



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2025

President Max Mills called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. on Thursday, October 2, 2025, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Aaron Abel, Matt Davidson, Lisa Durgin, Mark Fritz, Beau Garcia, Will Gray, Cody Hartung, Jason Horsley, Mike Lashley, 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. Garcia moved and Mr. Yerardi seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2025, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

Gold Cards awarded to John Weigel, Jay Rhodes, Aaron Abel, Dave Plendl, Lisa Durgin, Mark Fritz

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Damien Smith, Mike Lashley, Jay Rhoades, Mark Fritz, and Bubba O'Neill

Ad Hoc Members: Jen Stevens, Matt McFadden, Kasey Garnhart, Clayton McSpadden, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Mark Gillies, and Nolan Tracy

MOTION: Mr. Fritz moved and Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion to approve the reclassification proposal – 16/16/18/20 for 26/27 & 27/28 school years

DISCUSSION: Explanation from Commissioner Wilson on how the proposal effects sports where there are less than 3 classifications. Mr. Lashley discussed the multipliers per classification for this proposal.

MOTION PASSED as a 1st reading and will be sent out to district for a 2nd reading

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Matt Davidson, Dave Plendl, Carl Manning, and Aaron Abel

INVESTMENT REPORT FROM RBC

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

Roxy Skogen report of Financial Statements to the financial committee

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Plendl seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Plendl seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request form as presented.

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'Neil, Madison Lacey, Beau Garcia, John Weigel, and Cody Hartung

Second Reading:

RULE 5.7.1 – 5.7.4 - NIL POLICY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lacey moved and Mr. Hartung seconded the motion to approve the NIL Policy Proposal 5.7.1 – 5.7.4

MOTION FAILS: ** SECOND READING

RULE 9.13.0 OFFICIALS POST-SEASON SELECTION PROCESS

MOTION: Mr. Weigel moved and Mr. Hartung seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Officials Post Season Selection Proposal

MOTION PASSED: ** SECOND READING

First Reading:

RULE 7.5.0 SUB-VARSITY SHOT CLOCK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Weigel seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Sub-Varsity Shot Clock Proposal

MOTION FAILS: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.11.40 – 3A SOCCER REGULAR SEASON OVERTIME PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hartung moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.11.40 – 3A Soccer Regular Season Overtime Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.11.3 – 4A SOCCER MATCHES PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Weigel moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rule 7.11.3 – 4A Soccer Matches Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **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, Lisa Durgin, Will Gray, and Jason Horsley

Second Reading:

RULE 7.13.33 – TENNIS RULE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Horsley seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule 7.13.33 Tennis Rule Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

First Reading:

FIVE CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mrs. Durgin seconded the motion to approve the proposed Five Classification Proposal

MOTION FAILS: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.12.80 and 7.12.73 – WSCA SWIMMING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mrs. Durgin 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: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.10.45 – NORDIC SKI PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mrs. Durgin moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule 7.10.45 Nordic Ski Proposal

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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 will take place here in Casper at the Ford Wyoming Center on Saturday, October 18th where we will welcome nearly 2000 students from 21 high schools. This year's event will be the hybrid festival/competition this board approved last year. Currently we have 10 schools participating in the non-competitive Scholastic Division and 11 schools participating in the Open Class for a state championship. We are cautiously optimistic we see how the event changes are valued.

DISTRICT MUSIC CLINICS

We will be hosting 6 separate district music clinic events across the state in Casper, Cheyenne, Gillette, Rock Springs, Mountain View, and Powell for select Band & Choir students in early November. That event should involve roughly 1500 students state wide.

STATE STRINGS CLINIC

Evanston will be hosting our State Strings for our 12 schools with string orchestra programs. For the first time this year the event will include a guitar ensemble. The A orchestra clinician is the Orchestra conductor from BYU.

ALL-STATE MUSIC AUDITIONS & EVENTS

We are preparing for the All-State Music event hosted in Cody in January where 450 of the best band, choir, and orchestra students will gather. Accepted All-State Honor Ensembles students must take part in the Audition process which will take place at 13 different audition locations around the state starting November 7th and we anticipate over 2000 auditions this year.

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 and East High School will host over 1000 student council students on Nov. 17 & 18

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections are down from last year. Numbers in the report.

HOME/VIRTUAL SCHOOL UPDATE

290 homeschool and virtual school registrations to this point. We will see a bump in winter. Last year's total number was 275 registered homeschool and virtual registrations.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Students added a newsletter from the council, it has been met with high regard. Student Leadership Summit will November 20th.

STATE SPIRIT UPDATE

Looking at moving up the start time of state by adding some marking for the event the evening before. We would still provide the opportunity for marking the day of the event. The hope is for a 12:30 start

NFHS NETWORK

The network has started moving quicker (thanks Trevor) on repairs and updates. We want to help, let us know if you have any issues.

OFFICIALS APPRECIATION WEEK

2nd week of October is Officials Appreciation Week. School have been given information about how to honor officials

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

ARAPAHO CHARTER REQUEST FOR VARSITY SPORTS

Arapahoe Charter request for varsity sports in boys and girls basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field beginning in 2026-27.

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve Arapahoe Charter request for varsity sports in boys and girls basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field beginning in 2026-27.

MOTION PASSED: **

WYOMING CLASSICAL ACADEMY REQUEST FOR JV SPORTS

Wyoming Classical Academy request for JV sports in 2026-27 and 2027-28 and then Varsity beginning in 2028-29.

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve Wyoming Classical Academy request for JV sports in 2026-27 and 2027-28 and then varsity beginning in 2028-29.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE GOLF UPDATE

Want to thank Lusk for hosting in Douglas (and Douglas for allowing it), Cheyenne and Cody for hosting great events for our students. Very thankful for good weather

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 18-19, 2025, at the Ramkota in Casper.

BOARD PICTURE

We have scheduled an official Board of Directors Meeting on November 4, 2025

LANDER VALLEY SOFTBALL FOR 26-27

MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Abel seconded the motion to approve allowing Lander to pursue having soccer playing JV in 26-27 and Varsity in 27-28

MOTION PASSED: **

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mills adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. on October 2, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
MAX MILLS

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON