

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on October 5, 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: Bobby Truhe, NSAA Legal Counsel; Corey Uldrich, Hartington-Newcastle Principal; Tom Kerkman, Omaha Westside Athletic Director

Graham called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

1. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Lee, seconded by Tobey. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included: approval of the agenda as presented, approval of the minutes of the September 14th Board of Directors Meeting, approval of the minutes of the September 27th Classification Committee Meeting and approval of the financial statements.

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

- Lyons-Decatur Northeast & Oakland-Craig for Girls Wrestling
- Central Valley & Riverside for Girls Wrestling

The following cooperative sponsorship renewals were approved:

- Blue Hill & Red Cloud for Wrestling for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.
- Emerson-Hubbard & Allen for Football, Volleyball, Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Track, Girls Track, and Boys Golf for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Omaha Gross Catholic & Cornerstone Christian for Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

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

- Omaha Westview & Omaha Burke for Girls Wrestling
- Nebraska City, Lourdes Central Catholic & Johnson-Brock for Girls Wrestling
(*Removing Lourdes Central Catholic only.*)

2. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wiseman to grant Omaha Westside's request for a waiver of Approved Ruling 3.11.1 – 3.11.13 for the 2024-25 season, allowing their divers to practice in the same facility, at the same time as the divers from Omaha Burke. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
3. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Tobey to approve the 2023-24 Bowling Manual, 2023-24 Wrestling Manual, 2023-24 Swimming & Diving Manual and 2023-24 Basketball Manual. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
4. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wemhoff to Permit Malcolm to Opt-Up in Play Production for the 2023-24 school year. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
5. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Wemhoff to Permit Creighton to Opt-Up in Play Production for the 2023-24 school year. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
6. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Wemhoff to Permit Waverly to Opt-Up in Play Production for the 2023-24 school year. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
7. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Lee to Permit Plainview to Opt-Up in Play Production for the 2023-24 school year. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
8. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Wiseman to grant a request from Ogallala High School for Adjusted Dates of the December 2023 Moratorium for their Boys Basketball Team. **Motion Carried 8-0.**

9. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Wemhoff to Adopt a Capitalization Policy of \$2,500 on Each Item Individually. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
10. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Unzicker to enter executive session at 10:20 a.m. to discuss comparable sport participation, the possible amendment of the Interim Executive Director Contract, to receive legal advice, and to protect attorney-client privilege, all of which are necessary to protect the public interest. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
11. It was moved by Unzicker, seconded by Lee to exit executive session at 11:54 a.m. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
12. It was moved by Wiseman, seconded by Drews to amend the Cross-Gender Participation Policy as follows: "Cross-Gender Participation: Girls may participate on boys' teams when there is no girls sport or team offered in that sport by the member school. Boys are not allowed to play girls sports or on girls teams even when there is no corresponding boys sport." In addition, baseball and softball are not the same sport, meaning girls can participate in baseball if there is no girls' baseball team and also participate in softball. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
13. It was moved by Cerny, seconded by Unzicker to begin the search for a permanent Executive Director in March 2024. **Motion Failed, 3 For (Cerny, Drews, Unzicker) and 5 Against (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Tobey).**
14. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wiseman to extend the Interim Executive Director's contract to June 30, 2025. **Motion Carried, 6 For (Graham, Wiseman, Wemhoff, Lee, Tobey, Unzicker), and 2 Against (Cerny, Drews).**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be November 1, 2023, at the NSAA Office in Lincoln.

Jeffery Stauss, Assistant Director