student #1.

MOTION PASSED: **

Mr. Lashley abstained from voting.

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the hardship transfer waiver for Student #2.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Todd Quigley, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair, Pete Wilson and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Bubba O'Neill, Scott Noble, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Mark Broderson, Shon Hocker, Jim Levine, Kendra Roeder and Tom Wilson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013-14

MOTION: Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2013-14 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the October Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Broderson moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2012-13 AUDIT REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to approve the 2012-13 Audit Review as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Winland, Jeremy Hill, Terril Mills, Dan Mitchelson, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson

RULE 6.8.0 - GENDER IDENTITY PARTICIPATION

MOTION: Mr. Pete Wilson moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve Rule 6.8.0 – Gender Identity Participation as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

COMBINATION AGREEMENT PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

Rule 3.1.3 – Combination Schools was discussed at length with the Board proposing the following change be taken out to the Districts as a first reading item:

3.1.32 When pursuing a combination school agreement, the petitioning school must consider combining with another school in their own district first, followed by the closest school geographically next. When a district school, or the one geographically closest, does not mutually agree to a combination, the next closest school should be considered. The commissioner reserves the right to recognize combination school agreements that have a historical significance to schools involved.

This documentation is to be submitted to the WHSAA office before the first date of competition of the season in which the team competes as a combined team.

Further points of discussion will include determining if all combinations should be with the same school if the activity is offered, whether the largest school must always be the host, determining if a stipulation should be made that schools may not combine and then go down a classification, and determining a cut-off date for submitting the Combination School Agreement form.

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mike Lashley, Terry Burgess, Todd Quigley, Mack Rawhouser, Jerry Schlabs and Tammy Schroeder

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve moving the 2014 Statewide Scheduling Meeting from Week 19 to Week 20.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are down slightly compared to those at this time last year. Ejections have decreased significantly and no coaches have been ejected during the fall season.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULING

The WHSAA is continuing to work on the 2014 football schedules. Some schools will have open dates and the WHSAA will work with schools to fill those dates. There will be an increase in travel due to conference alignments in some classifications. Schedules will be distributed at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting on November 12, 2013.

2014-15 AND 2015-16 RECLASS STRUCTURE

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Classification and Culminating Event Structure.

MOTION PASSED: **

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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

Results from the State Marching Band Festival, held October 19th at the Casper Events Center, were presented.

NFHS NETWORK

The WHSAA is continuing to work closely with the NFHS Network to provide video stream coverage of state culminating events in activities and athletics. There has already been an increase in the state events that have been covered as compared to past years. The NFHS Network is contracting with Wyoming companies to provide coverage.

PRE-SCHEDULING MEETING

Commissioner Laird feels the pre-scheduling meeting held on October 30th was of great benefit and accomplished the intended goal.

FORFEITS

Commissioner Laird asked for input from the Board concerning Rule 4.7.1, which states:

4.7.1 Any school violating a contract could be fined up to \$300, with money going to the offended school. Lack of payment would be cause for immediate suspension.

The Board felt the current rule does not adequately address the situation and feels penalties should be stiffer. The Handbook Committee, with recommendations from the WHSAA, will prepare a proposal for first reading consideration to take out to the next round of District meetings.

EIGHT SEMESTER CONSIDERATIONS

The WHSAA received a request to review the Eight Semesters of Eligibility rule when taking into consideration students who are academically accelerated and wish to participate in activities.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CASPER'S NEW SCHOOL

Casper is currently in the development stage of a new high school called CAPS – Center for Advanced Placement of Students. Commissioner Laird will be inviting the Principals and Activities Directors from Kelly Walsh and Natrona County and the CAPS Administration to attend the February Board of Director's meeting to discuss how the school's vision will work within the WHSAA rule structure.

FOLLOW-UP TO H.E.M.'S CONFERENCE CHANGE REQUEST

The WHSAA has always allowed classifications to set their own conferences and will only get involved if a decision cannot be reached.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 12-13, 2013, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR ORIENTATION

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 12th in conjunction with the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. New administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council is hosting the 3rd Annual State Sportsmanship Summit on November 25, 2013, at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 20, 2013

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 20, 2013. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

NIAAA CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 13-17, 2013

The NIAAA Conference will be in Anaheim, CA, December 13-17, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hult adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m. on November 6, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TONY HULT

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD