



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

President Ryan Mackey called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Matt Davidson, Big Horn County School District #1; Robert Erickson, Star Valley; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Cody Hartung, Kemmerer; Terry Hooker, Casper; Jason Horsley, Lincoln County School District #2; Madison Lacey, State Department of Education; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Ryan Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Carl Manning (WSBA), Riverton; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Max Mills, Shoshoni; Damien Smith, Uinta County School District #6; Serol Stauffenberg, Lander; Ron Wagner, Laramie and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

Trevor Wilson and Chad Whitworth from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Mackey 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. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Mader moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

STUDENT HEARING

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

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a hardship transfer request from Wyoming Indian High School.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Max Mills, Robert Erickson, Larry Yeradi, Mike Lashley and Damien Smith

Ad Hoc Members: Pat Neely, Aaron Abel, Kasey Garnhart, Tim Williams, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Mark Gillies and Nolan Tracy

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Matt Davidson, Damien Smith, Madison Lacey, Reggie Miller and Carl Manning

2023-24 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the 2023-24 Financial Review, prepared by Skogen, Cometto and Associates, as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bennick and Mr. Christensen on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Larry Yeradi, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker, Jason Horsley and
Cody Hartung

RULE 7.12.81 AND 7.12.82 – STATE SWIMMING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.12.81 and 7.12.82 that would allow the fastest 16 swimmers to advance to the finals of the state meet, beginning in the 2026-27 season.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 8.2.6 – STATE MARCHING BAND PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hartung moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the State Marching Band proposal that would allow bands to participate in either a scholastic (festival) or open (competitive) division beginning in 2025.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING (12-5)

NIL (NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS) PROPOSAL

The Committee is crafting a NIL (Name, Image and Likeness) Rule to add to the WHSAA handbook. The Committee will present the proposed rule at the February meeting, which will then be taken out as a first reading item.

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Ryan Mader, Robert Erickson, Mike Lashley, Ron Wagner, Serol Stauffenberg and Will Gray

RULE 7.13.32 – TENNIS SPORTSMANSHIP

The Committee presented a draft of updated changes to Rule 7.13.32 that would model USTA rules dealing with sportsmanship and tennis etiquette. The proposed changes will go out as a first reading item in January.

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOAL

To ensure the event calendars meet the needs of students involved in activities while considering budgets, time out of classroom, travel and the health and safety of all involved.

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DISTRICT REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Lloyd Sisson of Pine Bluffs.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Sam Mirch of Cheyenne.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are comparable to those received at this time last year, with ejections being just slightly over last year's numbers. To date, there have been no coach ejections. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

NFHS NETWORK UPDATE

Associate Commissioner Whitworth reported that several radio stations have paid the NFHS Network fees to broadcast postseason events. The WHSAA has taken a proactive approach with the Network to try and eliminate broadcast issues prior to the culminating events.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The schedule for the Student Leadership Summit was presented. The Summit will be held on November 21, 2024, at Highland Park Community Church in Casper and will include both student-led sessions and a round table discussion with coaches and advisors.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

FALL SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Wilson commended all the fall culminating event hosts for a job well done.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

FOOTBALL SCHEDULING – FUTURE YEARS

The WHSAA will continue to schedule football for all classes, if desired. Scheduling non-conference games may necessitate increased travel for schools.

WE THE PEOPLE

We The People currently has 7 schools interested in making it a WHSAA sanctioned activity. Should the required number of 8 schools commit, the WHSAA will invite representatives to make a presentation to the Board.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The pre-meeting and Statewide Scheduling Meeting schedules were presented. The meetings will be held November 18-20, 2024, at the Ramkota in Casper.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 13-17, 2024

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be held in Austin, TX, December 13-17, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mackey adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. on November 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
RYAN MACKEY

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON