

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors met in special session on August 28, 2014, via teleconference call, with members present as follows.

District I	-- Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central
District I	-- Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East
District II	-- Nolan Beyer, Millard Public Schools
District II	-- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town
District III	-- Jay Bellar, Battle Creek
District IV	-- Dr. Brian Maher, Kearney
District V	-- Alan Garey, Medicine Valley
District VI	-- Troy Unzicker, Alliance

Rhonda Blanford-Green, Executive Director; Debra Velder, Associate Director; Rex Schultze, NSAA Legal Counsel; Brent Johnson, Activities Director, Lincoln Lutheran; Nathan Bassett, Norwegian Program Director, Lincoln Lutheran; Matt Heibel, Principal, Lincoln Lutheran; Scott Ernstmeyer, Superintendent, Lincoln Lutheran; Jake Shadley, Activities Director, Columbus Lakeview; and Russ Freeman, Superintendent, Columbus Lakeview.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Lutheran High School requested an appeal of denied ineligibility rulings for Samuel Gustad, Ida Rygg and Eivind Wirak. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to the Board members' questions.

Columbus Lakeview High School requested an appeal of a denied eligibility ruling for Chase Lemburg. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to the Board members' questions.

It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Alan Garey to enter Executive Session at 9:42 a.m.
Motion Carried, 8-0.

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:14 a.m.

On a motion by Mark Norvell, seconded by Wendy Henrichs, the Board adopted findings of fact and determination to overturn the Executive Director's ineligibility ruling for Samuel Gustad, Ida Rygg and Eivind Wirak for the 2014-15 school year based on the following factors: the inability to meet the new NSAA Bylaw requirements in regard to Ciset approval; a long standing exchange program between institutions (approximately since 1999) relationship; the limited number of students accepted into the program; and personal vetting for academics, character and religious convictions.

Motion Carried, 8-0.

On a motion by Brian Maher, seconded by Troy Unzicker, the Board adopted findings of fact and determination to overturn the Executive Director's ineligibility ruling for Chase Lemburg and that a sanction be issued to Columbus Lakeview High School. Columbus Lakeview must provide a plan of corrective action to the NSAA Executive Director no later than September 15, 2014. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Debra Velder, Associate Director