



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 27, 2021

President Ben Smith called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Wyoming Theatre at the Ramkota Hotel.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian; Justin Carr, Douglas; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Terry Hooker, Casper; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Christina Mills, Shoshoni; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird 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** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Reclassification** – no changes and/or additions.

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Incoming Board members Matthew Davidson of Burlington, Will Gray of Pine Bluffs, Dustin Hunt of Hot Springs County #1, Mark Puev of Cheyenne South and Jake Rich of Pinedale were present.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Larry Yeradi, Jon Abrams, Justin Carr, Mike Hamel, Reggie Miller and Chad Whitworth.

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

5-CLASS RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to amend the 5-Class Reclassification Proposal by removing Cross County, Swimming and Golf from the proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the amended 5-Class Reclassification Proposal.

MOTION FAILED: **

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Chad Whitworth, Glenn Freeburg, Reggie Miller, David Nicholas, Josh Sandlian and Dicky Shanor

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2020-21

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2020-21 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2021-22 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the 2021-22 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF MEMORABILIA BID

MOTION: Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to accept Fine Design's memorabilia bid for 2021 – 2024.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract for an additional year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Christina Mills, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker, Thomas Jassman and Larry Yeradi

2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Jon Abrams, Keith Bauder, Justin Carr, Jason Hansen and Bruce Jolley

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS – TABLED ITEMS

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Abrams seconded the motion to bring the host site selections for State Softball, Girls State Swimming and Boys State Swimming off the table.

MOTION PASSED: **

SOFTBALL

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to accept Gillette's proposal to host the 2023 and 2024 State Softball Tournament with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA and Cheyenne's proposal to host the 2025 and 2026 State Softball Tournament with \$1500 per year and 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

GIRLS STATE SWIMMING

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to accept Laramie's proposal to host the 2022 State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships and Gillette's proposal to host the 2023 State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

BOYS STATE SWIMMING

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to accept Gillette's proposal to host the 2023 State Boys Swimming and Diving Championships and Laramie's proposal to host the 2024 State Boys Swimming and Diving Championships with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF 2021-22 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Abrams seconded the motion to approve the 2021-22 calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2021-22 SCHEDULING AND POST SEASON DISCUSSION

Discussion was heard on whether parameters should be set regarding number of allowable tournaments prior to the May 4-5, 2021 Scheduling Meeting. The Board felt there was not enough time to make any changes, but suggested that a Board work session be scheduled in the fall to address cost saving measures.

The Board reviewed state culminating events per sport and made recommendations on post-COVID-19 formats:

- State Football - can return to Laramie (UW) in 2021.
- State Golf, Girls Swimming & Diving and Tennis – no changes, no spectator limits.
- State Cross Country – all 3 classes at 1 site (Wyoming Indian).
- State Volleyball:
MOTION: Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion for State Volleyball to return to a 3 day event.
MOTION PASSED: **
- Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing and Boys Swimming & Diving – no changes, no spectator limits
- Indoor Track – Combined girls and boys event, no spectator limits.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

- State Wrestling:
MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion for State Wrestling to continue as a 3 day / one classification per day tournament. Input from schools at the fall District meetings will be considered before making a final determination.
MOTION PASSED: **
- State Basketball – return to regular format, no spectator limits.
- State Spirit:
MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion for State Spirit to be held as a 1 day event the last Friday in January (Week 30).
MOTION PASSED: **
- State Soccer, Softball and Track – no changes.

2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

DISTRICT REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card request for Brad Reese of Douglas.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card request for Mike Higgins of Rocky Mountain.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Thomas Jassman was elected as the 2021-22 President Elect.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Spring sportsmanship awards and ejections are comparable to those from 2019. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Results from completed winter season culminating events were presented. Commissioner Laird was very pleased that we were able to have culminating events this year.

STATE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling meeting, moved from its usual November date, will be held May 4-5, 2021 at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

STATE GOLF ROTATIONS

Proposals are no longer required for host golf sites. As a reminder, the state golf rotation is as follows:

2021: 2A – Thermopolis; 3A – Lander; 4A – Jackson
2022: 2A – Wright; 3A – Rawlins; 4A – Rock Springs

CONCUSSION INSURANCE UPDATE

A report on paid concussion claims as of 4/1/2021 was presented. The WHSAA wants to make sure schools are making families aware of the service.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The list of 2021-22 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The State Sportsmanship Summit will be held November 22, 2021, in Casper.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2021 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 29, 2021; Friday, November 5, 2021; and Friday and Saturday, November 12-13, 2021.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MAY 26, 2021

The WHSAA will meet with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on May 26, 2021. The Committee served as a good resource during COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented. The Council will meet in mid-July.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 11, 2021

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 11, 2021. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

AD & COACHES CLINIC – JULY 18-23, 2021

The Coaches Association summer clinic will be held July 18-23, 2021 in Casper.

SUMMER MEETING – JUNE 28 – JULY 2, ORLANDO, FL

The NFHS Summer Meeting will be held June 28 – July 2, 2021 in Orlando, FL.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 27, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
BEN SMITH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD