

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

January 18, 2012

1.0 ROLL CALL

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

1.1 WELCOME – President Harry Bull welcomed everyone back and wished them a Happy New Year. He then requested a roll call. The meeting started at 8:10 a.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by (Miller) and seconded (Sifers) to accept the CHSAA Board of Directors Minutes from the November 16, 2011 meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS - President Bull asked for additional agenda items. There were no additional items offered.

4.0 PRESIDENT’S AND COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

4.1 President’s Update – CHSAA President Harry Bull indicated that the next two days will be busy. There will be meeting regarding classifications at 2:00 PM, and the New Legislative Council members will meet at 4:00-4:30, and the Hall of Fame Banquet is at 6:30 PM. It is important that Board Members wear their name tag. Tomorrow is the Legislative Council Meeting at 8:30 AM.

The energy about Public/Private really might be about the most successful programs. In fact this meeting is shadowed by the firing of football icon coach Dave Logan and resignation of Cherry Creek football coach Mike Brookhart. The connection appears obvious.

Congratulations to Alex Halpern for his work as the lead in the lawsuit for school funding, Lobato vs the State. There may be a need to revisit playoff structures because of significant budget cuts to Jefferson County, Douglas County, and Eagle County to name a few.

The duty of all, in light of the Sandusky Effect, is to not only include reporting offenses but insure that those reports are true. What guidance do we give coaches these days about what they can and cannot do to with activities outside of a normal practice? It is important to explore this at the CHSAA, school, and school board levels.

Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green commented later in the meeting to this topic about CHSAA's proactivity in this area referencing a session at the All School Summit two years ago on sexual harassment. Rhonda and Board Member Nate Smith, as a CADA representative, are working on a session regarding the do's and don'ts of coaching.

4.2 Commissioner's Update – Commissioner Angelico noted that because of CHSAA's paperless philosophy, emails pertaining to all business of the Association, including the Board and Legislative Council, are the mode of communication.

Commissioner Angelico responded to the Sandusky Effect, noting the staff's due diligence to report and follow through on various incidents brought to the attention of our office.

Commissioner Angelico previewed the agenda for the day, and highlighted the classification brainstorming meeting. He invited the Board members to participate. The Public/Private Committee is not dead and Commissioner Angelico will continue to gather data and feedback. Commissioner Angelico invited board members to visit the CADA hospitality room and also the Hall of Fame hospitality room before the banquet.

4.2.1 Probation/Restriction Review for Action

Commissioner Angelico reviewed the probation action list and recommended the removal of the names on the list, except Winston Murrell, Anthony Mitchell, Shane Cornella, Lamont Weddle, Nick Petersen, and Duane Buys. It was moved (Lucas) seconded (Wilson) to remove everyone else from the probation list. The vote was approved unanimously.

Paul noted that Kent Denver's Todd Schayes, on the Probation List, has requested evaluations from all officials working his basketball games as a way for Coach Schayes to get constant feedback about his behavior.

It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Goings), with the exception of Air Academy's Dave Meisinger, to remove all coaches and programs on restriction. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2.2 Ticket Requests Commissioner Angelico noted the wrestling and basketball ticket order forms in the agenda packet.

4.2.3 Outreach Schedule – A copy of the Outreach Schedule was in the packet. Staff took on the schedule, with some meetings notices at the last minute. Because the Outreach meetings are one of the best activities we do, one or more of the staff facilitated each of them. It is a great way to connect with the membership. President Bull asked to keep track of geographic staff activities to insure reaching all parts of the state. Tom Sifers asked about the \$20k IBM check and its story. He congratulated Rhonda and those involved.

4.2.5 Commissioner Goals – The agenda packet included the Commissioner’s goals. Paul commented that as of this board meeting he had completed many of the objectives related to each of his goals. He specifically noted that ownership in the Association was emphasized in each of the Legislative Council review Outreach Meetings; that by-laws relating to the Public/Private debate have been written and submitted for vote at the January 2012 Legislative Council Meeting and others are in the works for the April Meeting; that the scheduled Classification Meeting today represents step to reach his goal to possibly find a better classification system.

4.3 Legislative Update

4.3.1 Concussion (Insurance Update) – Assistant Commissioner Bethany Schott reported that the CHSAA insurance agent Greg Jolly indicates that the concussion liability is now in the court of the doctors, therefore creating a real possibility of the necessity for baseline impact testing for all athletes at a price tag of \$5 per student-athlete. CHSAA may have to pay upfront costs and then invoice schools. Nate Smith commented that his school is currently taking tests for football, basketball, and other sports and noted it was not a big deal. President Bull countered that false negatives can create additional problems with the testing and that expert analysis is therefore essential.

4.4 Legal Update –Alex Halpern outlined the state school finance case, Lobato vs State of Colorado. He noted that a thorough and uniform system of public education, as defined by the General Assembly, is a standards-based education system and the essence of the lawsuit. The reality is that school funding took place before the system was defined. There is no doubt that school finances would be under funded as a result. The defense will appeal and the argument heard at the State Supreme Court level with a decision possibly rendered this time next year.

Jerry Goings felt that the case is having an effect on the current decisions by the governor and others to rescind mandated 80 million dollar cuts to education.

Randy Miller commented that unfortunately half the \$17 million of the Race to the Top funds went to CDE who sided with the defense in this case. He noted that his school received a mere \$9,400, which his school board contemplated giving back.

Tom Sifers commented that the Tabor Challenge in the Federal Courts. He noted the Challenge argues that Tabor is counter to the US Constitution.

Alex commented on the potential lawsuit of defamation of character by Ed McCaffrey who is connected to Valor High School. He feels Commissioner Angelico’s position is defensible.

4.5 Tonight’s Hall of Fame Banquet – Bert encouraged participation by all. He listed the inductees and highlighted the recognition of Title IX. Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green also commented that First Bank scholarship winners will be honored.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Treasurer's Update

5.1.1 Budget Report through Dec. 31, 2011 – Income is up from last year with coaching and participation the notables while football is down. With expenses are down, the net result is good and on target for a zero gain year.

5.1.2 Budget Committee Update – On the first reading the budget was frozen for next year. The final reading will reflect building fund income allocation only in years with positive growth. Chair will speak against the Southwestern by-law amendment to have CHSAA pay official travel and hotel expenses during playoffs.

5.2 Ticket Prices – Commissioner Angelico stated that no ticket increase will be requested for this year with the exception of Ice Hockey. It was moved (Goings) seconded (Lindauer) to increase Ice Hockey ticket prices to \$8 from \$6.

5.3 TV Update – For the first time in many years there was live television for football, with the 4A class registering the highest viewership. Basketball, Swimming, and Wrestling state championships at the great 8 level will all be streamed on Chsaa tv. Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann provided an audio version of CHSAA PSA's to be aired on radio and television.

5.4 Corporate Update – Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green gave a corporate update with an accompanying document. The report, as usual, was very favorable.

5.5 Site Approval for Tennis (Grand Junction) – Grand Junction proposed to have 5A State Tennis to Grand Junction where Mesa State has new facilities. The Tennis Committee voted yes to the proposal. There was no motion by the Board of Directors to have State Tennis in Grand Junction because of the potential cost to the majority schools participating.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 NFHS Winter Meeting Report –The NFHS Winter Meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas. Commissioner Angelico said that the issues and concerns regarding public vs. private exist in all fifty states. He feels CHSAA is more on the cutting edge with school choice and home school athletes, which is also occupying the time of the other states.

6.2 CASB Meeting – Commissioner Angelico visited with several superintendents concerning CHSAA issues. He feels his experience with these administrators is very worthwhile and should occur more often.

6.3 Valor Update Information – Commissioner Angelico meet with Valor Christian representatives at the CHSAA office. The meeting gave him the opportunity to provide feedback on a number of issues. The response document is included in the meeting packet. He noted that the response does not necessarily get them off the hook. Paul will respond to say thank you and that CHSAA will correspond with them as he has ongoing conversations with the CHSAA membership. Paul agrees it is a mess but Valor must be brought into the discussion. There is hope of an amicable ending, since Dave Cooper, a member of the Valor staff, is one of the few in charge that has the right perspective.

6.4 Personnel – Executive Session – It was moved (Goings) and seconded (Martin) to go into Executive Session. It was moved (Lindauer) and seconded (Wilson) to conclude the Executive Session. There was no discussion in the regular meeting about the Executive Session.

6.5 Officials Response to New Coach Ejection Rule – Commissioner Angelico asked Assistant Commissioner Tom Robinson if there were any responses from officials about the policy on ejections of coaches. Tom had not yet asked for such policies but would do so. He noted that some officials' groups have a step by step guide of when to eject a coach. He will gather this material to share with Board and the membership. These policies and communication expectations will be shared with coaches and administrators through bulletins for the 2012-2013 school year.

7.0 APRIL 19, 2012 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

7.1 Potential By-law Proposals – Commissioner Angelico provided a list of potential by-law proposals to present at the April 2012 Legislative Council Meeting. The list deals with eighth grade youth night, eighth grade feeder school, eighth grade feeder game attendance, eighth grade contact date, and private school boundaries. There was no discussion.

8.0 JANUARY 19, 2012 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW

8.1 Orientation – Commissioner Angelico indicated that the orientation will happen later today. An accompanying document was provided for the board information. It dealt with the general Roberts Rules of Order.

8.2 Proposals for Board of Directors Comment – Commissioner Angelico went through each Legislative Council proposal to gather feedback on which ones should be additionally addressed. The Board chose to address the following proposals: President Bull will address the Coach Ejection Proposal; Jerry Goings will address the Court Order Proposal; and Commissioner Angelico will address the Southwestern Officials Pay Proposal.

8.3 Nominations, Board of Directors Openings

The nominations for openings to the Board of Directors are as follows:

District 2 will be Jenn Roberts-Uhlig, Sheridan High School from the Frontier League who will be replacing President Bull;

District 5 will be Karen Higel from the Denver Public School League who will be replacing Pat Gilliam because the Northern Front Range League disbanded.

District 6 will be Ed Harnett from Adams Five Star S.D. who will be replacing Jerry Goings as the representative on the Board of Directors.

State Legislature replacing Nancy Todd, and the Colorado Association of School Boards replacing Tom Sifers are still to be determined.

9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT REPORTS

9.1 District Reports

District 1 - Southwestern, Western Slope – Rick Schmitz was not available to report.

District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern, Tri-Valley – Northern League – President Bull had no report.

District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC – Jerry Martin had no report.

District 4 - Jefferson County, East Metro – Nate Smith had no report.

District 5 - Denver, Metropolitan, and Northern Front Range – Pat Gilliam had no report.

District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280 – Jerry Goings advised to emphasize sportsmanship expectations per CHSAA. The leagues need to work together on how keep a fresh message. In the spirit of cheering for your team and not against your opponent CHSAA needs to redouble its efforts.

District 7 - Black Forest, Colorado Springs Metro, Tri-Peaks, West Central – Lance Villers had no report.

District 8 - Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, San Juan, Southern Peaks – Curt Wilson noted good feedback about the Football Committee Report. Folks in his area were appreciative about hearing the feedback from Public vs Private debate at the All-School Summit. There was good feedback about the two game suspensions for ejection of coaches. However, officials must follow through with paper work particularly in the lower levels.

District 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern – Carl Lindauer commended the CHSAA for doing a good job at its CADA Outreach. He asked the staff to create sportsmanship animations to share with member school in their future constituent meetings.

9.2 Association Reports

9.2.1 School Board Association Update – Tom Sifers reiterated the comments about the governor rescinding the proposed \$80 million education budget cut as a result of the Lobato court case. The East Grande School District made a bold move in light of the current budget crisis and created a reserve increase of one million dollars. It was a tough sell but a good aggressive approach.

- 9.2.2 State Department Update** – Wendy Dunaway was not present to give a report.
- 9.2.3 CADA Update** – Rhonda Blanford-Green had no report.
- 9.2.4 CASE Update** – Randy Miller had no report. Jim Lucas asked to tie in CHSAA with CASE meetings next year. There was nothing from principals.
- 9.2.5 Legislative Update** – Nancy Todd was not available to give a report.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Bull asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Martin) to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Tom Robinson, Assistant Commissioner

Paul Angelico, Commissioner