



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2010

President Jim English called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2010, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kirby Baier, Hulett; Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Joe Hicks (WSBA), Meeteetse; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Leeds Pickering, State Department of Education; Tim Ray, Natrona County School District #1; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tom Wilson, Green River; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President English 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**—Reverse the order of Items A and B.

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 27-28, 2010, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced the following guests: Linda Coatney, Camila El-antably and George Vlastos from the Wyoming Arts Council; Rich Millay from Casper; Homer Bennett and Jon Abrams from Star Valley; Mike Hamel and Scott Noble from Cheyenne South; Cliff Hill from Gillette; Bruce Miller from Worland; Becky Dooley and Jim Yule from RT Communications; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Coyle from WyoPreps; and Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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WYOMING ARTS COUNCIL

Linda Coatney and Camila El-antably from the Wyoming Arts Council and George Vlastos from Star Lane spoke to the Board about the possibility of sanctioning the Poetry Out Loud program.

RICH MILLAY

Rich Millay, a Casper parent, teacher and coach made a presentation to the Board regarding allowing 8th grade student athletes to participate at the high school level.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Christy Wright, Kirby Baier, Keith Bauder, Jim Levine, Owen St. Clair and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Mike Maloney, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock and Ann Wille.

RIVERTON'S ADM ADJUSTMENT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve Riverton's request to reduce its projected ADM numbers by 10%.

MOTION FAILED: **

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL FOR TRANSITION OF CHEYENNE SOUTH

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the Reclassification Committee's proposal for the transition of Cheyenne South High School as follows:

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Proposal for the 2011-12 school year:

It is proposed that Cheyenne South be classified 3A in football.

It is proposed that Cheyenne South's classification for all other activities will be based on their two year ADM enrollment figures (3.1.2).

Proposal for the 2012-13 school year:

It is proposed that Cheyenne South's classification for all activities be determined by their two year ADM average enrollment figures (3.1.2).

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Baier seconded the motion to amend the reclassification committee's proposal as follows:

Cheyenne South's numbers for classification purposes will be treated separately for the 2011-12 school year and the 2012-2013 school year and supports the provision allowing Cheyenne South to be in the 3A classification for football for 2011-2012.

MOTION FAILED: ** (6-12)

ORIGINAL MOTION FAILED: ** (8-10)

WHSAA Rule 3.1.23 – Reclassification When Closing or Adding Schools was discussed to clarify the Board's understanding as to the intent of the rule.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to revisit the Reclassification Committee's proposal for the transition of Cheyenne South High School as referenced above, taking into account the intent of Rule 3.1.23.

MOTION FAILED: ** (7-11)

As a result, reclassification for the next two-year cycle will be based on the two year average of a school's projected ADM numbers. In football, the top 10 schools will be 4A, the next 12 will be 3A, and the next 16 will be 2A. The 1A classification will be comprised of 15 11-man teams and 10 6-man teams.

In all other sports, the top 12 schools will be 4A, the next 16 will be 3A, the next 20 will be 2A and all remaining schools will be 1A.

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COMMITTEES (continued)

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Ray, Keith Bauder, Shon Hocker, Stuart Nelson, Leeds Pickering and Christy Wright.

RULE 2.6.4 – WHSAA AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

MOTION: Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Pickering seconded the motion to approve proposed new rule 2.6.4 – WHSAA Affiliate Membership. The proposed rule defines the difference between Home School and Virtual School memberships and would allow Virtual School students to participate in WHSAA activities without their home district signing a memorandum of understanding. In addition, Virtual School students would be required to pay membership and catastrophic insurance fees and the home district would then have the option of entering into a Combination School Agreement with the affiliate member.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2009-10

MOTION: Mr. Pickering moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2009-10 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Pickering seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

MOTION: Mr. Pickering moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA Policy Manual update clarifying the summer business hours for the WHSAA office.

MOTION PASSED: **

VIDEO STREAMING STATE TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Commissioner Laird asked the Board for direction on whether the WHSAA should provide live video streaming of state tournament events for 2010-11 or offer the programming on a tape delayed basis. Becky Dooley from RT Communications was present to explain the current process and answer questions.

MOTION: Mr. Ray moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to offer video streaming of state championship events on a one day taped delayed basis for one year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to reach out and find community partners.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

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

RULE 8.0.54 – TWO CLASS SPIRIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 8.0.54 – Two Class Spirit Proposal as follows:

1. *The WHSAA recognizes two classes for the State Spirit Competition, with schools participating in the same classification as they do for basketball, except that 3A, 2A, and 1A schools shall comprise the 3A classification.*

MOTION PASSED: ** FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 8.0.53 – DANCE COACH RULE TEST PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 8.0.53 as follows:

*All head cheer **and dance** coaches must pass (80%) the NFHS open book Spirit Rules Test for their specific discipline in order to be eligible for the State Spirit Competition. **The test must be completed before their first performance of the school year.***

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULES 7.10.72 and 7.10.74 – ALPINE SKIING PROPOSALS

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Alpine Ski Rules 7.10.72 and 7.10.74.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

DISCUSSION OF RULE 5.3.4 – OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE

Commissioner Laird asked for input on Rule 5.3.4 – Out of Season Practice and how it is currently being interpreted. The rule will be taken out to the district meetings as a topic of discussion to provide feedback to the Handbook Committee.

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOALS

- 1) To stay current on legal issues and how they may pertain to WHSAA policies.
- 2) To examine Rule 5.3.4 – Out of Season Practice.
- 3) To consider the impact of non-traditional grade configurations for Wyoming high school classifications.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley, Jim Levine, Russ Wiggam and Tom Wilson

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.16.72 – REGIONAL WRESTLING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve Rule 7.16.72 – Regional Wrestling Proposal, which would eliminate the number of byes in the opening round of the State Wrestling Tournament, beginning with the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

DISCUSSION – STATE 1A/2A BASKETBALL

Commissioner Laird explained that due to the possible reconfiguration of Region IX junior college basketball sub-regions, a conflict may arise with the availability of the Casper College gymnasium for State 1A and 2A basketball.

The WHSAA has taken a proactive stance with the entities involved to try and remedy the situation, but will take the potential conflict out to the district meetings to gather input to develop a contingency plan.

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

3A SOCCER

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that with the addition of programs to the 3A soccer classification in 2011, a Qualifying Tournament format was developed by the 3A Activities Directors that will be used to qualify teams for the 3A State Soccer Tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship numbers are comparable to those from last year. The total number of ejections is also consistent with last year and no coaches have been ejected to date. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials to report acts of good sportsmanship.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

FOOTBALL SCHEDULING

The WHSAA is in the preliminary stages of scheduling football for the 2011 season. Classifications are encouraged to meet as soon as possible to establish conferences so that scheduling can be completed before the Statewide Scheduling Meeting in November.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Board discussed and decided not to approve the request for sanctioning of the Poetry Out Loud program by the Wyoming Arts Council.

The Board discussed and decided to deny Mr. Millay's request to allow 8th graders to participate at the high school level.

STATE GOLF

Commissioner Laird reported that the state golf tournament went well at all 3 sites and the weather was great.

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

The WHSAA has signed three-year sponsorship agreements with Pepsi and State Farm. The National Guard and the Marines have both signed one-year agreements and the *Casper Star-Tribune* has signed on as a new corporate sponsor.

NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Five Student Advisory Council members attended the July NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

NFHS COURSES AVAILABLE

The NFHS is continuing to offer classes online that are pertinent to coaches and parents. Classes are available through the NFHS website: www.nflslearn.com.

The WHSAA is encouraging all coaches and parents to view the free "Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know" course which can be accessed through the NFHS website or via a link on the WHSAA website (www.whsaa.org).

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

LRG UPDATE

The NFHS hopes to send out checks for the LRG merchandising program by January. Any profits received by the WHSAA will be disseminated to member schools.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NFHS has asked each association to discuss with its membership the option of participating in a National Championship in golf, One Act Plays, pep band and cross country. The National Federation would pay for all costs. The Board directed Commissioner Laird to pursue the opportunity.

JOIN THE R.I.D.E – SUMMITS

Members of the Student Advisory Council will meet at the WHSAA office on October 4th to finalize the district sportsmanship summits.

The SE Summit will be on November 11th in Wheatland, the NE Summit will be November 15th in Gillette, the NW Summit will be November 17th in Worland and the SW Summit will be November 30th in Green River.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 16th at the Casper Events Center.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs will be played on Friday, October 29th. Semi-final games will be played on Saturday, November 6th. The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 12-13, 2010. The 1A 6-man championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 12th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 2A championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 13th, followed by the 1A 11-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

FOTO-SPORT AND SHIRTS-N-MORE

Year-end financial reports for Foto-Sport and Shirts-N-More were presented.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

JOHN GODINA – NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

John Godina, former Cheyenne Central and Olympic athlete, was elected to the 2010 class of the National High School Hall of Fame.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 9-10, 2010, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOVEMBER. 17

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 17, 2010. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 2, 2010.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Participant safety concerns.

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President English adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m. on September 29, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
JIM ENGLISH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD