

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on August 16, 2023, 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; Mike Hassler, Wakefield Football Coach; Matt Brenn, Wakefield Athletic Director; Matt Farup, Wakefield Superintendent; Brice King, Humphrey Superintendent; Andy Bishop, Lindsay Holy Family Principal; Stephanie Corman, Superior Athletic Director; Nelsen Petersen, Superior Cross Country Coach and Kelsea Blevins, Superior Staff Member.

Drews called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wiseman to nominate Kara Graham as the Chairperson and Darren Tobey as the Vice Chairperson. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
2. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Wemhoff, 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 May 19th Board of Directors meeting, approval of the minutes of the May 22nd Music Advisory Committee meeting, approval of the minutes of the May 25th Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting, approval of the minutes of the June 1st Speech Committee meeting, approval of the minutes of the June 2nd Play Production Committee meeting, approval of the minutes of the June 15th Board of Directors meeting, approval of the minutes of the June 20th Journalism Committee meeting and approval of the financial statements.

The following new cooperative sponsorships were approved for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years:

- Holdrege, Adams Central & Minden for Softball
- Exeter-Milligan & Friend for Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, and Speech
- Friend & Exeter-Milligan for Girls Golf, Play Production, Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field, and Boys Golf
- Wahoo & Bishop Neumann for Baseball
- Gretna & Gretna East for Unified Sports Bowling, Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming, Girls Wrestling, Boys Bowling, Girls Bowling, and Unified Sports, Track & Field
- Friend & Exeter-Milligan for Girls Wrestling
- David City, East Butler & Shelby-Rising City for Girls Wrestling
- Omaha Benson & Omaha Northwest for Softball
- Emerson-Hubbard & Allen for Speech

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years:

- Platteview & Plattsmouth for Boys Soccer
- Fillmore Central, Exeter-Milligan & Friend for Softball
- Nebraska City, Johnson County Central & Lourdes Central Catholic for Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer
- Bellevue East & Bellevue West for Girls Wrestling
- St. Paul & Palmer for Baseball
- Gering & Minatare for Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer
- Columbus Lakeview & Twin River for Girls Wrestling
- Sargent & Loup County for Boys Track & Field and Girls Track & Field
- Crofton & Wynot for Boys Golf

- Fremont, Archbishop Bergan, Arlington & Blair for Boys Swimming and Girls Swimming
- Fremont & Archbishop Bergan for Boys Tennis, Softball, Girls Wrestling, Baseball, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer, and Girls Soccer
- Humphrey & Lindsay Holy Family for Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field, and Boys Golf
- Cambridge & Arapahoe for Unified Sports, Bowling
- Kearney Catholic, Amherst & Gibbon for Girls Soccer and Boys Soccer

The following cooperative sponsorships were approved for dissolution for the 2023-24 school year:

- Omaha Roncalli Catholic & Omaha Brownell Talbot for Girls Cross Country and Boys Cross Country
- Lawrence-Nelson & Sandy Creek for Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, and Wrestling

3. The Board entered closed session at 8:39 a.m. to hear an appeal of a hardship from Omaha Concordia.
4. The Board exited closed session at 9:05 a.m.
5. The Board heard from Wakefield regarding their ineligibility for the NSAA Football Playoffs due to opting down.
6. The Board heard an appeal of the denied hardship of a Superior student.
7. The Board entered closed session at 9:58 a.m. to hear an appeal of a hardship from Creighton Preparatory School.
8. The Board exited closed session at 10:12 a.m.
9. The Board heard from Humphrey and Lindsay Holy Family regarding a renewal of a cooperative sponsorship in football for the 2024-25 scheduling cycle, while considering a pending merger within the archdiocese that could affect Lindsay Holy Family during the 2025-26 school year. The Board reached a consensus that a transition from Lindsay Holy Family to Lindsay Academy within the cooperative sponsorship would be permitted, provided that Lindsay Academy gains accreditation through the Nebraska Department of Education and is approved as an NSAA member school.
10. The Board was provided Conflict of Interest forms for their signature.
11. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Wiseman to allow Interim Executive Director Jennifer Schwartz and Interim 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.**
12. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Unzicker to approve the 2023 Fall Activity Manuals. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
13. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Lee to approve the 2023-24 Media Manual. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
14. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Lee to approve the 2023-24 Officials Manual. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
15. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Lee to approve the 2023 District Music Financial Report. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
16. The Board discussed the tie-breaking procedure for district and state speech.
17. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wemhoff to allow Adams Central to opt-up to Class B in Girls Golf for the 2023 season. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
18. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Tobey to allow Lincoln Lutheran to opt-up to Class C2 in Volleyball for the 2023 season. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
19. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Tobey to adopt the NSAA SMAC suggestion of recommending all certified coaches be CPR/AED certified once every two years for the 2023-24 school year, with that recommendation becoming a requirement for all certified coaches for the 2024-25 school year. **Motion carried, 8-0.**
20. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Wiseman to approve updated language to AR 2.12, eliminating the \$25 late fee for viewing an NSAA Online Rules Meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
21. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Lee to approve updated language to AR 1.10.3.10, eliminating the fees associated with a telephonic hearing due to the use of Zoom. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
22. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Tobey to enter executive session at 12:51 p.m. to discuss staffing, the 2023-24 NSAA Board of Directors Policy Manual, and to protect the interest of the public, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). **Motion Carried 8-0.**

23. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Lee to exit executive session at 2:59 p.m. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
24. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Tobey to approve the 2023-24 Board of Directors Policy Manual, as amended. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
25. In the matter of the Omaha Concordia hardship appeal, it was moved by Tobey, seconded by Cerny to grant the Omaha Concordia student a hardship waiver under the following conditions: Omaha Concordia will be assessed a \$500 fine for lack of administrative oversight, assessed a \$250 fine for omitting a name from the May 1st Transfer List, placed on probation for one year and required to present an action plan at an NSAA board meeting prior to the end of the 2023-24 school year. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
26. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Tobey to uphold the Interim Executive Director's denied hardship waiver for a Superior student due to age. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
27. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Wiseman that the eligibility of the Creighton Preparatory School student shall be based on the domicile of the father. **Motion Carried 8-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 14, 2023, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln.

Jeffery Stauss, Assistant Director