



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SDHSAA Office Pierre, South Dakota

April 23-24, 2025

Following the Annual Meeting

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA Board of Directors held a regular meeting on April 23-24, 2025. The meeting was held on April 23rd, 2025 at the SDHSAA office with Board and Membership participation allowed via Zoom and completed in person and via Zoom on April 24th, 2025. The following members were present:

Marty Weismantel	Dr. Jeff Danielsen	Jeff Kusters	Chuck Wilson
Ryan Rollinger	Adam Shaw	Trent Osborne	Chris Long
Randy Hartmann			

Staff members present included Dr. Dan Swartos, Mrs. Kristina Sage, Mr. Randy Soma, Mr. Brooks Bowman, and Mr. Ryan Mikkelsen.

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Weismantel at 12:15 P.M.

Item #1-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Adam Shaw, second by Ryan Rollinger, to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of items 11E, 11F, and 11G, regarding the dissolution of the Freeman Academy/Marion cooperative and forming of the Parker/Marion and Freeman/Freeman Academy cooperatives.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #2- Open Forum

President Weismantel explained the Open Forum procedure and asked for speakers. There were no speakers.

Item #3- Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Athletics Handbook, proposed changes from the Sports Officials Advisory Council, and the Sports Medicine Advisory Council, as submitted by the various Advisory Committees/Councils. Explanations and rationales for all proposals can be found in the April 23-24 Board of Directors Agenda on the SDHSAA website.

Basketball-

Following discussion on proposal #1- Class AA region playoff format, President Weismantel asked for a motion from the board. There was no motion, so the proposal died for a lack of motion.

Competitive Cheer

Motion by Long, second by Danielsen, to approve the following Competitive Cheer proposal as a first reading:

- Competitive Cheer Proposal #1- Decrease judge's point spread from 10 points to 5 points.
- Competitive Cheer Proposal #2- Changes to the performance rubric.

Motion carried 9-0.

Competitive Dance

Motion by Hartmann, second by Kusters, to approve the following Competitive Dance proposals as a first reading:

- Competitive Dance Proposal #1- Decrease in judge's point spread from 10 points to 5 points.
- Competitive Dance Proposal #2- Restructure grand champion and tie breaking rules.
- Competitive Dance Proposal #3- Changes to the Competitive Dance Rubric.

Motion carried 9-0.

Football-

Motion by Kusters, second by Shaw, to approve the following Football proposals as a first reading:

- Football Proposal #2- Increase officials pay from \$125 to \$150 per game.
- Football Proposal #3- Make riding time (\$0.18/mile) mandatory in football.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel asked if there was any motion for Football Proposal #1- setting playoff contests for Fridays. No motion was made, proposal dies for lack of motion.

Golf

It was moved by Rollinger, second by Hartmann, to approve the following Golf proposals as a first reading:

- Golf Proposal #1- Pin sheets provided by host course for all SDHSAA state golf meets.
- Golf Proposal #2- State tournament team qualifying Class A- if there are 8 or more teams competing in a region, that region qualifies four teams for state.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel asked if there was any motion for Golf Proposal #3- Coaches golf carts at state meets. No motion was made, so it died for a lack of motion.

Gymnastics

It was moved by Osborne, second by Wilson, to approve the following Gymnastics proposal as a first reading:

- Gymnastics Proposal #1- All member schools that sponsor gymnastics will use INSIGHT for scoring at events and/or score submission after events.

Motion carried 9-0.

Soccer-

No motion was made on soccer Proposal #1 (AA Final Four) because it did not meet a 60% threshold of AD's voting.

Softball-

It was moved by Long, second by Shaw, to approve the following softball proposal:

- Softball Proposal #1- JV 5 Run Rule (per inning), if agreed to prior to the game.

Motion carried 7-2, with Rollinger and Danielsens dissenting.

Tennis

It was moved by Rollinger, second by Wilson, to approve the following Tennis proposal as a first reading:

- Tennis Proposal #1- Put lowest flights on first at state tournament.
- Tennis Proposal #2- Allow athletes to wear backwards hats during competition.

Motion carried 9-0.

Proposal #3 (expand team awards to five at AA state tournament) did not receive support at the AD conference and was not voted upon.

Track and Field/Cross Country-

It was moved by Kusters, second by Rollinger, to approve the following Track and Field/Cross Country proposal as a first reading:

- T/F/XC Proposal #2- Change first allowable contest in Cross Country to Thursday Week 8
- T/F/XC Proposal #3 – Change start date for Cross country to Monday Week 6
- T/F/XC Proposal #5- Allow changing of 200m start at State Track Meet

Motion carried 9-0

Proposal #1 (entry limits changed to 4 per school) did not receive support at the AD conference and was not voted upon.

President Weismantel asked for Motion on proposal #4 (removing 100M girls hurdle deviation and utilize NFHS rules). No motion was made, it died for lack of motion.

Volleyball-

Volleyball Proposal #1 (home site SoDak 16 in A and B) did not receive support at the AD conference was not brought forward.

Wrestling

It was moved by Hartmann, second by Kusters, to approve the following Wrestling proposals as a first reading:

- Wrestling Proposal #1- Remove region seeding requirement wording (8 matches)
- Wrestling Proposal #2- Fill byes in state tournament brackets with 5th and 6th place from regions.
- Wrestling Proposal #3- State dual handbook wording.
- Wrestling Proposal #4- Dual cutoff date change for counting towards seed points to Thursday of Week 31.
- Wrestling Proposal #5- Change state dual seeding consideration for top 8 from top 10 to top 16.
- Wrestling Proposal #6- Change in dual team qualification (need 10 duals)
- Wrestling Proposal #7- Change in state tournament mat schedules
- Wrestling Proposal #8- Girls state dual tournament 2026-27
- Wrestling Proposal #10- Change girls NFHS Weight Classes from 12 to 14
- Wrestling Proposal #11- Eliminate girls from wrestling in boys dual events

Motion carried 5-4, with Osborne, Shaw, Rollinger, and Danielsen dissenting.

Proposal 9 (region realignment for 25-26) did not receive support at the AD conference and was not considered.

In/Out of Season & AD Advisory Committee- No proposals this year.

Sports Medicine Advisory –

It was moved by Danielsen, second by Osborne, to approve the following Sports Medicine Proposals as a first reading:

- SMAC Proposal #1- Allow First Aid, Safety, and Health course requirement for coaching education to be completed via in-person training through the Red Cross, American Heart Association, National Safety Council, American Safety and Health Institute, or a hospital/health care system, with the NFHS Course still allowed for use to meet the requirement.
- SMAC Proposal #2- All schools shall develop and submit to the SDHSAA annually, emergency action plans, to include plans regarding the preparation, equipment, and use of cold water immersion/whole body cooling in the event of exertional heat stroke, as well as plans for the use of Wet Bulb Globe Thermometers in decision-making regarding outdoor practices and contests.

Motion carried 9-0.

Sports Officials Advisory Committee

It was moved by Long, second by Osborne, to approve the following proposals as a first reading:

- Sports Officials Proposal #1- Revise wrestling state tournament point qualification system.
- Sports Officials Proposal #3- Require SoDak 16 officials to hold a “certified” classification for 2 years (eligible on the 2nd year).
- Sports Officials Proposal #4- Change the wording n suspension for officiating for one year for failing to meet the same requirements for three consecutive years to: suspended from officiating for one year *in the sport in which the official fails to meet the requirement* for three consecutive years.
- Sports Officials Proposal #5- Closely guarded exception in basketball.
- Sports Officials Proposal #6- Allow the use of the NCAA men’s basketball shirt for basketball officiating beginning with the 2025-26 season, mandatory use in the 27-28 season. Existing shirt can still be worn for the 25-26 and 26-27 school years.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel asked for a motion on Sports Officials Proposal #2- Increase number of games worked to be eligible for sub-state basketball tournaments from 12 to 15. No motion was made, proposal dies for lack of motion.

President Weismantel declared the Board in recess at 1:55 PM and out of recess at 2:07 PM.

Item #4- Conduct a first reading on proposed changes to the SDHSAA Fine Arts Handbook. Explanations and rationales for all proposals can be found in the April 12 Board of Directors Agenda on the SDHSAA website.

Music- It was moved by Kusters, second by Hartmann, to approve the following music handbook proposals as a first reading:

- Music Proposal #1- All-State Chorus Spot Check Selection Policy
- Music Proposal #2- Assign Mitchell High School as the annual host for All-State Jazz Band and Show Choir.

Motion carried 9-0.

Speech- It was moved by Shaw, second by Long, to approve the following Speech advisory proposals:

- Speech Proposal #1- Allow all classes to choose their own play genre each year.
- Speech Proposal #2- Add SDSU in Brookings to the one-act play state festival site rotation.
- Speech Proposal #4- Adopt “My Fair Lady” as the 2025-26 Theatrical Design Contest theme
- Speech Proposal #6- Clarification on working in the Oral Interp Handbook (DQ for exceeding the 10:30 performance limitation, recognizing perfect scores as “Superior with Distinction”.

Motion carried 9-0

It was moved by Osborne, second by Rollinger, to table Speech Proposal #3- Create AA regions for qualification to the state one-act play festival until tomorrow's meeting to allow time for reflection.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel asked for a motion on Speech Proposal #5- changing the State Oral Interpretation Festival schedule and Speech Proposal #7- Remove mandatory online rules meeting. No motion was made, proposal dies for a lack of motion.

Debate- It was moved by Hartmann, Rollinger, to approve the following proposals as a first reading:

- Debate Proposal #1- Change in school classification (top 14 AA, all others A).
- Debate Proposal #2- Add generative AI language to State Debate Handbook
- Debate Proposal #3- Changed IE point range from 0-30 to 20-30.
- Debate Proposal #4- Use a composite score via tabroom.com
- Debate Proposal #5- Amend Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 3.C.5 to strike all language and replace with "The pullup will be randomly drawn by tabroom.com."
- Debate Proposal #6- Adopt official proposals for IE's (see proposal form)
- Debate Proposal #7- Adopt official proposals for Debate (see proposal form)

Motion carried 9-0.

Journalism- It was moved by Osborne, second by Danielsen, to approve the following Journalism rules proposals as a first reading:

- Journalism Proposal #1- Remove requirement of 3 consecutive publications and change to any three issues.

Motion carried 9-0.

Visual Arts- There were no Visual Arts proposals this year.

Student Council- There were no student council proposals this year.

E-Sports-

It was moved by Shaw, second by Wilson to approve the following E-Sports proposals as a first reading:

- E-Sports Proposal #1- Limit team titles to one scoring team per title per school, identified prior to the competition. In individual titles, schools can enter 4 and score 3.
- E-Sports Proposal #2- Approve language change regarding team awards (1 point for 4th place in a title, add 3rd and 4th place recipients as tiebreakers c and d.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #5- Approval of minutes from the March 5, 2025 meeting of the Board.

It was moved by Kosters, second by Rollinger, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting of the Board as presented.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel directed the Board to move to Item #7.

Item #7- Approve site change for 2026 Class B Golf and Class A Girls Golf and set sites for 2026 Dual Wrestling and E-Sports.

It was moved by Danielsen, second by Long, to approve the following sites:

- Spring 2026 Class B golf from Aberdeen to Brookings (Boys- Country Club, Girls- Edgebrook)
- Spring 2026 Class A girls golf from TBD to Two Rivers Golf Course in North Sioux City, SD (Dakota Valley)
- Winter 2026 State Wrestling duals to Pierre TF Riggs High School- Class A Friday Feb. 13 Class B Saturday Feb. 14.
- Winter 2026 E-Sports Championships to Aberdeen Central High School Feb 13-14, 2026.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #8- First Reading of site selection committee recommendations for 2028-29 and changes to sites in 2026-27 and 2027-28

The board heard a first reading on site selection committee recommendations for the following:

- 2026- Softball- A/B in Aberdeen, AA in Sioux Falls (Augustana)
- 2026-2028 Visual Arts- Aberdeen (ARCC)
- 2026 One-Act Play- Brandon Valley
- 2027 E-Sports- Dakota Valley
- 2027 Cross Country- From Sioux Falls to Huron due to construction on I229.
- 2028 Class B Golf- Mitchell
- 2028 AA Girls Golf- Brandon Valley
- 2027-2028 All-State Jazz Band and Show Choir to Mitchell
- 2028-29 Recommendations-
 - Boys A Golf- Madison
 - Boys AA Golf- Brookings (Country Club)
 - Girls Tennis- Rapid City
 - Soccer- Mitchell
 - Journalism- Brookings (SDSU)
 - Cheer and Dance- Rapid City (Monument)
 - Cross Country- Rapid City

- Chorus and Orchestra- Sioux Falls (Pending Gov's Pheasant Hunt)
- Football- Vermillion (USD)
- Combined Volleyball- Sioux Falls
- Oral Interp- O'Gorman
- One-Act Play- Brandon Valley
- Gymnastics- Watertown
- Dual Wrestling- TBD
- E-Sports- TBD
- Individual Wrestling- Sioux Falls
- Debate/IE- Harrisburg
- B Girls BB- TBD (Vermillion (USD) or Huron)
- A Girls BB- Rapid City (Monument)
- AA Girls BB- Sioux Falls (Pentagon)
- B Boys BB- Aberdeen (Northern)
- A Boys BB- Sioux Falls
- AA Boys BB- Rapid City
- All-State Band- Aberdeen (Northern)
- Student Council- Rapid City
- Visual Arts- Aberdeen (ARCC)
- Jazz Band/Show Choir- Mitchell
- Boys Tennis- Sioux Falls
- Track and Field- Sioux Falls
- Softball- TBD
- Boys/Girls B Golf- Aberdeen
- Girls A Golf- Sioux Falls
- Girls AA Golf- Mitchell

Item #9- Set travel allowance for 2025 Summer Meeting in Chicago

It was moved by Shaw, second by Osborne, to set the travel allowance for Board members for the 2025 NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #10- Set Board of Directors Times/ Dates for 2025-26

It was moved by Kusters, second by Hartmann, to approve the following dates and times for Board of Directors meetings in 2025-26 (all times Central Time, all meetings at SDHSAA office in Pierre):

- July 30, 2025 Strategic Planning- 10:30 AM (NFHS Week 4)
- July 31, 2025 Regular Meeting- 8:30 AM (NFHS Week 4)
- November 5, 2025 Regular Meeting- 10:30 AM (NFHS Week 18)
- January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting- 9:00 AM (NFHS Week 29)
- March 4, 2026 Regular Meeting- 10:30 AM (NFHS Week 35)
- April 22, 2026 Annual Meeting – 11:00 AM (NFHS Week 42)
- April 22-23, 2026 Regular Meeting- 12:30 PM and 8:30 AM (NFHS Week 42)
- June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting- 8:30 AM (NFHS Week 50)

Motion carried 8-0.

President Weismantel declared the Board at recess at 3:10 PM until 8:30 AM on April 24th.

Item #4- First Reading Fine Arts Proposals (from Wednesday)

It was moved by Kusters, second by Long, to approve the following One-Act Play advisory proposal as a first reading:

- Speech Proposal #3- Create 4 Class AA regions and require all classes to compete at the region level in order to advance to the state festival, with three schools from each region advancing.

Motion carried 7-2, with Rollinger and Danielsens dissenting.

Item #6- Financial Report

The Board heard the financial report from Ryan Mikkelsen on income statements from February and March of 2025, balance sheets for February and March of 2025, the cash flow chart, financial reports from region wrestling, girls basketball, and boys basketball, and income from state events held to date.

Action was tabled pending some further information that was being generated.

Item #11-Consent Agenda

It was moved by Hartmann, second by Osborne, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- Approval of vouchers paid as follows:
 - February of 2025- \$119,613.32
 - March of 2025- \$312,608.76
- Request from Hoven High School to participate in Cross, Country, Track, Wrestling, E-Sports, and Golf beginning in 2025-26 and to participate at the JV level in Volleyball, Football, and Girls and Boys Basketball in 2025-26.
- Assign Gettysburg High School to regions in sports beginning in 2025-26.

- Request for early tryouts in the sports of volleyball and girls/boys basketball at Rapid City Central and Stevens in the 2025-26 school year due to a long-standing OCR ruling.
- Request to dissolve the Freeman Academy/Marion cooperative in Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, and Track and Field beginning in 2025-26.
- Request from Parker and Marion to create a cooperative in Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Sideline Cheer, Golf, and Track and Field, beginning in 2025-26.
- Request from Freeman and Freeman Academy to create a cooperative in Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Sideline Cheer, and Track and Field beginning in 2025-26.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #15- Reports

The Board heard the following reports:

- Dr. Swartos confirmed the schedule for the June 18, 2025 Board of Directors meeting
- State Debate, Visual Arts, All-State Band, and Student Council report from Brooks Bowman
- State Basketball Reports from Kristina Sage, Dan Swartos, and Randy Soma
- Advisory reports for Site Selection, Sports Medicine and Sports Officials
- NFHS Board Meeting/Legal Meeting/ SMAC report by Dr. Swartos
- Finance Committee update by Dr. Swartos
- Board Goals update from Dr. Swartos
- Foundation Update from Dr. Swartos
- SDIAAA Report from Chuck Wilson and Jordan Bauer

Item #16- Board Sharing

The Board was asked if they had any items to share or report on.

- Jeff Kosters noted his appreciation for everyone's work, he enjoyed attending the State B basketball tournaments and thanked everyone for their work.
- Randy Hartmann noted his appreciation for the state events and thanked everyone for their work.
- Adam Shaw thanked the staff and everyone who works to put on activities.
- Ryan Rollinger thanked Harrisburg superintendent Tim Graf for his work and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement. He enjoyed the All-State band concert and is looking forward to Spring Sports championships. He noted his appreciation of the NFHS Summer Conference.
- Chuck Wilson thanked the staff for all they do.
- Jeff Danielsen noted his appreciation for a great winter state events season, he enjoyed attending state basketball tournaments and the All-State Band Concert.
- Chris Long noted his appreciation for the process and noted that all decisions should be made with the kids in mind. We do this for the kids.
- Trent Osborne noted that change can be difficult and sometimes there are no good solutions. He encouraged the SDHSAA to continue to push bound as one repository of information for schools.

- Marty Weismantel thanked everyone involved for their work on state events, and noted his appreciation for the time he had on the Board.

Item #14- Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 1-25-2.4

Motion by Shaw, second by Danielsen, to declare the Board in executive session pursuant to SDCL.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel declared the Board in executive session at 10:15AM and out at 10:45 AM.

President Weismantel directed the Board back to Item #6- Financial Reports.

Motion by Rollinger, second by Shaw, to approve the financial reports.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #15- Staff Contracts for 2025-26

It was moved by Osborne, second by Rollinger, to issue two year rolling contracts to Swartos, Sage, Soma, and Bowman and 2025-26 contracts to Ryan Mikkelsen and Aaron Magnuson, with salaries to be determined at a later date.

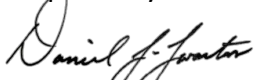
Motion carried 9-0.

Item #16- Adjournment

It was moved by Danielsen, second by Shaw, to adjourn. *Motion carried 9-0.*

Seeing no more business at hand, President Weismantel declared the Board adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel Swartos, Ed.D.

SDHSAA Executive Director