

CHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CHSAA Office
Wednesday, February 25, 2015

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1.0 ROLL CALL

(Ryan Casey)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. All members were present, save for Joe Garcia and Rep. Jim Wilson, who was unable to attend with the House in session.

2.0 *APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Lucas motioned to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Rick Mondt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 President's Welcome and Update

(Curt Wilson)

Mr. Wilson thanked the Board for their comments and thoughts on evaluations. He also spoke to the great job and "professionalism" the CHSAA staff brought to the recent state events.

He then talked about a recent situation in Tennessee where two girls basketball teams both attempted to lose a game in order to better their chances at advancing the state playoffs. "How bad is that? What are we teaching the kids there? ... What also disappoints me is that there's parents there – who said what? Nothing. ... Coaches were disassociated with the game, weren't coaching. That's not what high school athletics should be. ... I couldn't believe that."

"And good for the state officials to speak up, and good for the (game) officials to say something."

4.2 School Board Association Update

(Jim Engelker)

Mr. Engelker said "there's still a lot going on with the State Board of Education." He added that he had a recent job change which has kept him tied up. "There's a lot of interest going on, and we just need to keep up-to-speed on the news with the state board."

"If the parent said a kid's not going to test, (state officials) aren't going to push the issue," he added. "That could open a door."

4.3 State Department Update

(Wendy Dunaway)

Mrs. Dunaway said the State Board of Education voted to support 2 bills, SB 173 - School District Data Protection and Transparency and HB 1201 - BOCES & Centralized Operating

Services Grants. State assessment continues to be a topic of discussion in all arenas - impacting standards, accountability, the ESEA waiver, and educator effectiveness.

4.4 CADA Update (Eddie Hartnett, Jim Thyfault)

Mr. Thyfault said "everything is winding into the conference in April." He said that two classifications didn't nominate any administrators for their annual awards, so they wouldn't have winners this year.

Mr. Leiding said she thought it would be beneficial to have coaches nominate ADs for those awards, instead of leagues.

Mr. Hartnett said they were considering forming a committee involving the CHSAA staff to help them decide their AD of the year awards going forward.

4.5 CASE Update (Jim Lucas, Rick Mondt)

Mr. Lucas said CASE had its winter convention a week ago. He said it went well. Secondary school principals will be at the Capitol next month.

Mr. Mondt added that there was a press conference where they discussed the add-on to the budget from the governor, specific to rural districts.

He added that the testing has added an enormous amount of stress toward teachers and other school staff.

4.6 Legislative Update (Bert Borgmann)

Mr. Borgmann said the staff is monitoring eight bills, and briefly touched on each one. He specifically talked about a bill which seeks to regulate school mascots.

4.7 District Reports

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

Mr. Cain said he didn't have anything to report.

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

Mr. Schmidt said there wasn't much to report from his area.

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

Mrs. Leiding said there wasn't anything from her district, but she did bring up a question about Christian schools praying in public schools.

She said that the Mile High league had a big conversation about this. "Really, the conversation was good," she said.

She said the issue arose after a basketball team beat another pretty handedly, then prayed at center court in a way that seemed to draw further

attention to themselves. It created some hostility from the home team's fans, she said — not because of the fact that they were praying, but the manner in which they did it.

Mr. Angelico brought up fans rushing the court, and said the issue may be postgame management.

"How do we create an environment where everyone walks out peacefully?" Mrs. Leiding said.

"It's always touchy," Mr. Wilson said. "I don't know how the law weighs in on that, or if you have a captive audience."

"It's different if it's a public school endorsing prayer as opposed to a private school exercising freedom of religion," Mr. Halpern said. "In your context, it seems as though the prayer took place in a context that created a disturbance. ... If we were to adopt a rule saying, 'No prayer,' we probably could have a pretty good fight on our hands."

Mr. Thyfault said he had a similar situation recently, and said some ADs have been proactive and asked Christian schools to pray on the sideline as opposed to the middle of the court ahead of time, for example.

Mr. Schmidt said, "They can pray virtually anywhere else other than the middle of the floor. We probably can't tell them not to pray in the middle of the court, but we could ask them not to."

Mr. Larrabee said that "it's interesting how it comes up after a poor sportsmanship event. ... I do take offense the phone calls I get on Monday morning where it's been a bad game. 'I thought you were a Christian school?' Well, yes, we are, but we have some knuckleheads that come to school. I think if you know we're coming — generally that's (praying) what we do — call me and say, 'We prefer you not to do it.' We're going to honor your request."

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

Mr. Thyfault said there wasn't much to report. He said Jeffco is looking forward to the April Legislative Council meeting. The league was looking at the summer camp rule.

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

Mr. Larrabee said that there wasn't much news. He said that the Metropolitan League had a question on the teams on the bubble of the new CLOC splits. They weren't quite sure of how that works.

Mr. Angelico said that CLOC has the ability to move the numbers, which should help those schools.

Mr. Thyfault said he got similar questions.

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

Mr. Hartnett said he was able to attend a few recent league meetings. The 5280 League is reviewing applications for new three potential new members.

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

Mrs. Weece said she had no report at this time.

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

Mr. Garcia was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Mr. Macias said there was talk in the SCL on the new basketball proposal which would expand big-school tournaments to sectionals.

4.8 Commissioner's Update (Paul Angelico)

4.8.1 Probation/Restriction Removal (enclosed)

Mr. Angelico said six schools have qualified to be removed from probation. It was moved (Mr. Schmidt) and seconded (Mr. Lucas) to remove them from probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Angelico said the staff recommended moving the Liberty girls soccer program off of restriction and move them to probation. It was moved (Mr. Thyfault) and seconded (Mrs. Weece) to do so. The motion passed unanimously.

4.8.2 Commissioner's Goals Update (enclosed)

Mr. Angelico said that he had postponed the goals discussion until the evaluations have been reviewed.

4.8.3 Commissioner's Evaluation

Mr. Wilson said he was compiling evaluations and would follow up in April.

4.9 Treasurer's Update (Paul Angelico)

4.9.1 *Budget Report through January 31, 2015

Mr. Angelico went through the budget with the board. "On the income side, we are not doing bad. ... I'm much more optimistic about the budget than I was a month ago," he said.

He then went over potential corporate sponsors the Association had made contact with.

The board also discussed regionals and how finances are broken down.

A motion was made (Mr. Thyfault) and seconded (Mr. Mondt) to accept the budget report. It passed unanimously.

4.9.2 Preliminary Budget Planning

4.10 Legal Update (Alex Halpern)

Mr. Halpern talked about the class-action concussion lawsuit which is on-going in Illinois. Last meeting, he brought up the idea of joining a joint defense agreement with that state. He recommended signing it. "It makes us able to communicate with the council from ISHA, and vice-versa, and maintain it within the attorney-client privilege," he said.

A motion was made to agree to the joint-defense agreement in the Illinois concussion class action by Mr. Cain and seconded (Mr. Macias).

Mr. Thyfault asked, "Would this put a bulls-eye on us?"

Mr. Halpern said, "I would think if they win in Illinois, everyone is going to be looking at what they're doing one way or the other. I don't think it creates a significant risk one way or the other."

The motion passed unanimously.

4.10 Legislative Update (Bert Borgmann)

This report was given earlier in the meeting.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 State Swim Review (Bethany Brookens)

Mrs. Brookens said that there were two great hosts for both the 5A and 4A meets. Evergreen won the 4A championship; Fossil Ridge won 5A. Attendance was up, and sales were up.

5.2 State Speech Festival Review (enclosed) (Bud Ozzello)

Mr. Ozzello said the smaller schools' state speech festival was recently completed. He said there was a decline in student participants, even though there were additional programs this year. "It was a successful tournament," he said.

5.3 State Wrestling Review (Harry Waterman)

Mr. Waterman said both regional and state wrestling went well. He said the restructuring of the classifications balanced the regions. "I'm afraid of what it would have been had we not passed it," Mr. Waterman said.

He added that they're looking at ways to continue to improve numbers in the sport.

He noted that the weather turned to whiteout conditions on Saturday afternoon, which most-likely affected attendance numbers. He said, "We don't have our final counts yet."

"We had a really good event," Mr. Waterman said.

5.4 State Ski Review (Bethany Brookens)

Mrs. Brookens said the state ski championships, hosted by Summit at Keystone and Frisco, was a success.

"Overall, it's a great event. It's a great community. It went really well," she said.

Summit won the girls championship; Battle Mountain won the boys.

6.0 APRIL 16, 2015 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW

6.1 New April Bylaw Proposals

6.1.1 Eighth grade out of state (enclosed)

Mr. Angelico said schools that go to New Mexico and Kansas to compete are potentially competing against eighth-graders. "We talked in January that if we don't do something, there are going to be a bunch of schools losing a bunch of money," he said.

The solution was to create a Q&A that states that when a team competes in New Mexico, they play by that state's eighth-grade rules.

The board OK'd that solution.

6.1.2 Volleyball amendment (enclosed)

Mrs. Brookens said that an amendment was coming that would change the state schedule back to what was used prior to last season. Currently, the No. 1 seeds play twice on Friday and potentially twice on Saturday. The change would move the No. 1 seeds to playing once on Friday and potentially three times on Saturday.

6.1.3 Classification of schools (enclosed)

Mrs. Brookens said this change would add a classification to girls golf, girls tennis and girls swimming. The Board OK'd moving this forward.

6.2 Other Legislative Council Items

- 6.2.1 Awards
- Coach of the Year
 - Retirees
 - Legislative Council Awards

Mr. Angelico went over the planned awards for the April Legislative Council meeting.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 State Basketball Ticket Information (enclosed)
Mr. Borgmann went over tickets for the state basketball tournaments.
- 7.2 2015-2016 Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings (enclosed) (Paul Angelico)
Mr. Angelico talked about the upcoming board meetings.
- 7.3 NF Summer Meeting, New Orleans, June 28 – July 2 (Paul Angelico)
Mr. Angelico spoke to this summer's meeting.
- 7.4 NF Hall of Fame Selection (Bert Borgmann)
Mr. Borgmann said Colorado would not have an inductee this summer.
- 7.5 CHSAA Hall of Fame Review (Bert Borgmann)
Mr. Borgmann said the Hall of Fame went well. He said the Manual HS team's message about growing up and playing for their community was a great one.
- 7.6 June Meeting Format (Paul Angelico)
Mr. Angelico gave the board some information on this June's meeting.

8.0 DIALLO APPEAL

The Board heard an appeal from Alpha Diallo, a boys basketball player at Abraham Lincoln, at 10 a.m. Upon completion of the appeal, the Board went into executive session. After leaving executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Schmidt to uphold the appeals committee's decision. Mrs. Leiding seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

9.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Hartnett. The motion passed unanimously.