



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2024

President Ryan Mackey called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. on Tuesday, October 1, 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; 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. Garcia moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Duke Dance and Erick Pauley from the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters and Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

Duke Dance and Erick Pauley from the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters (WAB) made a presentation to the Board outlining their services and asking for assurance that the WAB can continue to broadcast regular season contests.

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

INVESTMENT REPORT FROM RBC

Blaine Christensen and Joe Bennick of RBC reviewed the Association's investment portfolio, which is experiencing favorable returns at this time.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2023-24

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2023-24.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request form 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 8.2.6 – STATE MARCHING BAND PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Horsley moved and Mr. Hooker 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: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.12.81 AND 7.12.82 – STATE SWIMMING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hartung 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: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

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 7.8.63 – 2A STATE GOLF PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.8.63 recommending that 2A state golf be hosted at an 18 hole course.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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.

DISTRICT REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Rhonda Knapp of Upton.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass for Deb Hanson of Sheridan

MOTION PASSED: **

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are up almost double to those received at this time last year, with ejections being comparable to this time last year. 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.

OFFICIALS UPDATE

The WHSAA is working hard on the recruitment and retention of officials. Mr. Whitworth shared ideas for recognizing officials during the upcoming Officials Appreciation Week.

REGIONAL / STATE TENNIS

The WHSAA has asked the Calendar and Culminating Events Committee to review Rule 7.13.32, which deals with tennis etiquette.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Leadership Summit will be held on November 21, 2024, at Highland Park Community Church in Casper. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

NEWCASTLE BOYS AND GIRLS VARSITY GOLF REQUEST FOR 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve Newcastle's request to add boys and girls varsity golf for 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

NIORARA COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY REQUEST FOR 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve Niobrara County's request to add boys and girls varsity cross country for 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

STATE GOLF UPDATE

State golf host sites were commended for running great tournaments.

NIL DISCUSSION

The Handbook Committee has been tasked with developing a NIL policy for discussion at the January District Meetings.

WE THE PEOPLE

Representatives from schools offering We The People have contacted the WHSAA about becoming a sanctioned activity.

HOME SCHOOL INCREASE AND OVERSIGHT

The number of home schools has increased significantly so far this year with expectations of continued growth. Schools are struggling with how to handle oversight of these students.

PLAYFLY UPDATE

Jared Newland has been hired as the WHSAA's Playfly employee. Jared is based in Cheyenne and will work to secure marketing opportunities for the Association.

MONTHLY ZOOM SCHEDULE

The WHSAA monthly zoom schedule was shared. The WHSAA welcomes all A.D.s, Principals and Superintendents to join the meetings, which are held one Thursday a month at 10:00 a.m.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 19-20, 2024, at the Ramkota in Casper.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mackey adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. on October 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
RYAN MACKEY

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON