

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

The Board of Directors met on August 21, 2024, at the NSAA office in Lincoln with members present as follows:

District I -- Kara Graham, Lincoln Southeast
District I -- Dade McDonald, McCool Junction
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; Crystal Kjar; Darin Boysen, Nebraska Coaches Association Executive Director (via Zoom); Dr. Mitchell Stine, Norris Activities Director; Matt Martin, Crete Activities Director and Dave Hoxworth, Scottsbluff Activities Director (via telephone).

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

1. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Wemhoff to nominate Darren Tobey as the Chairperson and Thomas Lee as the Vice Chairperson. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
2. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Wemhoff, seconded by Lee. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as presented, approval of the minutes of the June 14th Board of Directors meeting, approval of the minutes of the July 26th Classification Committee meeting, approval of the minutes of the August 6th District Boundary Review Committee meeting and approval of the financial statements.

The following new cooperative sponsorships were approved for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years:

- Gering & Kimball for Softball
- Ponca & Homer for Softball
- Omaha Roncalli Catholic & Omaha Duchesne Academy for Softball
- Humphrey & Lindsay Academy for Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, and Play Production
- Bruning-Davenport & Shickley for Girls Golf
- Harvard & Giltner for Wrestling and Girls Wrestling
- Columbus, Scotus Central Catholic & Columbus Lakeview for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming
- St. Edward & Newman Grove for Girls Wrestling, Boys Bowling, and Girls Bowling
- Omaha Beuna Vista & Omaha Bryan for Girls Basketball
- Bellevue East, Bellevue West & Platteview for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming
- Fremont & Archbishop Bergan for Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years:

- Grand Island Central Catholic, Doniphan-Trumbull, Wood River & Heartland Lutheran for Softball
- Bertrand & Loomis for Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country
- Emerson-Hubbard & Allen for Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, and Girls Wrestling
- Omaha Brownell Talbot, Omaha Mercy, Omaha Concordia & Omaha Roncalli Catholic for Girls Swimming
- Ansley, Litchfield & Pleasanton for Girls Wrestling
- Elkhorn, Elkhorn South & Elkhorn North for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming
- Adams Central & Hastings for Girls Wrestling
- Twin River & Osceola for Baseball
- Crete & Milford for Baseball

The following cooperative sponsorships were approved for dissolution for the 2024-25 school year:

- Lyons-Decatur Northeast & Oakland-Craig for Girls Wrestling
3. The Board was provided Conflict of Interest forms for their signature.
 4. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Cerny to allow Executive Director Jennifer Schwartz and Associate Director Jeff Johnson to sign all documents, financial statements and reports relating to operations, investments, expenditures, and receipts of the NSAA. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 5. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Graham to adjust the reimbursement formula for state championship qualifying schools, removing the 50-mile deduction. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 6. It was moved by Graham, seconded by Lee to approve the 2024 Fall Activity Manuals. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 7. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wemhoff to approve the 2024-25 Media Manual. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 8. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Unzicker to approve the 2024-25 Officials Manual. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 9. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Graham to approve the 2024-25 NSAA Policy Manual. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 10. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Lee to approve the 2024 District Music Financial Report.
Motion Carried, 8-0.
 11. The Board entered closed session at 9:02 a.m. to hear an appeal from Bennington High School.
 12. The Board exited closed session at 9:20 a.m.
 13. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Drews to allow the following schools to opt-up one classification in the respective activities: Gretna (softball), Adams Central (girls golf), Malcolm (play production), Howells-Dodge (play production), Omaha Nation (play production), Osceola (play production), Weeping Water (play production), Homer (play production), and Elmwood-Murdock (play production). **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 14. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Graham to grant a waiver to the Omaha Skutt Catholic wrestling team to modify the dates for their December Moratorium to December 23-27, 2024. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 15. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wemhoff to approve a date change for 2025 Girls Wrestling Districts, moving to Friday (2/7/25) and Saturday (2/8/25) of Week 31 of the NSAA Calendar, with Class B being held on Friday and Saturday and Class A being held on Saturday. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 16. It was moved by Graham, seconded by Lee to approve the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer Heat Modification Guidelines, recommending that member schools use the appropriate chart based on their region.
Motion Carried, 8-0.
 17. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Drews to deny Grand Island Central Catholic's request for a waiver of the CSIET requirement in NSAA Bylaw 2.7.5.2 for the 2024-25 school year. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
 18. The Board discussed NSAA Bylaw 1.10 – Due Process.
 19. The Board heard a presentation from Nebraska Coaches Association Executive Director, Darin Boysen.
 20. The Board heard a presentation from Dr. Mitchell Stine and Matt Martin of the Competitive Balance Committee.
 21. NSAA Staff reports included the following informational items:
 - The NSAA Softball Championships RFP will be available on the NSAA website in September, due in October with potential host presentations taking place at the November board meeting.
 - The 2025 Girls Wrestling Championships will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 2/18 - 2/19. The 2025 Boys Wrestling Championships will take place on Thursday - Saturday, 2/20 – 2/22. The Girls Championship Finals (Wed. PM) and Boys Championship Finals (Sat. PM) will be broadcast live on Nebraska Public Media.
 - It was announced that a Journalism Advisor Summit is being planned for the near future.
 - The August 9th meeting of the NSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC) included the committee discussing increasing their number of service projects, attending NSAA Board meetings and NSAA District meeting and recording Sportsmanship PSAs to be played during 2024-25 NSAA State Championship events.
 - Also on August 9th, in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Education and the NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, members of the NSAA SAC participated in a video shoot, providing content for an informational video series focusing on mental health for student activity participants. Videos will be available later this fall on the NSAA YouTube channel.

22. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Drews to enter executive session at 1:17 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
23. It was moved by Graham, seconded by Wemhoff to exit executive session at 1:56 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
24. In the matter of the Bennington High School hearing, it was moved by Lee, seconded by Cerny that the eligibility of the Bennington student shall be based on the domicile of the parent with whom the student is living.
Motion Carried, 8-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 19, 2024, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln.

Jeff Stauss, Assistant Director