



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 4, 2025

President Max Mills called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Aaron Abel, Matt, Mark Fritz, Beau Garcia, Will Gray, Cody Hartung, Jason Horsley, Mike Lashley, Madison Lacey, Carl Manning, Max Mills, Bubba O'Neill, Dave Plendl, Jay Rhoades, Ron Wagner, John Weigel, Larry Yerardi, Bob Despain.

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

AGENDA

President Mills 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. Mr. Yerardi moved and seconded by Mr. Manning the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 2nd, 2025, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Fremont County School District #6 Superintendent Troy Zickefoose

Mr. Zickefoose called to question the rationale for the 30% reduction in ADM for Wyoming Indian HS and Ft. Washakie HS. A discussion about why those decisions were made by the board at the time

Commissioner Wilson is going to do some research and revisit the issue with the board moving forward.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Substitute Chair Mark Fritz, Dave Plendl, Carl Manning, and Aaron Abel

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2025-2026

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Abel seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2025-26.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Plendl moved and Mr. Abel seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2025-26 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Larry Yerardi, Bubba O'Neill, Madison Lacey, Beau Garcia, John Weigel, and Cody Hartung

Second Reading:

RULE 7.11.40 – 3A SOCCER REGULAR SEASON OVERTIME PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O'Neill moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.11.40 – 3A Soccer Regular Season Overtime Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING – Effective 2026-2027 School Year

RULE 7.11.3 – 4A SOCCER MATCHES PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O'Neil moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.11.3 – 4A Soccer Matches Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING – Effective 2026-2027 School Year

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL 16-16-18-20 (REST)

MOTION: Mr. Hartung moved and Mr. Weigel seconded the motion to approve the 16-16-18-20 (rest) Reclassification Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING

First Reading:

RULE 2.4.6 – CONCUSSION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Hartung seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 2.4.6 Concussion Proposal amended to add the word Coach to the language of the proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.7.15 – 2A FOOTBALL PRACTICE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Weigel seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.7.15 – 2A Football Practice Proposal

MOTION FAILED: **FIRST READING

2025-26 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Ron Wagner, Mike Lashley, Jay Rhoades, Will Gray, and Jason Horsley

Second Reading:

RULE 7.12.80 and 7.12.73 – WSCA SWIMMING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule Fule 7.12.80 and 7.12.73 WSCA Swimming Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING

RULE 7.10.45 – NORDIC SKI PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule 7.10.45 Nordic Ski Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **SECOND READING

First Reading: NONE

Gold Card

MOTION: Mr. Plendl moved and Mr. Hartung seconded the motion to offer a WHSAA Gold Card for Dana Lyman, a recent CCHS#1 employee.

MOTION PASSES

2025-26 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 safely of all involved.

DISTRICT REPORT

ASSISTANT COMMISIONER'S REPORT

MARCHING BAND

State marching band had a successful day with good weather and was very well attended. Recognition deserved by the Wyo Sports Ranch for their support of the event. The band directors are having a meeting on November 18th to field discussion on the new format and decide on how we proceed.

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STATE STRINGS CLINIC

Over 250 student are currently in Evanston rehearsing and performing today for State Strings Clinic. Recognition to Evanston on hosting a great event with a wonderful facility for hosting Performing Arts Events.

ALL-STATE MUSIC AUDITIONS & EVENTS

All-State Music Auditions will be taking place in 13 different locations across the state. Currently we have just under 1,600 students registered to audition for the All-State Group who will meet in Cody in early January.

STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL

The State thespian festival will be hosted in Laramie this year on the University of Wyoming Campus for our nearly 800 actors, actresses, and technicians. That event is December 4-6.

WASC STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION

The State Student Council Convention will take place in Cheyenne where both the Civic Center & Central High School will host over 1000 student council students on Nov. 17 & 18

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections are down in many area, but sportsmanship awards are also down.

NFHS NETWORK

The network has been more responsive about issues with cameras and they currently working with schools who want to show playoff games.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE UPDATE

Bringing in Don Julian to speak to the Student Leadership Conference which will be a great addition for both the students and the adults

STATE SPIRIT UPDATE

A meeting with the spirit coaches took place about using the Wyo Sports Ranch as a warm-up Area. Registration will go out next week.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2027 2A State Golf Request - Rule 7.8.1.5 and 7.8.63

Host Crook County is requesting to have the 2027 State 2A Golf Meet on the following Monday-Tuesday of week 12 during Fall of 2027 School Year

MOTION: Mr. Yerardi moved and Mr. Plendl seconded the motion to allow Crook County is requesting to have the 2027 State 2A Golf Meet on the following Monday-Tuesday of week 12 during Fall of 2027 School Year

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

Change to Golf - Rule 7.8.1.5

The state golf meet will end no later than the Wednesday of Week 12 of the WHSAA Calendar

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Fritz seconded the motion to change Golf Rule 7.8.1.5 for the state golf meet will end no later than the Wednesday of Week 12 of the WHSAA Calendar

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

WHSAA Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 Regarding Football

Discussion about the possibility of changing Rule 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 to ask schools making a request for classification regarding football to make that request by the October Board Meeting

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 18-19, 2025, at the Ramkota in Casper.

We have asked the football officials to NOT schedule games for the 2027 football season and because of that the WHSAA will not hand out of the 2027 football schedules at the 2025 State Scheduling Meeting

WSBA Conference – November 19, 2025

WHSAA will set up a booth at the conference.

National AD Conference – December 12-16, 2025 – Tampa, Florida

Chad will be attending the conference and will meet up with the Wyoming athletic directors in attendance.

ESPN Article regarding NIL

For the board's information, these articles are intended to help inform on the matter. Attorney Bob Despain commented that we are fortunate that the lawsuit that was initiated was with Ohio and not with Wyoming. He recommends that the board learns from this situation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mills adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. on November 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
MAX MILLS

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON