

CHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Radisson Hotel
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

1.0 **ROLL CALL**

(Ryan Casey)

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. Rep. Jim Wilson was unable to attend, but all other members of the Board were present.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Mike Schmidt, and a second by Sandi Weece.

3.0 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

President Curt Wilson wants to add a discussion ahead of the June meeting to discuss the next commissioner. Current commissioner Paul Angelico is not leaving at the end of the year. The discussion is just to get thoughts organized.

4.0 **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

(Curt Wilson)

Mr. Wilson reflected on the school year, and relayed a few anecdotes. He thanked the CHSAA staff, and the Board members for their work. "It's so much a privilege to be able to work with you," he said.

He talked about the spring season, and how it is typically a tough time of year with everything that is going on all at once. "As we individually and collectively carry a load at CHSAA, it is the heavy load that often times provides the traction," Mr. Wilson said. "Sometimes we mistakenly believe that happiness is the absence of a load, and it isn't. Being in the midst of a load is what it's about. ... Remember, there are good things going on in your schools, around the state. We need to notice the good things kids have done, and the good things people have done."

The Board decided to invite Rifle to a future meeting.

Paul Cain asked what happens if they're invited, and they don't accept.

Mr. Angelico said, "We have received a letter asking to get their program off of restriction, but nothing asking to get the coach off of restriction."

Mr. Schmidt said, "Let's give them the opportunity to come, and if they come, they come, if not, they don't."

5.2 Committee Selections (Curt Wilson)

Mr. Angelico gave Mr. Wilson a list of people recommended for sports and activities committees. Mr. Wilson needs to approve it.

5.3 Goals Update (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico

5.4 Staff Evaluation (enclosed) (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico discussed the inter-office evaluation process for CHSAA employees.

5.5 Salary Sub-committee (Eddie Hartnett)

Mr. Hartnett said the sub-committee had three recommendations, and said they would discuss those in executive session.

Mr. Hartnett noted some positive opportunities that were presenting themselves in the future in terms of corporate sponsorships.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Legislative Council Review (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico briefly went over the Legislative Council meeting set for Thursday.

6.1.1 April 2015 Bylaw/Committee Report Review (Harry Waterman)

Mr. Waterman went through a few of the proposals, and asked if any of the Board members wanted to speak to them at the Legislative Council.

6.1.2 Committee Report Amendments (Bethany Brookens)

Bethany Brookens went through a few of the amendments, and asked if any of the Board members wanted to speak to them at the Legislative Council.

6.2 National Federation Summer Meeting – New Orleans (Bethany Brookens)

6.2.1 Registration Packet (hand out)

Mrs. Brookens discussed the plan for the summer meeting, and talked about flight information and schedule.

6.2.2 Expenses (enclosed)

Mrs. Brookens discussed expenses with the Board.

6.2.3 Baggo

The group had a light-hearted discussion about the annual baggo tournament at the summer meeting.

6.3 April 29, 2015 CLOC Meeting (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico went over information for the upcoming CLOC meeting. He talked about a survey about classification that was sent to the membership earlier in the week.

6.4 Large Group Music Festival Report (Bethany Brookens)

Mrs. Brookens talked about the growth of the large group music festivals over the past five years.

6.5 State Speech Report (Bud Ozzello)

Mr. Ozzello reviewed the state speech tournament at Douglas County HS. "Douglas County was a fantastic host," he said. 64 schools participated.

6.6 State Basketball Report (Bert Borgmann)

Mr. Borgmann said the "competition was outstanding" at state basketball this year. He said there were some concerns about seeding, but that's typical for a given year. He thanked the CHSAA staff and his assistant, Whitney Webermeier, for her role in helping the tournament be successful.

He also spoke to accountability of officials, and a specific instance at the tournament. He said a pair of officials were taken off of an assignment as a result of a call made during a game.

Mr. Borgmann discussed postseason formats and host sites, as well.

6.7 June Board of Directors Meeting Schedule (enclosed) (Jenn Roberts-Uhlig)

Mrs. Roberts-Uhlig discussed the plan for the June meeting.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Rockies Tickets (Jenn Roberts-Uhlig)

Mrs. Roberts-Uhlig asked the Board if they were interested in going to a Rockies game after the June meeting as a form of bonding.

7.2 August Retreat Agenda Topics (Tom Robinson)

Mr. Robinson asked the Board about potential topics they'd like to discuss at the August meeting. He reviewed a short list of ideas to have them think about ahead of the meeting.

Mr. Wilson suggested the Board may want to discuss bullying at that meeting, as it seems many recent appeals center on allegations of bullying.

- 7.3 2015-2016 Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings (enclosed) (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico talked to the included schedule for next year's Board meetings.

- 7.4 Football Update (Harry Waterman)

Mr. Waterman talked about the work that the football committee has been doing over the course of the last few months in terms of practice rules, alignment and playoff structure. One of those meetings was held on Tuesday.

The football committee is looking at alignment from a different way this season, he said. They want to set playoff structures first, then look at how alignment will best fit that.

- 7.5 At-Large Members (Tom Robinson)

Mr. Robinson reviewed candidates for the at-large positions on the Board. The Board had a lengthy discussion on each candidate, including input from the CHSAA staff. It was moved (Mr. Schmidt) and seconded (Mrs. Weece) to appoint Kathy Leiding as the at-large Region 1 Board member. That passed unanimously. It was moved (Mr. Lucas) and seconded (Mrs. Dunaway) to appoint Kelly Eichman as at-large Region 3 Board member. That, too, passed unanimously.

- 7.6 Liselli Appeal (Paul Angelico)

The Board heard an appeal from the family of Suzannah Liselli, a girls lacrosse player who transferred from Conifer to Valor Christian. After hearing the appeal, it was moved by Rick Mondt and seconded by Jim Engelker to go into executive session. That motion was unanimously approved, and the Board went into executive session.

Upon exiting executive session at 11:45 a.m., it was moved by Eddie Harnett to reverse the decision of the appeals committee and grant Liselli eligibility. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leiding. A roll call vote was called. The motion passed by a 8-5 vote.

- 7.7 Waivers (enclosed) (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico briefly went over the enclosed waivers.

8.0 REPORTS/MONTHLY ITEMS

8.1 District Reports

District 1 - San Juan, Southwestern, Western Slope (Paul Cain)

Mr. Cain said that relayed that iWanamaker, the live-scoring software used for golf, "has created quite a stir in our area." He said some issues were that internet was an issue in some areas.

Mr. Robinson said that "because it's dependent on a cell phone, it's going to rely on having a cell phone, coverage, and so on." He said the expectation is that scoring doesn't have to be live, just as live as they're able to make it.

"There's just frustration," Mr. Cain said.

Mr. Robinson felt that the coaches were not earnestly trying to use the software, and finding excuses to avoid it.

"Definitely a stir in every corner," Mr. Robinson said.

Mr. Cain said there some clarification needed for the football quarter rule. Mr. Waterman said it would go Thursday to Wednesday night, and that it would be clarified in the bulletin.

District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern, Tri-Valley (Mike Schmidt)

Mr. Schmidt said there was opposition in his area to the 6A football proposal.

He said he also got feedback to the previous meeting's discussion on prayer at events. He reported that there were no issues.

The Centennial League wanted to know why all classes have to follow the same game limits. Mr. Schmidt said it was a possible topic of conversation for the August meeting.

District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC (Kathleen Leiding)

Mrs. Leiding said she didn't have much to report.

Mr. Mondt said there was a question on concerning teams requesting to join leagues, even if they don't have the majority of the sports that the leagues offer. The feedback was that the league could say no, but that CLOC could assign a school to a league.

District 4 - Colorado 7, East Metro, Jefferson County (Jim Thyfault)

Mr. Thyfault said that there was a lot of discussion around bylaw proposals, especially the baseball/softball proposals.

He reported there were questions around the football proposal about team camps allowed in the summer.

District 5 - Confluence, Denver, Metropolitan (Loren Larrabee)

Mr. Larrabee said there was a discussion around 1A/2A/3A basketball traditionally flip-flopping times between boys and girls. That wasn't the case this year, and he asked for clarification on teams. Mr. Borgmann said he would provide it, so district tournaments could mirror the format.

District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280 (Eddie Hartnett)

Mr. Hartnett said the Front Range League asked about the Air Force Academy hosting 5A boys swimming's state meet. "They were under the impression it was going to be a one-time deal," he said. Mrs. Brookens said she has spoken with an AD from that league and discussed the issue.

He said that the FRL would like to play more baseball games to make the season "worthwhile." They also had a question on future league alignment considering how much growth and development is happening in the northern part of the state.

Mr. Hartnett said the Continental had a good conversation on the participation of an athlete in a club season concurrent with the high school season in the same sport, and wants to possibly look at a minimum practice requirement.

District 7 - CS 4A Metro, CS 5A Metro, Pikes Peak, Tri-Peaks, West Central (Sandi Weece)

Mrs. Weece said her area wanted to find a way to increase interest in wrestling. They were also concerned with increasing the number of officials in sports, as well as retaining the ones CHSAA currently has.

The 5A Metro league wanted to provide a heads up that they were still working on a proposal to add girls rugby.

District 8 - Black Forest, Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, Southern Peaks (Joe Garcia)

Mr. Garcia said the Black Forest said the 6A proposal could help smaller schools.

The Fisher's Peak League asked about a possible time limit on double-headers in 1A baseball. They also would like to see a smaller amount of games during the season, and would like to see a way to allow different classifications have a different number of games.

The Intermountain would like to do something to promote wrestling.

District 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern (Rick Macias)

Mr. Macias said the SCL had the same concerns about iWanamaker.

Mr. Macias said the SCL liked the 23 games, but wants to add another week to the season. They don't want to move the season back, just add an additional week.

UCCS reached out to the SCL about an ethics in sports survey. They are going to help them out with it.

The Southeastern had some concerns about assigning football officials. They also are concerned about private schools, specifically private schools being in their classification. They requested that CHSAA look at that, and ensure it is equitable.

8.2 School Board Association Update (Jim Engelker)

Mr. Engelker said assessment and graduation requirement bills are still going through. He said he hadn't heard anything new on it, just that they were discussing it.

8.3 State Department Update (Wendy Dunaway)

Mrs. Dunaway said Commissioner Hammond announced that Elliott Asp would be taking over for Keith Owen as Deputy Commissioner in July. Carey Markel, Director of State Board Relations is leaving CDE as well. We are at 36 superintendent openings across the state as of April 13, as reported to the Field Services Office (list shared). The State Board did not make decisions on several high interest items at their April meeting. Continue to follow the various bills regarding standards and assessment in the legislative session.

8.4 CADA Update (Eddie Harnett/Jim Thyfault)

Mr. Thyfault said the annual conference was next week. The outreaches have been on-going across the state, and we very well attended.

8.5 CASE Update (Jim Lucas/Rick Mondt)

Mr. Lucas said they held Principal of the Year interviews last year. Kevin Jones of Center HS was named Principal of the Year for 2014-15.

Mr. Mondt said that Center HS is doing very well. They just built a new building, and got grants that have been very helpful. He said the grant made a huge difference in the way they were educating kids.

Mr. Mondt also spoke to the mascot bill that's working its way through the Legislature.

8.6 Legislative Update (Jim Wilson)

Mr. Wilson was unable to attend. Mr. Borgmann reported that Senate Bill 51 was signed, and that binding arbitration would no longer be mandated as part of the CHSAA appeals process. That went through the entire Legislature with zero no votes.

The mascot bill passed the House this morning, and now heads to the Senate.

Another bill that will require all coaches outside of the education system to have background checks, just like CHSAA currently does.

8.7 Treasurer's Update (Paul Angelico)

8.7.1 March Budget Report (enclosed)

Mr. Angelico gave the report earlier in the meeting.

8.7.2 Budget/Property Administration Committee Report (enclosed) (Paul Angelico)

Mr. Angelico reviewed the 2015-16 budget that the Budget Committee had approved and submitted.

8.7.3 Approval of the 2014-2015 Line Item Budget (enclosed)

Mr. Angelico said the budget was pretty conservate in estimating income for next year. It was moved (Mr. Thyfault) and seconded (Mr. Garcia) to approve the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

8.8 Legal Update (Alex Halpern)

Mr. Angelico said that they lawsuit from the Durango parent was still on-going. He said he was proud of Mr. Halpern, who is speaking at the national legal meeting on Thursday.

8.9 Future Commissioner

Mr. Wilson asked the Board to create some kind of parameters that will be used to consider candidates for the future opening as Commissioner that will be created when Mr. Angelico retires.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Mr. Cain) and seconded (Mr. Schmidt) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.