

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on February 15, 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 -- Nick Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun
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; Harrison Phillips; and Jason Heldt, Red Cloud Athletic Director.

Drews called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

1. During public comment the Board heard from Harrison Phillips.
2. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Lee, seconded by Graham. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as presented, approval of the minutes of the January 25th Board of Directors Meeting, approval of the minutes of the Class Caucus Review Committee February 8th meeting, and approval of the financial statements.
3. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Lee to approve the 2023 NSAA Journalism, Baseball, Soccer, Track & Field and Unified Sports, Track & Field manuals. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
4. The Board heard a presentation from Red Cloud administration.
5. The Board discussed ways to support diversity, equity, and inclusion.
6. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Graham to approve a new NSAA State Softball Championship format, consisting of two, 4-team double elimination brackets with a winner-take-all state championship final. Teams cannot be eliminated by the same team in back-to-back games, due to cross-bracket matchups after the second round. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Drews), 3 Against (Cerny, Ruhl, Unzicker).**
7. It was moved by Ruhl, seconded by Lee to move the NSAA State Softball Championship Final games to Monday of NSAA week 16 and play at the University of Nebraska-Omaha's softball facility. **Motion Carried, 7 For and 1 Against (Unzicker).**
8. The Board discussed the dates and location of the Summer Board Retreat.
9. The Board discussed the 2023 NFHS Summer Meeting in Seattle.
10. The Board discussed NSAA Bylaw 3.5 Participation on Non-High School Teams and In Non-High School Competition during the season of a sport (Outside Participation).
11. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wiseman to enter executive session at 11:33 a.m. to discuss Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) and receive legal advice. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
12. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Lee to exit executive session at 12:47 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
13. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Graham to adopt the amended Approved Ruling 3.7.1c Name, Image, and Likeness effective February 27, 2023. The NSAA Executive Director will provide information to the member schools prior to the new language going into effect. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 8, 2023, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln.

Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director