

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on December 7, 2022, at the Lodge in Norfolk with members present as follows:

District I - Kara Graham, Lincoln Southeast
District I - Dr. Dana Wiseman, Sutton
District II -- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town
District II -- Thomas Lee, Omaha Westview
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: Kim Snyder, Nebraska Department of Education Liaison; Bobby Truhe, NSAA Legal Counsel. Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Members Jerry Bartee, Wendy Henrichs, Steve Shanahan, and Sue Wilcoxson were also in attendance.

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

1. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Cerny, seconded by Wiseman. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as amended, approval of the minutes of the November 3rd Board of Directors Meeting, approval of the minutes of the November 29-30th Board of Directors Meeting, and approval of the financial statements.

The following new cooperative sponsorships were approved:

- Pender, Bancroft-Rosalie & Lyons-Decatur Northeast for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Omaha Roncalli Catholic, Omaha Brownell Talbot, Omaha Christian Academy & Omaha Concordia for Boys Soccer for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Twin River & Osceola for Baseball for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved:

- Sargent & Loup County for Volleyball, Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- David City, East Butler & Shelby-Rising City for Softball for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Lexington & Overton for Softball for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Hartington-Newcastle & Cedar Catholic for Girls Cross Country and Boys Cross Country for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Cedar Catholic & Hartington-Newcastle for Girls Golf for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Twin River, Humphrey & Lindsay Holy Family for Softball for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Humphrey & Lindsay Holy Family for Volleyball for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

2. The Board discussed the NSAA District Meetings.
3. It was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Graham to approve Omaha Marian to opt up in journalism for the 2022-23 school year. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
4. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Reznicek to approve Omaha Westview to opt up in journalism for the 2022-23 school year. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
5. Snyder led the board in a discussion about the book “8 Ways to Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for All.”
6. The Board discussed including all out-of-state opponents in the wildcard point system for all wildcard sports beginning with the 2023-24 school year.
7. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Lee to approve the 2023 State Bowling schedule. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
8. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cerny to approve the State Girls and Boys Tennis schedule for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years with all matches being played at Woods Tennis Center in Lincoln. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
9. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wiseman to only allow one participant per weight class for girls district wrestling beginning with the 2022-23 season. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

10. The Board heard a request from the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Cerny to modify the rental agreement with the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.
11. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Ruhl to table the approval of the appointment and contract of the Interim Executive Director. **Motion Failed, 4 For (Reznicek, Cerny, Ruhl, Drews), 4 Against (Graham, Wiseman, Lee, Unzicker).**
12. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Wiseman to enter executive session at 11:24 a.m. to seek legal advice and discuss the proposed Interim Executive Director contract. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
13. It was moved by Reznicek, seconded by Graham to exit executive session at 12:02 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
14. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Graham to approve the appointment of the Interim Executive Director and to approve the contract as presented for the 2023-24 school year. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Reznicek, Lee, Ruhl, Drews), 2 Abstain (Cerny, Unzicker).**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be January 19, 2023, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln.

Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director