

CHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

CHSAA Office

1.0 ROLL CALL

P	President Bull	P	Nate Smith
A	Wendy Dunaway	A	Nancy Todd
P	Pat Gilliam	P	Lance Villers
A	Jerry Goings	P	Curt Wilson
A	Alex Halpern	P	Commissioner Paul Angelico
P	Carl Lindauer	P	Rhonda Blanford-Green
P	Jim Lucas	P	Bert Borgmann
P	Randy Miller	P	Bud Ozzello
P	Rick Schmitz	P	Tom Robinson
A	Tom Sifers	P	Bethany Schott
P	Jerry Martin	P	Harry Waterman

CHSAA President Harry Bull convened the meeting promptly at 8:30 a.m. and asked CHSAA Assistant Commissioner Tom Robinson to take call roll. As shown above absent from the meeting was Wendy Dunaway, Jerry Goings, Tom Sifers, and Nancy Todd. Madeline Meacham from Alex Halpern's office will replace Alex Halpern who is not in attendance.

President Bull made the announcement with congratulations to Rhonda Blanford-Green who was named the next Executive Director of the Nebraska School Activities Association. She accepted the position the weekend of the CHSAA Wrestling Tournament. Good luck to Rhonda.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Randy Miller made a motion to correct the minutes, section 4.2.1., to show that Lance Vieira, Regis remains on probation. It was seconded (Curt Wilson) and the vote was unanimous.

It was moved (Lucas) and seconded (Martin) to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2012 meeting as amended. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

3.0 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

President Bull asked for additional agenda items. No additional agenda items were presented.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 President's Update – Harry Bull welcomed the Board of Directors and thanked them for the sacrifice of time committed by attending the meeting. He joked about who traveled the farthest and who had to leave the earliest to be at the meeting. Not unexpected, Curt Wilson was the winner. President Bull gave a quick review of the winter sports season, expressing his appreciation for the conduct of the state championship events that have happened this far this winter sports season. He thanked Assistant Commissioner Bethany Schott for her work with Swimming and Skiing. He recognized Assistant Commissioner Harry Waterman with his work on Wrestling. He lauded the coverage of all sports both in the newspapers and on chsaa.tv. He recognized Board of Director member Jim Lucas and Randy Miller and staff Harry Waterman who had ties to State Champions in the Wrestling Tournament.

President Bull gave a brief report on the January Legislative Council. He thanked the Board of Directors for their response to the Commissioner's evaluation that will be discussed later in the agenda.

Commissioner Paul Angelico mentioned that Alex Halpern was in surgery for a knee replacement and that Madeline Meacham from Alex's law firm was his proxy for the meeting.

4.2 School Board Association Update

Tom Sifers was not present to report. Commissioner Angelico is waiting for Tom to notify the Board about his replacement at the end of the year.

4.3 State Department Update – Wendy Dunaway's position with CDE has changed causing conflicts with her attendance at this Board meeting.

4.4 CADA Update – Nate Smith had no report. Commissioner Angelico noted the CADA was exploring a one-day school summit meeting in Denver. Originally the plan was that the staff would outreach the summit concept this next year.

4.5 CASE Update - Randy Miller received one letter from a superintendent who complained about not getting a ticket to 5A State Swimming. Assistant Commissioner Bethany Schott shared that no one was turned away. He also heard other complaints about retrieving wrestling information on the chsaa.org website. Commissioner Angelico is exploring a host with the capabilities to handle the demand.

4.6 Legislative Update - Jim Lucas noted that he passes out the CHSAA minutes to the state principals who have expressed appreciation.

Commissioner Angelico shared with the Board that a proposed bill to oversee The Florida Association was being floated at one time by a legislator. The bill did not include specific details and seems to have dissipated.

4.6 District Reports

District 1 -Southwestern, Western Slope

Rick Schmitz reported that he received a phone call from Paul Cain stating that because he was not in attendance at the last meeting the conversation about hosting State Tennis in Grand Junction did not receive support. Assistant Commissioner Bethany Schott shared with Rick that in conversation about the topic with Paul Cain, he felt it may have received support if Rick were present.

Rick shared that there is real possibility of cutting programs on the Western Slope. He cited for example the Football Committees decision to have schools in his area travel to Bayfield. Finances are an issue and there is frustration that the Sport Committees and the Legislative Council are not listening.

Commissioner Angelico commented that he has mandated that all committees consider finances in their deliberations. President Bull noted that the Legislative Council is not responding to the concerns in the field either. Randy Miller suggested that members review the votes of their representatives from their respective areas. Superintendents need to become more involved in order to have more control over decisions affecting school financing.

Curt Wilson commented that Superintendents don't know the agenda or the results of the voting on the agenda. Lance Villers expressed frustration with the disconnect between those making money decisions in the schools and the representatives voting on the Legislative Council.

The discussion between Carl Lindauer, Randy Miller, Jerry Martin, Rick Schmitz, and Lance Villers suggests that regardless of how the Legislative Council votes, schools may not be able to follow through on commitments mandated by the voting results.

District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern, Tri-Valley, Frontier

President Bull reported that the Frontier League is concerned about the use of Max Preps as the basic tool for seeding teams to state based on strength of schedule. President Bull submitted his written report.

District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC

Jerry Martin noted that Mile High is excited about the Baseball Report, particularly the extension of a week. He, too, expressed concern about the perception of seeding in the future whether it was done through Max Preps or some other tool.

District 4 - Jefferson County, East Metro

Nate Smith reported that the Basketball selection show was great. Kudos to Bert.

District 5 - Denver, Metropolitan, Northern Front Range

Pat Gilliam had no report from his leagues. He did note that his school will schedule two less games in all sports to help with their finances.

District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280

Jerry Goings was not present but it was assumed he was happy with his basketball seed.

District 7 - Black Forest, Colorado Springs Metro, Tri-Peaks, West Central

Lance Villers reported all quiet on the southern front.

District 8 - Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, San Juan, Southern Peaks

Curt Wilson reported from the following leagues:

Intermountain – Gratitude with the CHSAA staff and the Wrestling Tournament. Concern was expressed about losing a qualifier in basketball. Crash of the CHSAA website created frustration and concern. Cross country regionals scheduled on a Wednesday is a concern. Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green noted that the date could be Wednesday through Saturday. Booking sites is the option of the regional schools involved.

Southern Peaks is very happy with wrestling and gave thanks for the All-School Summit.

San Juan was happy with Soccer Report. Looking at new classification format is needed but the league offered no solutions.

Fisher's Peak would like to keep their league together. Soccer is too easy to qualify.

District 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern

Carl Lindauer reported that the Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, and Southeastern Leagues are all happy with the Wrestling Tournament.

- 4.7 Commissioner's Update** – Commissioner Angelico welcomed the Board Members and gave a quick review of the highlights of the winter sports season championships that have been conducted and gave a review of the upcoming state championships that are scheduled. Please review your packets. There is lots of letters and emails with praise about tournaments. Finances are looking good

4.7.1 Probation/Restriction Removal- Commissioner Angelico reviewed the current list of probations and the actions taken by schools to prevent a reoccurrence and recommended removal of all. There was a motion by (Smith) and seconded by (Lucas) to remove the listed schools in the agenda from probation, with the exception of Colorado Academy, Highlands Ranch, and Rangeview. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Angelico reviewed the current list of restrictions and the actions taken by the schools to prevent reoccurrence and recommended removal of all. A motion was made by (Villers), seconded by (Gilliam) and the motion was approved unanimously.

4.7.2 Commissioner's Goals Update - Commissioner Angelico commented on the packet with his goals. Commissioner Angelico added the underlined information cites recent completed objectives.

4.7.3 Commissioners Evaluation – March 9, 2012 is the deadline for submission of evaluations to President Bull. The evaluation forms are in a board packet.

4.7.4 Personnel - The Board of Directors went into Executive session. It was moved (Lindauer) and seconded (Wilson) to go into Executive Session. It was unanimous. There were no action items when the Board convened after the Executive Session.

4.8 Treasurer's Update

4.8.1 Commissioner Angelico went through the highlights of the budget report dated January 31, 2012. His report reflected no major changes or fluctuations.

4.8.2 Preliminary Budget Planning – The Budget Planning Committee meets in three weeks. Initial figures will show a flat budget, which is consistent with past few years.

4.9 Legal Update - Alex Halpern was not present. Madeline Meacham, his replacement, noted that letters from Valor and Ed McCaffrey are in the packet.

4.9.1 Valor Update – Assistant Commissioner Harry Waterman summarized the CHSAA staff meeting by saying that mending bridges and repairing their image will not happen overnight. It may take years. Rod Sherman contacted Jerry Martin and Randy Miller indicating Valor's effort to reach out to the membership.

4.9.2 Ed McCaffrey Letter – CHSAA attorney's feel that there was no wrong doing and that there is no substance to the claim of defamation of character.

Valor asked where they go from here. Valor then submitted a letter appealing the Legislative Council's decision to make them an independent school without a league except for Ice Hockey and Lacrosse. Commissioner Angelico will form a committee of the CASSA/CHSAA to review the appeal, which ultimately will have to be approved by the April 19, 2012 Legislative Council.

4.10 Legislative Update – There was no update other than above.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.0 APRIL 19, 2012 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW

6.1 April By-law Proposals for the April 19, 2012 Legislative Council

Commissioner Angelico commented on the following potential April Legislative Council proposals. A yes means the staff will follow through with the submission of a proposal based on a straw vote by the Board. The detail of each proposal was included in the packet.

6.1.1 8th Grade Youth Night – Yes

6.1.2 8th Grade feeder school - Yes

6.1.3 8th Grade contact date – Yes

6.1.4 8th Grade coaches contact – Yes

6.1.5 Public/Private school boundaries – Yes

6.1.6 Soccer Classification – Yes

6.1.7 Board of Directors Districts – Yes

6.2 Other Legislative Council Items

6.2.1 Awards

There was a brief discussion about the recognitions at the April Legislative Council Meeting. Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green noted that President Bull will recognize Coach of the Year honors, Tom Robinson will give Legislative Council of the Year Awards, and she will handle retirees.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2012-2013 Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings – A schedule of next years meeting dates was presented to the Board of Directors, including the Vail retreat dates.

7.2 NF Summer Meeting, Nashville, TN (July 7-11, 2012) – CHSAA staff will communicate Fly-in and Fly-out dates as soon as they are known.

7.3 NFHS Hall of Fame Selection – Colorado's Tracy Hill will be recognized. This is a huge honor. She played at Ridgway for her father Steve Hill and holds all of CHSAA's girls' high school basketball records.

7.4 CHSAA Hall of Fame Review – It is a very good event and evening. It is one of the nicer things we do.

7.5 June Meeting Format –
For the good of the order, Lance Villers asked why basketball districts? It will cost his school \$5,000 to send both his teams to district. He knew that it was something all schools look forward to but was seriously concerned about the cost.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, it was moved (Smith) seconded (Lucas) to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by:

Tom Robinson
Assistant Commissioner

Paul Angelico
Commissioner