



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2017

President Ty Flock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2017, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Mike Hansen, Jackson; Keith Harris, Big Horn County School District #1; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President Flock 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 25-26, 2017, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Tony Anson and Sam Buck from Riverside High School; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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**REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)**

RIVERSIDE 6-MAN FOOTBALL APPEAL

Tony Anson, Principal and Sam Buck, Football Coach from Riverside High School, asked the Board to consider allowing Riverside to be eligible to participate in post season 1A 6-man football this year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to deny Riverside's request to be eligible for post season 1A 6-man football since the school chose to opt down from 11-man to 6-man for this football season.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

STUDENT HEARINGS

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a student eight semester hardship request from Laramie.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a student transfer hardship request from Big Horn.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a student transfer hardship request from Douglas.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*** (Mr. Carr abstained from voting).

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### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Justin Carr, Jon Abrams, Mike Hansen, Cliff Hill, Dan Mitchelson and Larry Yeradi.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Jason Hansen, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

#### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Chad Whitworth, Justin Carr, Keith Harris, Tony Hult, Dan Mitchelson and Dicky Shanor.

##### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2016-17

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2016-17 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

##### APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the April Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

##### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

#### CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form with new wording clarifying covering expenses at state golf sites.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management reported to the committee on the WHSAA's financial investments. Mr. Merback will continue to monitor the WHSAA's investments and make recommendations if changes need to be made.

#### 2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Laird and Mr. Merback on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Glenn Freeburg, Mike Hansen, Loren Heth, Josh Sandlian and Larry Yeradi.

#### RULE 7.11.0, .42 & .46 – 3A SOCCER SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion to approve the 3A soccer season proposal addressing minimizing travel, filling schedules and qualifying for state.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

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## HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

### RULE 7.11.36 – 3A SOCCER TIMING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the 3A Soccer Timing Proposal as follows:

*Beginning with the 2018 soccer season, when a scoreboard clock is on-site and available, the official time for all varsity soccer matches will be kept on the clock. Schools should have a clock operator trained on NFHS Soccer signals for stopping/starting the clock.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING (10-4)** 2 Members Abstained from Voting

### 2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dustin Rees, Jon Abrams, Janine Bay-Teske, Cliff Hill, Bubba O’Neill and Susan Rodabaugh

### RULES 7.5.15 & 7.16.12 – BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING START DATE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Bay-Teske moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the amended wording to the basketball and wrestling start date proposals as follows:

*7.5.15 The basketball season begins with the first allowable contact day on Monday of WHSAA calendar week 21. There shall be NO CONTACT Thursday through Sunday of WHSAA Calendar week 21. The first allowable contest date is on Thursday of calendar week 23. The basketball season will end with the 3A/4A state tournament on Saturday of WHSAA week 36.*

*7.16.12 The wrestling season begins with the first allowable contact day on Monday of WHSAA calendar week 21. There shall be NO CONTACT Thursday through Sunday of WHSAA Calendar week 21. The first allowable contest date is on Thursday of week 23. The WHSAA State meet will be Friday and Saturday of WHSAA week 34.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING (12-4)**

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### CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)

#### RULES 7.5.15 & 7.16.12 – 4A BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING START DATE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. O'Neill moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the amended wording to the 4A basketball and wrestling start date proposals as follows:

*7.5.15 The 4A basketball season begins with the first allowable contact day on Monday of WHSAA calendar week 21. There shall be NO CONTACT Thursday through Sunday of WHSAA Calendar week 21. The first allowable contest date is on Thursday of calendar week 23. The basketball season will end with the 3A/4A state tournament on Saturday of WHSAA week 36.*

*7.16.12 The 4A wrestling season begins with the first allowable contact day on Monday of WHSAA calendar week 21. There shall be NO CONTACT Thursday through Sunday of WHSAA Calendar week 21. The first allowable contest date is on Thursday of week 23. The WHSAA State meet will be Friday and Saturday of WHSAA week 34.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING (8-7) 1 Member Abstained from Voting**

#### 2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on event calendars to help meet the needs of students involved in activities, while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, and travel as part of the decision making process.

### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. There have been five players and one coach ejected so far this year.

#### FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Developing football schedules continues to be very difficult. The WHSAA will schedule conference games in all classes, but schools will need to schedule non-conference games. The WHSAA hopes to develop a 2 year schedule, but may need to get all schools in one room to make this more feasible. Schools are reminded not to do any pre-scheduling before the Scheduling Meeting in November.

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## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### STATE GOLF

The weather was once again a concern and forced all three tournaments (2A, 3A and 4A) to be rescheduled. The Commissioner commended the flexibility of the host sites. The competition was very good in all classes, with many close scores and some play-offs. Discussion was heard on how best to deal with rescheduled state tournaments in the future, perhaps play on Tuesday-Wednesday or Thursday-Friday since some venues struggle with an early start on Monday.

### STATE TENNIS

The weather caused the North Regional tournament to be cancelled for the second year in a row, but the State Meet was held as scheduled.

### SCHEDULING SUMMIT & STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – NOVEMBER 14-15, 2017

The WHSAA hosted a Scheduling Summit on August 29, 2017, to get all schools in the same room to develop a template to facilitate regional scheduling for the new 16-16-16-rest reclass format. While positive strides were made, it may be necessary to meet on the Monday before the State Scheduling Meeting in November to assist schools with football, volleyball and basketball schedules.

Further discussion will take place at the October District Meetings on how best to structure the scheduling meeting on November 14-15 to help schools develop their schedules.

### CONCUSSION INSURANCE

The new Concussion Insurance Program went into effect on August 1, 2017. Several claims have already been submitted and the process is going well.

### COPYRIGHT AND COMPLIANCE COURSE

The National Federation has developed a Copyright and Compliance Course to help coaches, administrators and music personnel understand federal copyright laws and how they pertain to use of music at high school events.

The Board feels the WHSAA should strongly recommend that all music personnel, spirit coaches and administrators take the course.

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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### STUDENT BUY BACK – SPORTSMANSHIP CLASS – [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)

The WHSAA will require that students ejected from contests complete the NFHS online Sportsmanship course before being approved for return to play. A certificate is generated upon completion of the course that must be submitted to the WHSAA office.

#### STATE SPEECH

Due to a scheduling conflict at Western Wyoming College in Rock Springs, the 2018 State Speech Tournament will be held at a different location. The WHSAA is waiting to hear back from a community interested in hosting the event and an announcement will be made soon.

#### STATE SPEECH SEASON

Discussion will be held at the October District Meetings on addressing concerns over the Speech and Debate season length, number of allowable contests and accompanying expenses.

#### CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

WHSAA corporate sponsors include Foss Motors, State Farm, Pepsi, Prevention Management Organization, Timberline Hospitalities and the Casper host hotels. Wells Fargo Bank has one event left on their current contract.

#### NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network will continue to stream WHSAA events. Fall coverage will include the State Marching Band Festival, all State Volleyball matches and all 5 State Football championship games. Commissioner Laird encouraged schools to take advantage of the School Broadcast Program offered by the network.

#### STATE FAIR PRACTICES

Commissioner Laird thanked Douglas High School and it's coaches for providing students the opportunity to attend fall sport practices during the State Fair.



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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)**

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Casper Events Center. The festival will begin at 3:00 p.m. with 18 bands expected to perform.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs and the semi-final games will be played on Fridays (October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>). The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 10-11, 2017. The 2A championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 1A 6-man championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by the 1A 11-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 20, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Flock adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m. on September 27, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
TY FLOCK

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
RON LAIRD