

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on January 18, 2024, 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; Julia Plucker, NSAA Lobbyist.

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

1. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Tobey, seconded by Drews. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as amended, approval of the minutes of the December 6 Board of Directors Meeting and approval of the financial statements.

The following new cooperative sponsorships were approved:

- Central City & Centura for Baseball for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved:

- Grand Island Central Catholic & Northwest for Girls Tennis for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Omaha Christian Academy & Omaha Street School for Boys Track and Girls Track for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Platteview & Weeping Water for Softball for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer & Pawnee City for Girls Golf for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Alliance & Hyannis for Boys Cross Country for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Southern Valley & Alma for Softball for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Callaway & Arnold for Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Unified Bowling, Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Track, Girls Track, and Boys Golf for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Nebraska City, Johnson-Brock & Lourdes Central Catholic for Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis, and Softball for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Riverside & Spalding Academy for Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Track, Girls Track, and Boys Golf for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

2. The Board discussed the January District Meetings and the legislative proposals.
3. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Tobey to approve updated language in the NSAA Baseball Manual to clarify the definition of a doubleheader. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
4. The board entered closed session at 9:02 a.m. to hear an appeal from Millard North.
5. The board exited closed session at 9:22 a.m.
6. The board entered closed session at 9:29 a.m. to hear an appeal from Aurora.
7. The board exited closed session at 10:00 a.m.
8. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wemhoff to approve a request from Omaha Central for a waiver of Approved Ruling 3.11.1 – 3.11.13. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
9. The board heard a report from the NSAA Lobbyist.

10. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Drews to enter executive session at 11:21 a.m. to review the appeal from Millard North and the appeal from Aurora. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
11. It was moved by Drews, seconded by Tobey to exit executive session at 11:56 a.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
12. It was moved by Tobey, seconded by Wiseman to uphold the Interim Executive Director's denied hardship waiver for a Millard North student. **Motion Carried, 7 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Cerny, Tobey, Drews, Unzicker) and 1 Abstention (Lee).**
13. It was moved by Wemhoff, seconded by Lee to uphold the Interim Executive Director's penalty of forfeitures by virtue of wild card penalty points for the use of an ineligible athlete by Aurora's varsity boys basketball team. **Motion Carried, 5 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Cerny) and 3 Against (Tobey, Drews, Unzicker)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be February 14, 2024 at the NSAA Office in Lincoln.

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Jeff Stauss, NSAA Assistant Director