

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on April 4, 2024, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln with members present as follows:

District I -- Kara Graham, Lincoln Southeast
District I -- Dr. Dana Wiseman, Sutton
District II -- Dr. Nick Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun
District II -- Thomas Lee, Omaha Westview
District III -- Dr. Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie
District IV -- Darren Tobey, Broken Bow
District V -- Robert Drews, Arapahoe
District VI -- Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance

Also in attendance: Dr. Zainab Rida, Nebraska Department of Education Liaison; Bobby Truhe, NSAA Legal Counsel; Jeremy Moore, Omaha Skutt Catholic President; Ben Ersland, Omaha Concordia Athletic Director; Jon Pfeifer, UNL; Brian Kmitta, UNL and Eric Johnson, UNL.

Graham called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. The board heard member comment from Omaha Skutt Catholic.
2. The board entered closed session at 8:39 a.m. to hear an appeal from Lincoln Southwest.
3. The board exited closed session at 9:06 a.m.
4. The board heard a presentation from Omaha Concordia.
5. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Tobey, seconded by Wiseman. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as presented, approval of the minutes of the March 6 Board of Directors Meeting, approval of the minutes of the March 20 Classification Committee Meeting and approval of the financial statements.

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved:

- Omaha Bryan & Omaha Buena Vista for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Hartington-Newcastle & Cedar Catholic for Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Cedar Catholic & Hartington-Newcastle for Wrestling and Girls Wrestling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Medicine Valley & Hayes Center for Wrestling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Norfolk Catholic & Lutheran High Northeast for Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Crofton & Bloomfield for Wrestling and Girls Wrestling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Beatrice, Norris, Fairbury, and Freeman for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Norfolk, Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk Catholic, and Wisner-Pilger for Girls Swimming for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Nebraska City and Johnson-Brock for Girls Wrestling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Nebraska City, Lourdes Central Catholic, and Johnson-Brock for Wrestling for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Kearney and Kearney Catholic for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

The following cooperative sponsorship was approved for dissolution:

- Columbus Lakeview & Twin River for Girls Wrestling for the 2024-25 school year.

6. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wemhoff to accept the bids from the Scottsbluff/Gering, Grand Island and Columbus communities to host the 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 NSAA Boys State Golf Championships, with the fourth host community to be determined. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
7. The board heard a presentation from the University of Nebraska regarding Husker Power and opportunities to provide strength and conditioning resources and services for NSAA member schools.
8. The board set the Summer Board Retreat for Friday, June 14, 2024 in Kearney.
9. The board heard a Nebraska Legislature update from the NSAA Lobbyist.
10. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Lee to consider all NSAA Approved Ruling proposals. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
 - i. Top 65 in Classes A&B for Basketball, Volleyball and Cross Country. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Cerny, Tobey, Drews), 2 Against (Lee, Unzicker).**
 - ii. Basketball – Class C1 & C2 Sub-District/District Assignments. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Cerny, Tobey), 3 Against (Lee, Drews, Unzicker).**
 - iii. Basketball – District Final Hosts. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 - iv. Basketball – Boys Basketball District Final Hosts. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny), 3 Against (Tobey, Drews, Unzicker).**
 - v. Basketball – Girls Basketball District Final Hosts. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny, Unzicker), 2 Against (Tobey, Drews).**
 - vi. Basketball & Volleyball – High Seed Advantage at District Finals. **Motion Failed, 2 For (Lee, Unzicker), 6 Against (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Cerny, Tobey, Drews).**
 - vii. Basketball – Class C1, C2, D1 & D2 Shot Clock. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny, Tobey, Unzicker), 2 Against (Wiseman, Drews).**
 - viii. Basketball – Class C1 & C2 Shot Clock. **Motion Carried, 7 For, 1 Against (Drews).**
 - ix. Basketball – Class C1 Shot Clock. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Cerny, Unzicker), 3 Against (Lee, Tobey, Drews).**
 - x. Basketball – Class D1 & D2 Shot Clock. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny, Unzicker), 3 Against (Wiseman, Tobey, Drews).**
 - xi. Football – Class D Bye Weeks. **Motion Failed, 3 For (Wiseman, Tobey, Unzicker), 5 Against (Graham, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny, Drews).**
 - xii. Football – Adding a 3rd 8-man Class & 8-man Eligibility Number of 51. **Motion Failed, 2 For (Wiseman, Cerny), 6 Against (Graham, Wemhoff, Lee, Tobey, Drews, Unzicker).**
 - xiii. Football – Adding a 3rd 8-man Class & 8-man Eligibility Number of 55. **Motion Failed, 2 For (Cerny, Drews), 6 Against (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Tobey, Unzicker).**
 - xiv. Football – Adding a AA Classification. **Motion Failed, 1 For (Wemhoff), 7 Against.**
 - xv. Golf – Class A Golf District Assignments. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 - xvi. Play Production – Outstanding Acting Awards. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 - xvii. Softball – Class C Sub-District Assignments. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny, Drews), 2 Against (Tobey, Unzicker).**
 - xviii. Softball & Baseball – Highest Seeded Team Hosting. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 - xix. Speech – Final Round Tiebreaker. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 - xx. Volleyball – Class C1 & C2 Sub-District/District Assignments. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny), 3 Against (Tobey, Drews, Unzicker).**
 - xxi. Volleyball – District Final Hosts. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 - xxii. Girls Wrestling – Add Class B. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

11. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Graham to offer a two-year Executive Director Contract to Jennifer Schwartz, with the terms to be negotiated. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Tobey, Drews), 2 Against (Cerny, Unzicker).**
12. The board entered executive session on a motion by Drews, seconded by Lee, at 11:40 a.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
13. The board exited executive session on a motion by Wemhoff, seconded by Wiseman, at 11:54 a.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
14. It was moved by Drews, seconded by Wemhoff to uphold the Executive Director's determination. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Tobey, Drews), 2 Against (Cerny, Unzicker).**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be May 17, 2024 at the Courtyard by Marriott in La Vista at 8:00 a.m.

Jeff Stauss, NSAA Assistant Director