CHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, October 7, 2015

MINUTES

1.0 ROLL CALL

1.1 Bethany Brookens read the roll call. All were present except Scott Curley and Alex Halpern.

1.2 President Eddie Hartnett welcomed the committee.

1.3 Assistant Commissioner, Harry Waterman, requested the committee members to let the CHSAA staff know if they were going to be in attendance at our upcoming state championship events so we could welcome them.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 It was moved, Schmidt, and seconded, Leiding, to approve the August 2015 board minutes. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

3.1 President Hartnett reminded the committee that by January he is seeking feedback from all members and all areas of the state regarding the Commissioner hiring process.

4.0 PRESIDENT, LEGAL, COMMISSIONER REPORTS

4.1 President’s Update – President Hartnett thanked the committee and the CHSAA Board of Directors for their support and reminded all members how impactful they are within their schools and their communities.

4.2 Legal Update – In Alex Halpern’s absence, Commissioner Angelico gave the legal report. There are no current legal issues, and Commissioner Angelico expressed his gratitude to the schools for submitting legitimate hardship waivers, and for their support.

4.3 Commissioner’s Report – Commissioner Angelico stated how thankful he is for the membership’s leadership within their individual communities.

4.3.1 Restriction Action List – Commissioner Angelico directed the committee to review the enclosed restriction list. The Denver South HS coach, Tatum Bell, should also be included in the list. It was moved, Thyfault, and seconded, Mondt, to remove those listed on restriction. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.3.2 Probation Clearance List - President Harnett requested that the note next to the Boulder football coach be modified to state “equipment contact,” not “physical contact.” It was moved, Lucas, and seconded, Pfau, to clear the probation list. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Angelico reviewed the CHSAA Budget Report in-depth and then asked the board for specific questions.
4.4.1 There was a motion, Angelico, and second, Macias, to approve the final reading of the 2014-2015 Audit. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS ON RECENT MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES

5.1 All School Summit Survey & Next Year’s Summit Dates – Assistant Commissioner Brookens reviewed the feedback from the 2015 All School Summit and also let the committee know that the 2016 dates will be August 1-2 at the same Marriot Denver South hotel.

5.2 Section 6 Meeting Report – Assistant Commissioner Waterman reviewed the NFHS regional meeting that the staff recently attended in Texas. This meeting is an opportunity for five different states to come together to discuss best practices and explore new educational ideas that other states are putting in place.

5.3 Shift Why – Associate Commissioner Robinson discussed this positive leadership initiative that is being sponsored by the NFL. In August, Joe Erhmann and Jody Redman spoke to about 50 leaders across the state regarding how to encourage transformational coaches. On October 8-9, Joe and Jody will be back to lead 450 of our coaches across the state in a full day coaching education workshop. The board spoke of the difficulties of hiring educators for our educational based activities.

5.4 August 2015 Retreat – Assistant Commissioner Roberts-Uhlig reviewed the August 2015 board retreat. The board was directed to mark their calendars for August 4-6, 2016 – next year’s board retreat.

6.0 2015 AUGUST RETREAT

6.1 CHSAA Commissioner’s Goals 2015-2016 – Commissioner Angelico directed the committee to review the goals he has listed in the packet. These are his goals for the year and he would like feedback from the committee to make sure he is moving in the direction that they are envisioning. Angelico then let the committee know that the CHSAA Bylaws need to be edited in the future so that the wording and rules are applicable to our current day and our current educational position. Discussion ensued around hiring editors as well as transcribing documents into Spanish.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Hall of Fame Selection – Assistant Commissioner Borgmann reviewed the Hall of Fame Selection Committee meeting and disclosed the eight winners for January’s Hall of Fame. The board of directors were then asked to approve the hall of fame class. It was moved, Pfau, and seconded, Cain, to approve the recommended CHSAA Hall of Fame. The motion passed unanimously.

7.1.1 Colorado’s Recommendation to the NFHS Hall Of Fame – Assistant Commissioner Borgmann recommended Tom Southall. It was moved, Thyfault, and seconded, Baker, to recommend Tom Southall as Colorado’s NFHS hall of fame recommendation. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Academic All-State – Assistant Commissioner Roberts-Uhlig encouraged the board of directors to reach out to their districts to get additional nominations for the academic all-state awards presented by Les Schwab.
7.3 Bylaw proposals for January – Assistant Commissioner Roberts-Uhlig reviewed the bylaw proposals that were discussed at the August board of director retreat.

7.3.1 Budget Proposal – Commissioner Angelico outlined the enclosed document regarding participation fees and options to increase fees to schools to make-up our budget deficit.

7.3.2 VIP card sales – Director of Digital Media, Ryan Casey, outlined ideas regarding selling CHSAA courtesy cards to the public in order to make profit to the CHSAA and/or the schools. Discussion revolved around the concern of taking money away from schools if more of these cards are sold. Additionally, there was discussion revolving how these monies could be allocated fairly between the schools and the CHSAA. After discussion, the committee seemed to be in favor of Option 1, 5 and 6 (in different variations).

7.3.3 Bylaw 1510 – Discussion revolved around this bylaw and the possibility of having major CLOC changes happening three months prior to the classification going into effect.

7.4 Waivers to date – Commissioner Angelico reviewed the attached document outlining the number of waivers submitted to the office and the percentage that were approved/denied.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

8.1 CHSAANow Update - Ryan Casey went over the enclosure in the packets outlining the increased statewide coverage.

9.0 REPORTS AND OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Legislative Report – Representative Jim Wilson outlined a few issues in the state legislature. Several hot topics are in regards to the subject of hospital fees, the negative factor override, and the marijuana refund.

9.2 Colorado Association of School Boards - J. Scott Curley was not present so no report was given. Commissioner Angelico reported that he and Alex Halpern are doing a presentation at the CASB convention in December.

9.3 Colorado Department of Education - Wendy Dunaway reported that the CDE Commissioner search is ongoing and the interim Commissioner is doing a good job focusing the staff on customer service and assisting all of the districts across the state.

9.4 CADA - Eddie Hartnett and Jim Thyfault from CADA reported that Colorado has been recognized as one of the states in the country where our membership has increased. The CHSAA New AD meeting is coming up in November and they are excited to be a part of that session. The NIAA meeting is coming up in December.

9.5 CASE - Jim Lucas and Rick Mondt from CASE reported that this past August’s CASE meeting was highly attended, and in 2017 there will be a combined elementary and secondary school conference in Denver. Also, Mondt expressed concern that superintendents as a whole do not have a clear idea of what the CHSAA does and the scope of our decision making power.
9.6 District Reports

District 1 - San Juan, Southwestern, Western Slope - Paul Cain reported that the 6-quarter bylaw has negatively affected schools in his area such that they are having to eliminate teams. He is encouraging that this bylaw be changed so that programs are not having to be cut – yet still focusing on the health of the student athletes.

District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern, Tri-Valley - Mike Schmidt reported similar discussion revolving around the football 6-quarter rule.

District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC - Doug Pfau has no additional report.

District 4 - Colorado 7, East Metro, Jefferson County - Jim Thyfault reported that Colorado 7 league is currently in discussions regarding whether to disband or not. He reported that Nick DeSimone at Wheat Ridge High School has done an incredible job the past few weeks organizing a fantastic “Think Pink” night with an ESPN reporter and Wheat Ridge alum. Nick also brought in an impactful group of speakers regarding Freddie Steinmark and his colleagues.

District 5 - Confluence, Denver, Metropolitan - Loren Larrabee had no report from the Confluence league. At the Denver league meeting, they recognized Ryan Casey and his huge technological improvements to the CHSAA. At the next Metro league meeting, Tom Robinson will be speaking to those schools and some of the Metro league students.

District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280 - Eddie Hartnett reported the 5280 league is receiving numerous applications for new schools into their league and they are creating ways to accommodate these requests. The Front Range and 5280 leagues were thankful for the opportunity to give feedback regarding the hiring of the new Commissioner.

District 7 - CS 4A Metro, CS 5A Metro. Pikes’ Peak, Tri-Peaks, West Central - Troy Baker reported he is also hearing information regarding the 6-quarter football rules. He will be attending multiple league meetings starting next week.

District 8 - Black Forest, Fisher’s Peak, Intermountain, Southern Peaks - Joe Garcia reported that the Southern Peaks league had recently been approached by their superintendents to push back game times during the day in order to alleviate lost school time. There has also been discussion regarding RPI. The Fisher’s Peak league only has two teams so there is discussion regarding disbanding and moving to another league.

District 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern - Rick Macias reported the Santa Fe league is having discussions regarding basketball and volleyball districts. The South Central league is hesitant regarding RPI discussion and they are predicting split classifications.

At Large Members – Kelly Eichman reported discussions around the 4A & 5A Colorado Springs Metro league’s revolving cross country regions. Kathy Leiding has been going to numerous meetings and all of those leagues have expressed gratitude on the availability of the CHSAA staff.
9.7 3 Questions and Reports from Leagues and Associations Due in January – President Hartnett expressed thanks to the board for their active participation going out to the leagues and seeking input regarding the hiring of the new commissioner. So far the feedback has been incredibly positive with regards to how the CHSAA staff is currently operating.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

10.1 There was a motion, Dunaway, and a second, Lucas, to adjourn the meeting. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.