

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on August 17, 2022, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln with members present as follows:

District I - Kara Graham, Lincoln Southeast  
District I - Dana Wiseman, Sutton  
District II -- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town  
District II -- Thomas Lee, Omaha Westview (joined the meeting via teleconference at 9:45 a.m.)  
District III -- Dr. Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie  
District IV -- Ryan Ruhl, Centura  
District V – Robert Drews, Arapahoe  
District VI -- Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance

Also in attendance: Bobby Truhe, NSAA Legal Counsel.

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

1. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Reznicek to nominate Robert Drews as the Chairperson and Ryan Ruhl as the Vice Chairperson. Jon Cerny was recognized for his leadership as the Chairperson for the previous school year. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
2. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Reznicek, seconded by Cerny. **Motion Carried, 7-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as amended, approval of the minutes of the May 23rd Music Advisory Committee, and approval of the financial statements.

The following new cooperative sponsorships were approved:

- Kearney Catholic & Amherst for Softball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Osmond & Randolph for Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Adams Central & Hastings for Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Holdrege & Adams Central for Softball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Elgin & Pope John for Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Alliance & Hemingford for Softball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Emerson-Hubbard & Allen for Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf and Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Crofton & Bloomfield for Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Yutan & Mead for Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Grand Island & Heartland Lutheran for Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Nebraska City, Lourdes Central Catholic & Johnson-Brock for Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis, Softball, Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Baseball, Girls Tennis and Boys Golf for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Omaha Mercy, Omaha Brownell Talbot, Omaha Concordia & Omaha Christian Academy for Softball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Seward, Centennial & Milford for Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Beatrice & Freeman for Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Medicine Valley & Hayes Center for Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Alliance & Hyannis for Boys Cross Country for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Sargent & Loup County for Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved:

- O'Neill & St. Mary's for Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Softball, Boys Golf and Instrumental Music for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Yutan & Mead for Softball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Norfolk, Norfolk Catholic & Lutheran High Northeast for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

- Grand Island, Grand Island Central Catholic, Northwest & Heartland Lutheran for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Osceola & Cross Country for Boys Golf for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Omaha Roncalli Catholic & Omaha Brownell Talbot for Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Fremont & Archbishop Bergan for Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Norfolk Catholic & Lutheran High Northeast for Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Kearney & Kearney Catholic for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Humphrey & Lindsay Holy Family for Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Kearney & Kearney Catholic for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Omaha Duchesne Academy & Omaha Roncalli Catholic for Softball and Girls Track for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Crete & Milford for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Maxwell & North Platte St. Patrick's for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Columbus & Scotus Central Catholic for Boys Tennis, Softball, Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming and Girls Tennis for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved for dissolution:

- Douglas County West and Omaha Concordia for Wrestling for the 2022-23 school year.
- Bancroft-Rosalie & Lyons-Decatur Northeast for Girls Wrestling for the 2022-23 school year.

3. The Board was provided Conflict of Interest forms for their signature.
4. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Wiseman to allow Executive Director Jay Bellar and Associate Director Jennifer Schwartz to sign all documents and financial statements and reports relating to operations, investments, expenditures, and receipts of the NSAA. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
5. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Unzicker to approve the 2022 Fall Activity Manuals and the 2022-23 Media Manual. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
6. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Cerny to approve the 2022-23 Board of Directors Policy Manual. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
7. It was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Ruhl to allow Lincoln Pius X to opt-up to Class A in all athletics except football for the 2022-23 seasons. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
8. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Graham to allow Omaha Buena Vista to opt-up to Class A in all athletics except football for the 2022-23 seasons. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
9. It was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Ruhl to allow Omaha Westview to opt-up to Class A in all athletics except football for the 2022-23 seasons. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
10. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Wiseman to approve the corrected total enrollment and girls enrollment numbers for Aquinas Catholic. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
11. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Graham to approve the 2022 District Music Financial Report.
12. Chair Drews lead the board in a discussion about the book "8 Ways to Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for All."
13. The Board went into closed session at 9:49 a.m. to hear appeals of hardships from Omaha Nation.
14. The Board exited closed session at 10:15 a.m.
15. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Ruhl to increase the number of NFHS weight classes for girls wrestling from 12 to 14. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
16. It was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Wiseman to increase the number of girls wrestling state qualifiers to 16. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
17. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Ruhl to assign girls wrestling to four districts with the top 16 teams serpentine, the remaining western schools placed in the westernmost district, and then all remaining schools placed in the other three districts by serpentine. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
18. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Ruhl to increase postseason pay for officials. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
19. The Board discussed the proposed 2022-23 NSAA Budget. The budget will be presented for adoption at the September Board meeting.

20. It was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Wiseman to enter executive session at 11:43 a.m. to discuss a pending lawsuit, staffing, and to protect the interest of the public, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
21. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Cerny to exit executive session at 12:42 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
22. In the matter of the Omaha Nation hardship appeal, it was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Ruhl that based on the evidence and the foregoing standards, the requirement for a hardship waiver was not met. The students transferred from one school to another school in a manner that makes the students ineligible as determined by the Executive Director and set forth in the findings of fact. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 15, 2022, at the NSAA office.

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Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director